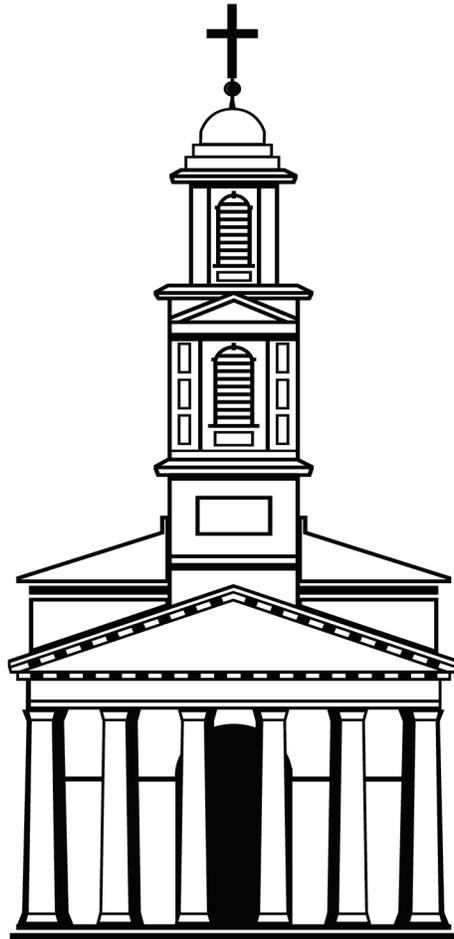


THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 30, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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*St. John's is a church for people of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,  
and viewpoints grounded in love. Whoever you are, we welcome you.*

*Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.*

*All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.  
Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.*

*Prayer cards are provided at the entrance of the church. You are invited to write your prayers and place them in the collection plate. Your prayers will be blessed and will be prayed for by a priest during the week.*

**VOLUNTARY**

Prayer

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele  
(Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness)

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

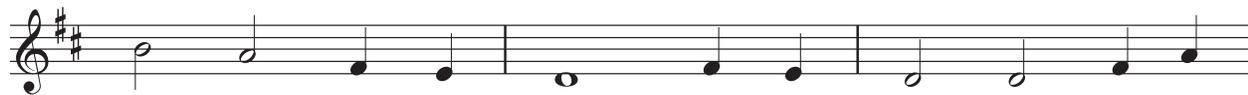
**HYMN 686**

Come, thou fount of every blessing

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able as the procession enters.*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



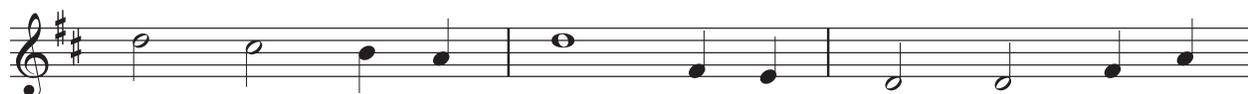
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Priest* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Please remain standing, or kneel as you are able.*

*All* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Priest* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### KYRIE (S-91) *Sung by all.*

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Please be seated.*

*9 a.m. Read by Hilary West.*

*11 a.m. Read by Elizabeth Morrison.*

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 32

*9 a.m. Led by Martha Ellison, said responsively by half verse.*

*11 a.m. Chanted by the choir.*

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \* **and whose sin is put away!**

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \* **and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \* **because of my groaning all day long.**

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \* **my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \* **and did not conceal my guilt.**

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \* **Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \* **you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \* **I will guide you with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \* **but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \* **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

(11 a.m. only) Children's Chapel in the Parish House: All who wish may gather in front of the pulpit during the hymn and will return at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.

