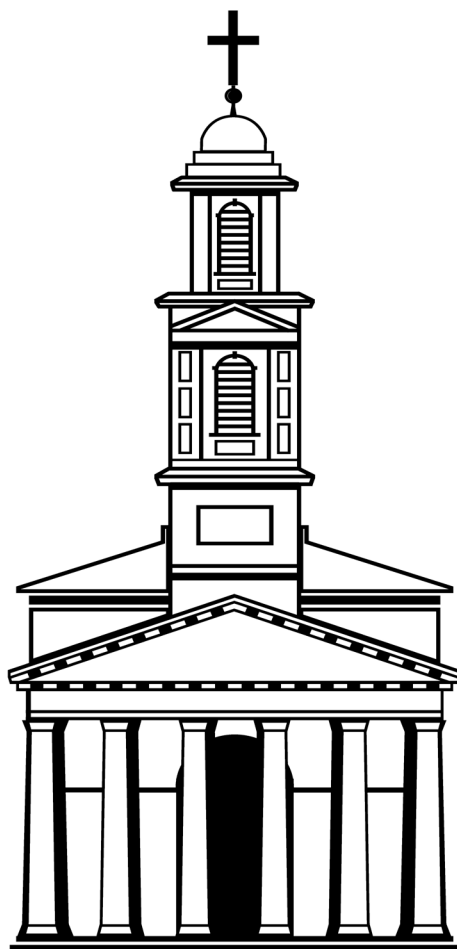


# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 10:30 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 10 a.m. to noon 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.*

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## VOLUNTARY

Fugue on Two Subjects, Op. 26, no. 12

Louise Farrenc (1804–1875)

## HYMN 594

God of grace and God of glory

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

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. By permission of the author. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

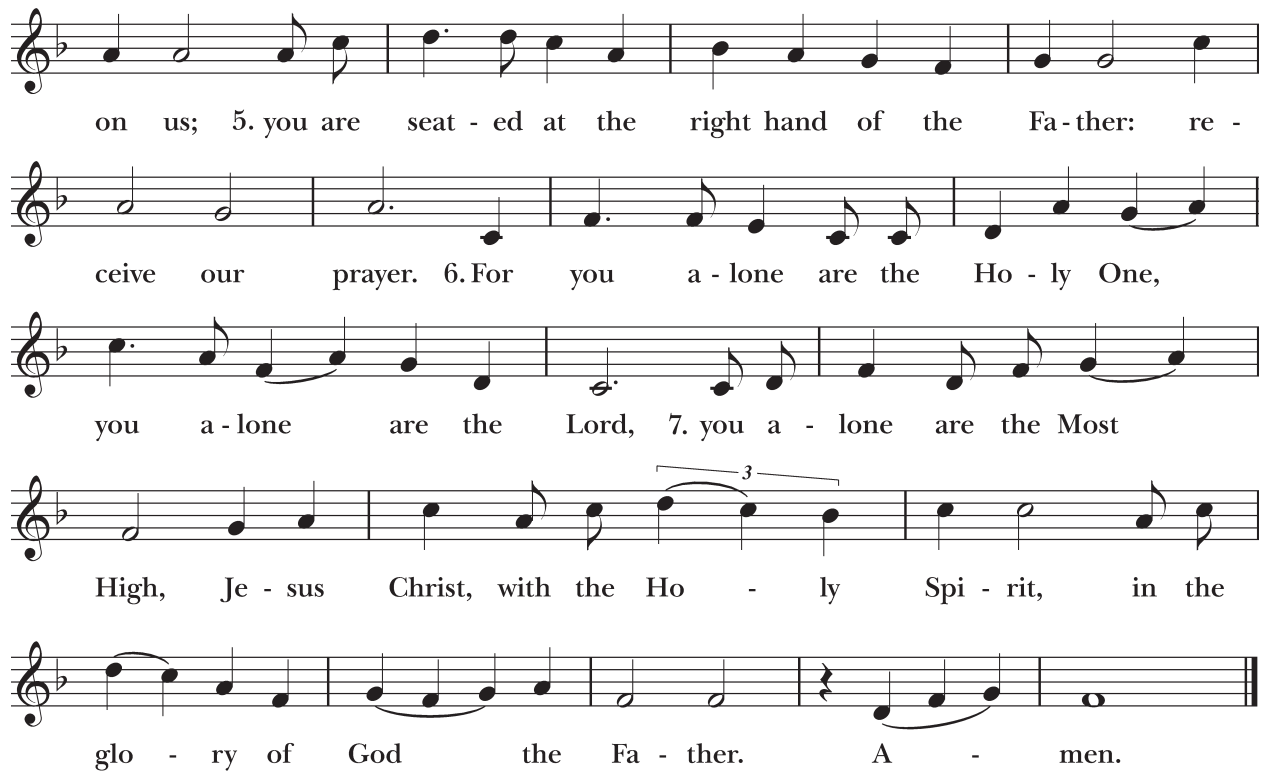
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA (S-280) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell (1932–2025)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Colossians 3:1-11