**GRADUAL HYMN 690**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 2 will be sung before the Gospel, stanza 3 after.*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and I will ev - er be thou still my strength and shield. give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 3 of the gradual hymn.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

## THE NICENE CREED *Please stand as you are able.*

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*9 a.m. Led by Jack Reiffer.*

*Standing or kneeling as you are able.*

*11 a.m. Led by Clark Ervin.*

*Intercessor* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa\* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for St. George's, Glenn Dale; St. George's, Valley Lee; and St. George's, DC. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all clergy and other ministers, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For Donald, our President, for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For this city of Washington, for every city and community, and for those who live in them. For those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week . . . ; and for those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For those who are in assisted living . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for refugees and migrants throughout the world, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* **To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Priest* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** *Please stand as you are able.*

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically. A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

Ned Rorem (1923–2022)

*Sung by the choir.*

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above, ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace. Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed. What are we that he should show so much love to us below? God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his Spirit pure. Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme: Praise him till he calls thee home; truth his love for all to come.

*—Anonymous, 1800, alt.*

# HYMN 685

Rock of ages, cleft for me

*Standing as you are able.*

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

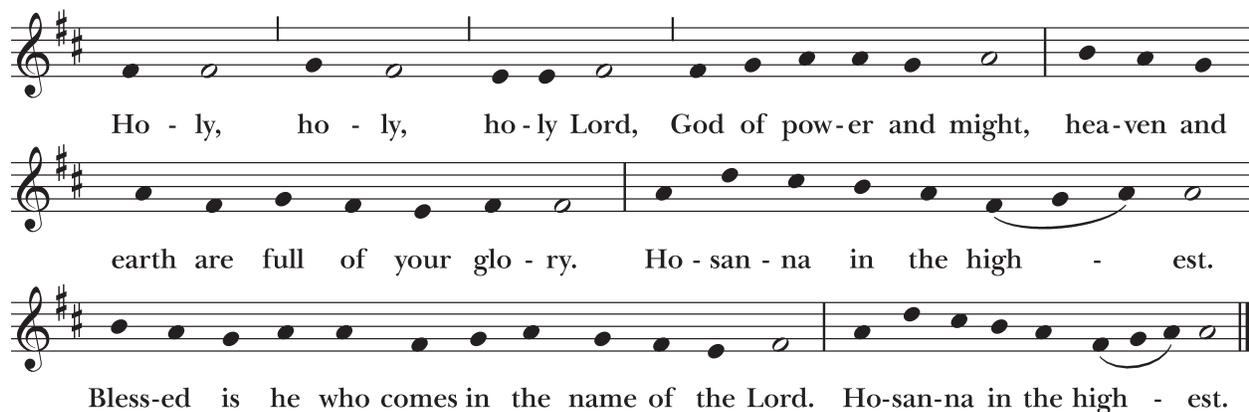
*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The priest continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS (S-124)** *Sung by all.*

David Hurd (b. 1950)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please stand or kneel as you are able. The priest continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Priest* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-161) *Sung by all.*

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Priest* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Wait for an usher to call your pew to come forward. You will first be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available by request) and then offered wine by a lay server. You may either sip the wine or dip your wafer into the wine. Receiving the bread alone is a valid way to share in the Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. All may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Sung by the choir.*

*At 9 a.m.*

Jesus, so lowly

Harold Friedell (1905–1958)

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.

Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad: Teach me that only love maketh glad.

Jesus, so broken, silent and pale: Be this the token love will not fail.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free: Teach me how glorious death is to be.

—Edith Williams (1854–1925)

At 11 a.m.

Have mercy on us, O my Lord

Aaron Copland (1900–1990)

Have mercy on us, O my Lord. Be not far from us, O my God. Give ear unto our humble prayer. Attend and judge us in thy might. Uphold us with thy guiding hand. Restore us to thy kindly light. My heart is sorely pained and calls on thee in vain. Cast me not away from thee. Then we shall trust in thee. Then we will bear our place. —Text drawn from biblical sources

**HYMN LEVAS 99** *Sung by all, seated.*

My hope is built on nothing less

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood, Sup - port me in the  
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

1. right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But  
 2. chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, My  
 3. whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 4. Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

1. whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 2. an - chorholds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand, All  
 3. then is all my hope and stay.  
 4. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*When scheduled, the Priest offers a communion kit to any Lay Eucharistic Minister doing a home visit, saying*

On behalf of God and St. John's Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you will visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. Amen.