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Brian Schoeneman.*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 49:1-11

*Said responsively by half verse, led by David Trebing.*

Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
**when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
**and boast of their great riches?**

We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
**or deliver to God the price of our life;**

For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
**that we should never have enough to pay it,**

In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
**and never see the grave.**

For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
**though they call the lands after their own names.**

Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
**they are like the beasts that perish.**

*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 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

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

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 2 of the gradual hymn.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

## 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 *Kneeling or standing as you are able.*

*Led by Powell Hutton.*

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor* For Donald, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority; for this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, oppression, and war.**

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*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. Mary's Church, DC. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation . . . Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life . . . We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died . . . , that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*All* Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

## THE PEACE

*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

Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

*Sung by the choir.*

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above,  
ever watchful o'er our race, still extends to us 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 salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.

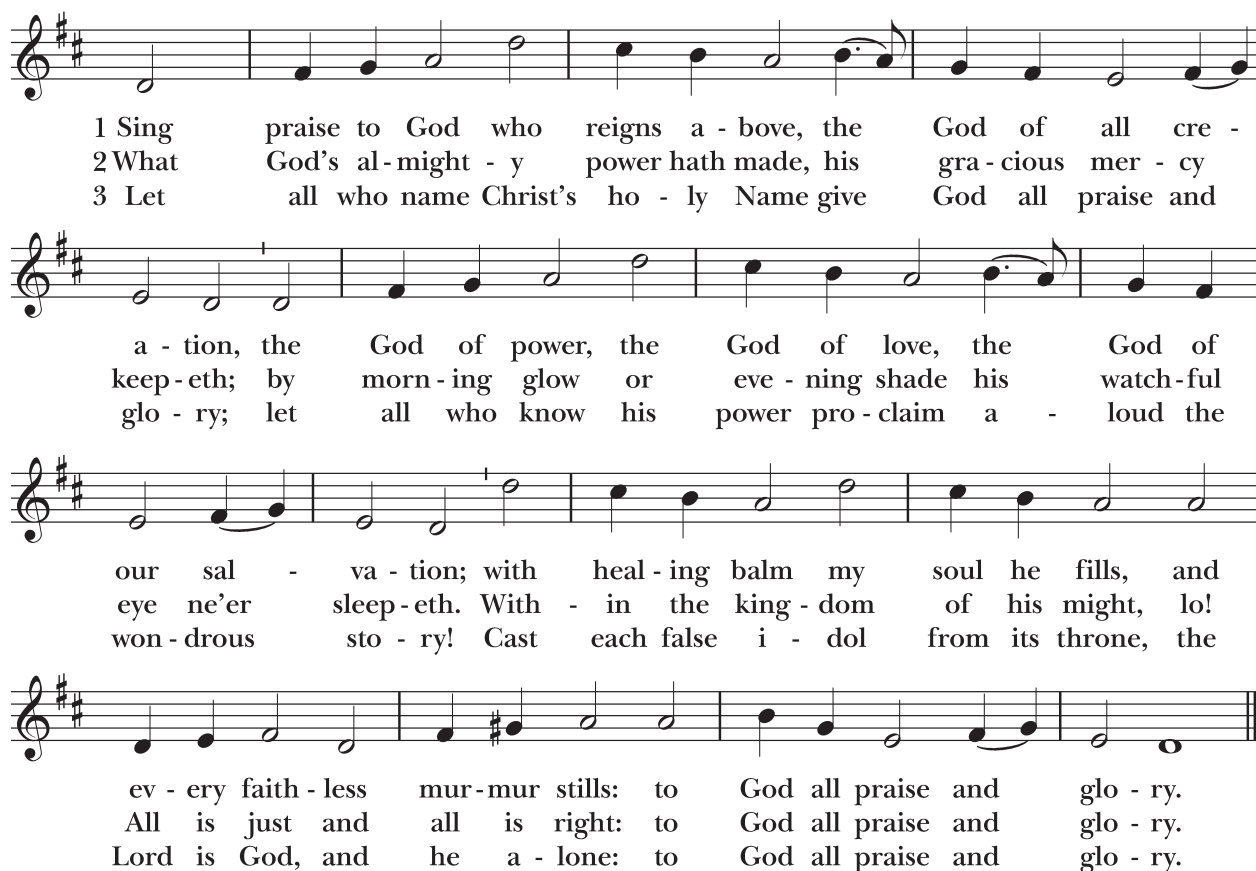
Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme:  
Praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

—Anonymous, ca. 1800

## HYMN 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

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



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

## 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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS (S-129) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

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*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our ancestors in faith; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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-163)** *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

The musical score for the Fraction Anthem is written for three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a - way the" are aligned under the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes marked with a "3" and a bracket. The lyrics "sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you" are aligned under the second staff. The third staff concludes the melody with another triplet of eighth notes marked with a "3" and a bracket. The lyrics "take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us." are aligned under the third staff. The music is simple and melodic, suitable for congregational singing.