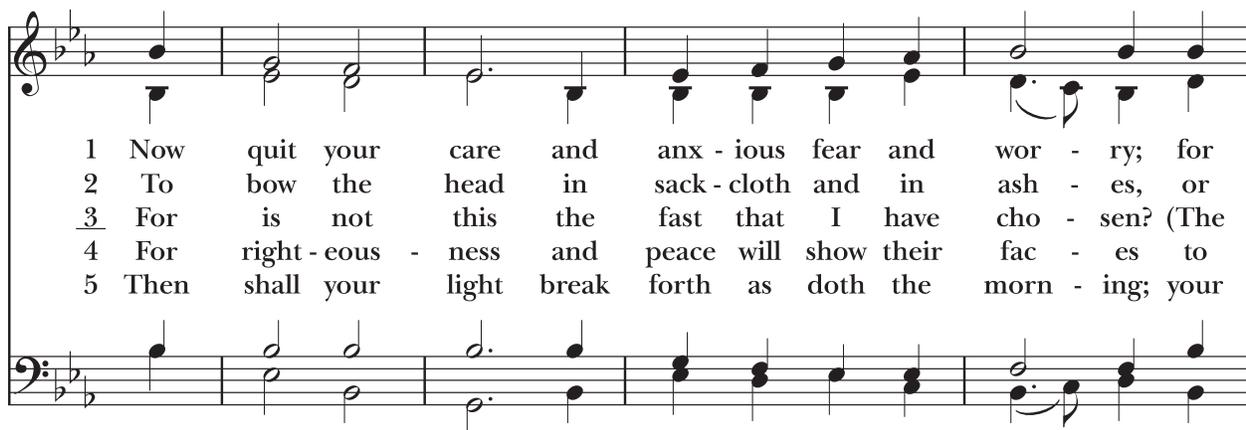
## THE BLESSING

*Priest* Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

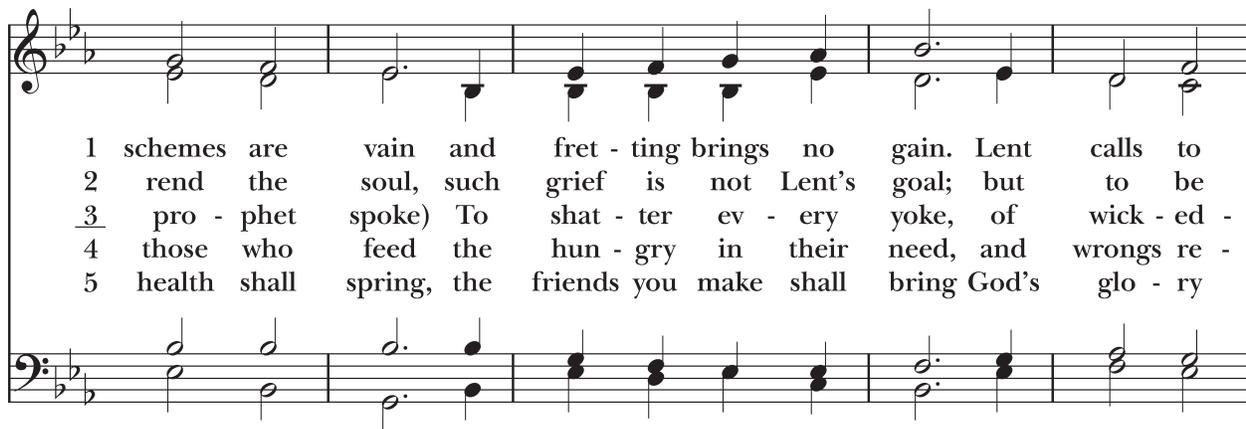
## HYMN 145

Now quit your care

*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*



1 Now quit your care and anx - ious fear and wor - ry; for  
2 To bow the head in sack - cloth and in ash - es, or  
3 For is not this the fast that I have cho - sen? (The  
4 For right - eous - ness and peace will show their fac - es to  
5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn - ing; your



1 schemes are vain and fret - ting brings no gain. Lent calls to  
2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be  
3 pro - phet spoke) To shat - ter ev - ery yoke, of wick - ed -  
4 those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -  
5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo - ry

1 prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty  
 2 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come  
 3 ness the griev - ous bands to loos - en, op - pres - sion put to  
 4 dress, who build the old waste plac - es, and in the dark - ness  
 5 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the

*Unison*                      *Harmony*

1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;  
 2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;  
 3 flight, to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.  
 4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!  
 5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

*Unison*                      *Harmony*

1 re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high.  
 2 Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear.  
 3 to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.  
 4 Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!  
 5 A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. Music: *Quittez, Pasteurs*, French carol; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958).

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY**

Paeon

Brenda Portman

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**THE GREENS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD,**

and in memory of Jennifer Urquhart.

**ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE**

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer* ♦ Robyne Johnston and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*  
Richard Young, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Mark Cardwell and Desirée Stolar, *Greeters*  
Julia Koster and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*

**ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE**

Eric Peters, *Crucifer* ♦ Zoe Fisher and Lily Venzke, *Acolytes*  
Paul Barkett and Jack Reiffer, *Chalice Bearers*  
Grant Kraus, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Doug Estes, Livy More, and Elizabeth Oblinger, *Ushers*  
Elena Braithwaite-Williams and Kim Kennedy, *Greeters*  
Julia Koster and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*  
Jeremy Skog, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

**If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,  
you may leave it at the end of the pew as you depart or place it in a blue recycling bin.**

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**ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?**

*Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an usher or greeter. ♦ Free valet parking is available on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Look for the valet sign at the corner of Black Lives Matter Plaza (16th Street) and H Street, NW. ♦ Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare. See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone.*

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# Announcements for the Week of March 30

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher  
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.  
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Rob Fisher
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 3)  
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)  
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)  
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Rob Fisher  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Parish Lunch (see next column)  
Church Tour (see next column)  
Lafayette Fellowship (see next column)

### FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help us brighten the day of parishioners by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel most Sundays of the year. A card is attached to each vase with contact information.

Today flower deliveries are needed to: Seward Square, SE; Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase; Laurel Leaf Lane, Fairfax.

### PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon | Hosted by Care of Creation

Please join us for a lunch featuring foods and service that highlight sustainable practices and exclude the use of single-use plastics. Visit a display showing things parishioners can do in our homes to reduce plastic consumption and other resource-intensive products—and enter the free raffle of creation-minded products for all who partake in our meal.

*Sunday lunch is held most Sundays in the Parish House. Contributions of \$5 for adults and young people 13 and over and \$2 for children under 13 are requested to help defray the costs of the lunch. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.*



### TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at noon | Guided by Richard Busch

For more than 200 years our church has served as a place of worship for a growing and everchanging city and country. Its structure is a lasting testament to Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who, because of his training in both architecture and engineering, is considered by the American Institute of Architects as our country's first architect. For an in-person tour of St. John's, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 11 a.m. service.

### LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH & LECTURE

Today at noon

The Lafayette Fellowship offers activities for adults at St. John's who seek to build community with one another. Join us today at noon for the parish lunch, after which we will head to the National Gallery of Art for a 2 p.m. lecture about the interplay of race and the construction of national identity. Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

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**PLEDGING AT ST. JOHN'S:** *As of Tuesday, March 25, we had received 296 pledges totalling \$1,165,482.*

Thank you to all who have already pledged to support the mission and ministry of St. John's. We treasure pledges of any size, big or small. If you still need to make a pledge for 2025, please pick up a pledge card from the front desk or in the narthex of the church, or visit [stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge](http://stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) to complete a form online. Thank you for your generosity!

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*March 31 through April 6*

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**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

**Sunday**—The Rev. Will Morris, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Children's Chapel

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, March 31

6:15 p.m. Lawyers' AA (Togo West Parlor)

### Tuesday, April 1

1 p.m. Staff Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

5 p.m. Silent Prayer Gatherings (see below)

### Wednesday, April 2

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Latrobe Fellowship (see next column)

### Thursday, April 3

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals

7 p.m. St. John's Book Group (see next column)

Parish Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 5

9:30 a.m. Spring Adult Inquirers' Class (see next page)