## 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

O taste and see

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

*Sung by the choir.*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the one that trusteth in him. —*Psalms 34:8*

## HYMN LEVAS 152 *Sung by all, seated.*

Let us break bread together on our knees

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing  
2. knees).

sun, Oh— Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh—

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*. Arr. Copyright © 1992 Carl Haywood.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

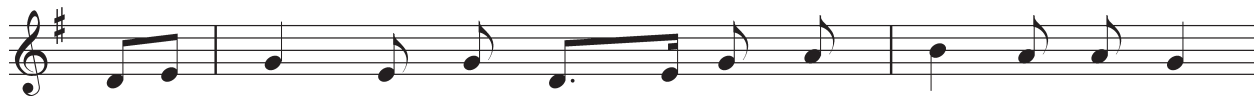
## HYMN 636

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

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



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Gigue (Basse de Trompette)

Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre  
(1665–1729)

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

and in memory of Nancy Martin.

**ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE**

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer*

Paul Barkett and Kevin Cordova-Brookey, *Chalice Bearers*

Jeff Agnew, *Assistant Head Usher*

Brian Cordova-Brookey, Claire Kim, Patricia Leslie, and Jess Unger, *Ushers*

Mark Cardwell and John Lucio, *Greeters*

Pat Dalby, *Flower Guild*

Ryan Wagner, *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 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays; look for the valet sign at the corner of 16th and H streets, NW. ♦ Find us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare or visit [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org) for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.*

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# Announcements for the Week of August 3

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon  
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Sarah Akes-Cardwell  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or  
Parish House First Floor)  
Church Tour (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: Macarthur Boulevard, NW; and 11th Street, NE, Washington DC; and Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA.

### SING WITH THE SUMMER CHOIR

**Gather Sundays at 9:30 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. service**

Singers of all stripes are invited to join the Summer Choir. **There is no midweek commitment, and you are welcome to sing for as many or as few Sundays as you are able.** This is a great opportunity to explore the choral program at St. John's and to get to know members of the St. John's Choir and Parish Choir who will be on hand to lend their voices as well. Please contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions or to learn more about the music program at St. John's.



### TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

**Today at 11:30 a.m.**

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. If you are interested in an in-person tour of St. John's Church, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 10:30 a.m. service. Today's guide is Susan Cardwell.

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*August 4–10*

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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**—No midday service — Memorial service.

**Sunday**—The Rev. Rob Fisher, preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Children's Chapel

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, August 4

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

### Tuesday, August 5

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

### Thursday, August 7

7 p.m. St. John's Book Group (via Zoom; see below)

### Friday, August 8

11 a.m. Memorial Service for Nancy Martin

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

#### Thursday, August 7, at 7 p.m., via Zoom

St. John's Book Group is taking it easy over the summer. We will meet virtually on Thursday, August 7, at 7 p.m. to share individual recommendations for great books. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

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## NEWS & NOTICES

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### BELL TOWER THANKS

We are grateful to the many donors who supported the St. John's bell tower and roof repair campaign. The project came in on time and under budget! And, between gifts and pledges, we have raised all the funds to cover all costs. To thank those who donated, we will create a plaque that

will be placed permanently within the bell tower. In the meantime, we've made a draft, which is posted on the wall near the H Street entrance. If you see anything that needs correcting, please let us know. Most of all, thank you to everyone who helped make this campaign a success.



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

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

**Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 11 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, January 10, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, February 15, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, February 14, at 10 a.m.*

### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED . . . ?

*. . . directing your Required Minimum Distribution to St. John's as a Qualified Charitable Distribution?*

As part of fulfilling your annual pledge or any other special gift that you might want to make to St. John's, we welcome your qualified charitable distribution (QCD), directing your annual required minimum distribution (RMD) to a qualified 501(c)(3) charity such as St. John's.

If you are over 70½ years old, you can direct not only up to \$108,000 of your annual RMD, but also \$108,000 of your IRA assets to the charity of your choice, even if your RMD is smaller. In addition, if you are over 70½ years old

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and have an inherited IRA requiring an annual RMD, you can also direct up to \$108,000 from the inherited IRA to the charity of your choice.