### DISCOVER THE PRACTICE OF SILENT PRAYER

#### Tuesday evenings in Lent, 5–6 p.m.

Join us on the evenings of April 1 and 8 to discover a simple practice of silent prayer in community. Newcomers are particularly welcome. There are three in-person locales each

week, conjoined via the internet, and sessions are very briefly opened by the Rev. Professor Sarah Coakley in Alexandria. The last of these events (April 8) will involve 15 minutes of shared silence followed by a very simple contemplative Eucharist in each locale—and, for participants at St. John's, a simple meal of soup and salad (details on next page). The locations are:

**St. John's Church** (1525 H Street, NW)

*Convened by the Rev. Robert W. Fisher*

**The Oratory, Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary** (3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria)

*Convened by the Rev. Professor Sarah Coakley*

**Northwest D.C.** (near the Tenleytown Metro)

*Convened by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell*

Sign up at [bit.ly/silent-prayer-lent-2025](https://bit.ly/silent-prayer-lent-2025). Please plan to arrive at your preferred location by 5 p.m. Sessions will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. and end promptly at 6 p.m.

### LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

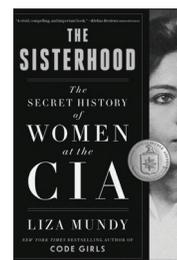
**Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. In April, join us for evening prayer followed by dinner and beverages in Togo West Parlor, as we explore the use of prayer beads within the Anglican tradition and craft our own beads to take home. For more, contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m.**

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA* by Liza Mundy. *The Sisterhood* tells the story of how women at the CIA ushered in the modern intelligence age, and how their silencing made the world more dangerous. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, please contact leader Janet Edmond via the online directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](https://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



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Contact Pastoral Care at **Connect: Ministry Directory** on our website to add, remove, or change a status on the prayer list.

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## THE 2025 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, April 5 and 12, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church? Are you curious to learn more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's? Consider joining the Spring Adult Inquirers' Class led by the Rev. Rob Fisher. The class will meet on Saturdays, April 5 and 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and all are welcome—newcomers and longtime parishioners alike. To register, contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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## SPEAKER SERIES

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The Speaker Series is held most Sundays from September through May at 10 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor on the first floor of the Parish House. An audio recording will be available on our website the week after each talk.



**March 30: South Africa Pilgrimage.** Learn about our partnership with Kwasa College in Springs, South Africa, from St. John's parishioners who visited the school this past August. In addition to spending time at Kwasa, the group visited surrounding communities in Johannesburg and Cape Town, and met with leadership in the dioceses of both the Highveld and Cape Town. Come hear about the experience from our pilgrims, including the Rev. Rob Fisher, Sarah Wood, Zoe Fisher, Sigi Block, Abbott McCartney, Johnathan Miller, Lilly Strieder, Cooper Thesmar, and Hilary Thesmar.

*There will be no Speaker Series on Sunday, April 6, 13, or 20.*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### HOLY WEEK PREVIEW

**Sunday, April 6, at 10 a.m.**

Interactive stations will be set up to help kids (and parents) learn about the significance of what happens between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. This offering is geared toward families with infants, toddlers, and elementary aged children, although all are welcome. Come prepare to participate in the liturgies of Holy Week and discover ways you might mark these special days at church or at home.

### LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP SOUP AND SALAD

**Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in Togo West Parlor**

All attending the final silent prayer gathering at St. John's on April 8 (see previous page) are encouraged to join the Lafayette Fellowship afterward for soup, salad, and refreshments. Seminarian Caroline Mazzocchi will lead a group discussion offering a chance to reflect on our lenten journeys. For planning purposes, RSVP at [bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events](https://bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events). Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](https://stjohns-dc.org).

### REFUGEE SUPPLY DRIVE & VOLUNTEER DAY

**Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

St. John's Refugee Committee is hosting a supply drive and volunteer day in support of the LSSNCA Resource Center ([lssnca.org](https://lssnca.org)), which serves as a hub for donations for refugee families and also arranges cultural orientation and group gatherings for recently resettled refugees.

**To donate**, choose from our online Amazon Wish List at [bit.ly/sjc-refugee-supplies-spring-2025](https://bit.ly/sjc-refugee-supplies-spring-2025) or contact Lacy Broemel via the online Ministry Directory to arrange an in-person donation. The most pressing current needs are sugar, pillows, and new or gently used men's clothing (pants, shirts, and jeans) in sizes XS to medium.

**You can also support the effort by volunteering** to sort donations, stock shelves, pack orders for clients, and do light cleaning and inventory on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lutheran Social Services Resource Center (5710A General Washington Drive, Alexandria). Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Contact the Refugee Committee at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory/](https://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory/) to let us know if you can attend or need a carpool.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER



### **PALM SUNDAY—April 13**

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms and Passion Reading
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms, Passion Reading, and Children's Chapel

### **WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK—April 16**

- 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong (see next column)



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY—April 17**

- Noon Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing
- 5 p.m. Family Service with Eucharist, St. Cecilia Choir, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar
- 7 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

### **GOOD FRIDAY—April 18**

- Noon Good Friday Service with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

### **EASTER DAY—April 20**

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Hymns
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass and Percussion
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass and Percussion

### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Wednesday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for a contemplative service of Choral Evensong on Wednesday in Holy Week. The service will feature the deeply moving *Lamentations of Jeremiah* by Thomas Tallis alongside the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from Thomas Tomkins' *Fifth Service*, accompanied by viol consort. These exquisite Renaissance works invite us into the mystery and sorrow of Holy Week, reflecting on the lament of Jerusalem. All are welcome to this time of prayer, scripture, and song as we prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross.

*The St. John's Choir and Choristers sing Evensong on the third Wednesday of most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Validated parking is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Ask an usher for a validation ticket before or after the service. The service is also available via livestream on our website.*

### **GRACE'S TABLE**

**Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.**

*Upcoming Dates: April 19 and May 17*

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.



### **EASTER LILY DELIVERY**

**Sunday, April 20**

Spread cheer this Easter by delivering at least one lily to a parishioner who cannot be present at worship at this time. The plants will be in the Parish House parlors on Easter Sunday, paired with cards addressed to parishioners who live near you in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, D.C.

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## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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### SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

#### Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

We offer thanks to the many individuals, families, groups, and parish ministries who have hosted a parish lunch during this program year. The remaining lunches and hosts are:

March 30	Care of Creation
April 6	Sisters at St. John's
April 13	No Lunch: Palm Sunday
April 20	No Lunch: Easter Day
April 27	Kwasa
May 4	New Member Reception: All welcome
May 11	No Lunch: Mothers Day
May 18	Youth Group
May 25	No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend
June 1	St. John's Pride
June 8	Pentecost Party

### BAPTISMS

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab

on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class (see page 3), offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy at St. John's include:

**Sunday, April 27, at 11 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, November 2, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, November 1, at 10 a.m.*

### LIVESTREAM MINISTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

St. John's streams one Sunday service a week, the monthly choral evensong, Christmas and Holy Week services, and very occasional parish-wide events. The livestream offering has become particularly meaningful to parishioners unable to attend due to illness or travel, as well as to anyone anywhere seeking to learn more about St. John's. If you are curious about this ministry or want to join our volunteers, visit the livestream desk any Sunday after services or contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

## EASTER DAY FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The deadline for inclusion in the Easter Day order of service is Friday, April 11, at noon.

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House are made possible by gifts from our community. Many are given as memorials and in thanksgiving for loved ones. Please consider remembering those who are important to you in this special way. The suggested donation is \$55 per name. Complete the following information on the form below, or visit our website to complete your gift online.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form, enclose it with a check payable to St. John's Church, and place it in the offering plate on Sunday. You may also pay online at [bit.ly/sjc-give-now](http://bit.ly/sjc-give-now). Choose "Special Flowers" in the dropdown menu. Under memo, list the name(s), and indicate whether your gift is in memory of or in thanksgiving for.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### NURSERY HOURS

**Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Infants and children are welcome at all worship services. Nursery care is also available most Sundays for infants and children up to age three. The nursery meets in the Godly Play Classroom #2 on the second floor of the Parish House.