As always, you should consult with your financial and tax advisors to confirm that this is the best strategy for you. And as a reminder, these distributions can be made **only** from IRA accounts, **not** from 401(k)s, 403(b)s, the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), or other non-IRA retirement plans.

Questions? Please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the 1816 Society listing under the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming Dates: August 16 and September 20*

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.

### LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

**Sunday, August 24, after the 10:30 a.m. service**

The Latrobe Fellowship is a vibrant group of young adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We will meet on Sunday, August 24, for brunch after the 10:30 a.m. service. Gather in the sanctuary around 11:30 a.m. to walk together. For more details, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER STATIONS

**Sunday, August 31, at 11:30 a.m.**

Interactive, self-guided prayer stations will be available, focused on helping students, parents, and educators begin the school year well. Come name your hopes and concerns for the year ahead in creative ways. The prayer stations are designed with children in mind and will help adults tap into their own playfulness and imagination. Grab a coffee and explore!

## KICKOFF SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 7

On Sunday, September 7, we will return to our full round of services (spoken at 8 a.m., with choir and hymns at 9 and 11 a.m.). Church School will host an open house, and the Adult Bible Study and Speaker Series will resume.

### CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP OPEN HOUSE

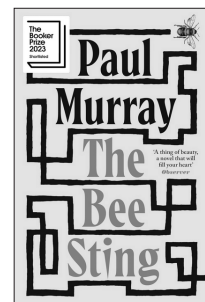
**Sunday, September 7, at 10 a.m.**

Kids and parents are invited to explore classrooms and meet their teachers between the 9 and 11 a.m. services. We'll have activities for kids and information about the program year ahead. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, September 11, at 7 p.m.**

Join us via Zoom for our first meeting of the fall to discuss *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray. Set in Ireland, the novel is a thought-provoking tour de force about family, fortune, and the struggle to be a good person when the world is falling apart. The book group typically meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### GET INVOLVED! COME TO THE MINISTRY FAIR

**Sunday, September 14, after the 9 and 11 a.m. services**

Are you looking for ways to get involved in our church community? Look no further than our annual Ministry Fair, where you'll have the opportunity to explore ministries and find the perfect fit. Whether you're passionate about our church community, participating in worship, reaching out to the wider community, or helping with Christian education and formation, there's a ministry for you! Representatives from each ministry will be available to answer any questions. Come learn about ministry goals and activities, as well as the time commitment and training required. Mark your calendars and contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website to learn more.



## **THE 2025 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS**

**Saturdays, October 11 & 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? Or are you just interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church? Either way, please join the two-day Fall Adult Inquirers' Class, led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, on Saturdays, October 11 and 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website to learn more or register for this class.

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## **FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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### **NURSERY HOURS**

**Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon**

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.

### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

**Sundays during 10:30 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.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May**

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., from September through May**

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. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## **THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

**Sundays during 11 a.m. worship, September through May**

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**

**From September through May**

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**

**Occasional summer Sundays via Zoom**

During the program year, this group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Now through the end of summer, we will meet occasionally via Zoom, dates to be determined, with weekly study materials provided by email. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For information, 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.

### **LIVESTREAMED SERVICES**

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

### **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.



## 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.



## 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.



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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:** Margo Arnold, Hyman Field, Veronica Jones, David Springer, Christina Wilson, and Mary Wilson.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Julie Ellis (Preston Cherouny), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), 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), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Norm

Phillips (Susan Cardwell), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), 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 and Larry Bradley), Jim Wardrop (Jack Reiffer), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

### THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

**From our parish:** Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Marcella Odom, and Becky Schergens.

**Friends and family of our parish:** David Brown (Lisa Koehler), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

### THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

**From our parish:** Barney Malloy and Barbie Harper.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley) and Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison).

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Friends and family of our parish:** Arline Atlas, July 20 (Richard Metzger); Hamid Ganjian, July 20 (Allie Raether Ganjian).

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Kathryn Brandus, Claudette Cox, Ellie Demarest, Mona Dooley, Richard Duer, Rhet Hague, Carl Hampe, Anne Harrington, Lilian Johnson, Andree Leonelli, Emma Neville, Brittany Prime, Sydney Shepherd, Susan Sierck, Allison Smith, and Margo Wiegenstein.

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Rachel Bright and Thomas Traxler, Nkem and Uche Onwuamaegbu, Brad and Lily Kosegarten, and Chris and Kaki Tipler.

### THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

**Friends and family of our parish:** Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris), and Charles Lewis, Jr (Charles Lewis, Sr.).

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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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# 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. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for Youth,*  
*Young Adults, and New Member Engagement*

## **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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