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House. For information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### YOUTH GROUP

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

Most Sundays from September through May, middle and high school youth are invited to the second floor of the Parish House for an exploration of life and faith with their peers. Questions? Contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

**Sundays during the sermon at 11 a.m. worship**

Children from birth through grade 5 are invited to gather by the pulpit during the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song, homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

**Sundays during 11 a.m. worship**

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during the 11 a.m. service, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. To learn more, contact us via [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

## CHORISTER PROGRAM

We offer a preparatory choir for children in grades 3–6 and an advanced (auditioned) program for young singers with unchanged voices. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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## REMINDERS

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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays at 10 a.m.**

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For information, please contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

### FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Flowers in the church and Parish House are made possible by gifts and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the church.

### MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

A pledge is a commitment of financial support payable over the course of a year that enables us to plan the work that we undertake in mission and ministry. You can indicate a pledge commitment using this QR code or by visiting the Give tab on our website.



### ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

To make a monetary offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, scan the QR code at right, or visit our website, then select the desired destination using the “Fund” drop-down menu.



### JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Explore our many ministry groups at [www.stjohns-dc.org](http://www.stjohns-dc.org), and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

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*Visit [stjohns-dc.org/connect/newsletters](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/newsletters) to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter (The Word) and other parish email lists.*

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## LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

To listen to past sermons or speaker series, visit our website, scan this QR code or search for “St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square” in the Podcast app on your device.



## LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service (10:30 a.m. in summer) is broadcast and available for replay on our website, as are evensongs and occasional other special services and events.

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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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Praying for those in need is an important part of our life together. Contact the Pastoral Care team via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org) to add yourself, family, or friends to our prayer list. Names of friends and family who are not members of the congregation are followed by the name of the parishioner making the request.

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**Our prayers are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:**

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

**From our parish:** Jeff Agnew, Margo Arnold, Sydney Brooks, Hyman Field, LaFleur Paysour, and David Springer.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Cliff Christians (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark Hallett (Livy More), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Patrick Christopher O’Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier),

Gerri Shapiro (Jordan Baugh), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Ashley Smith Thomson (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Reuben Varghese (Krista Bradley), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

### THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

**From our parish:** Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Barbie Harper, Jack Kinsey, Barney Malloy, Marcella Odom, Becky Schergens, and Paul Van Nice.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

### THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

**Friends and family of our parish:** Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), Janet Fischer (Ann Gardner), and Ian Paton (Frances Tyler).

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**From our parish:** Louise Beale, March 21.

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Jeannette Berlin, Autumn Nicole Brown, James Coppinger, Clark Ervin, Keil Green, Carter Harrell, John Hauge, Charlotte Highsmith, Heather Hopkins, Stewart Jeffries, Charles Kaye, Mary Kroese, Patricia Leslie, Nathan Lofton, Mack Lyons, Branda Mandelson, Judson McIntire, Michelle Morris, Avo Reid, Roderick Todd, Jennifer Weng, Amy Whitworth, and JoAnn Zuercher.

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Lydia and Ralph Olson and Jennifer Egsgaard and Nick Robischon.

### THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

**Friends and family of our parish:** Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Anna Broadbent-Evelyn (Shawn Evelyn), and Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris).

# WELCOME!

**At St. John's Church, we believe** Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

**St. John's was organized in 1815** to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

**If you are visiting**, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

**St. John's website ([www.stjohns-dc.org](http://www.stjohns-dc.org))** has up-to-date information about the church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

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## **Vestry Leadership & Members**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Brian Cordova-Brookey,  
Kaye Edwards, Casey Evans, Debby Hailey,  
Fruzsina Harsanyi, Julia Koster,  
Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,  
Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,  
Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

Nora Haugh, *Treasurer*

Anya Kleymenova, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky

**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## **Worship & Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*  
*for Engaging Local Communities*

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

The Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and*  
*Young Adults*

## **Staff**

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

Lisa Koehler, *Program Associate and*  
*Executive Assistant to the Rector*

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and John Queen,  
*Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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## **ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

St. John's shines as a beacon of God's love through faith, worship, care, and community, and offers a place of grace at our historic corner in the nation's capital.

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