

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

CHORAL EVENSONG

Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

May 27, 2026

*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

Whether you are a longtime member or a visitor, we are happy to welcome you this evening. If you would like to learn more about St. John's and our presence in this city, we invite you to fill out a "Welcome" card that can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Choral Evensong is offered on the last Wednesday of most months from September through May. To see a schedule of upcoming services and events, visit our website at www.stjohns-dc.org.

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. It draws on the richness of monastic worship by inviting us to reflect upon scripture, to sing praises to God, and to pray. In its cadence, Evensong speaks to many of our deepest 21st-century needs, providing space for peace and for contemplation. We hope that this service, in the midst of this busy city, refreshes and restores you this evening.

SETTINGS FOR THIS EVENING

Preces and Responses—Bernard Rose (1916–1996)

Canticles—Mount St. Alban Service—David Hogan (1949–1996)

VOLUNTARY

Canzonetta, Op. 167, No. 3

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

INTROIT

Hear my prayer

Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home. Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

—*Moses Hogan*

HYMN 24

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

Please stand as the procession enters and remain standing to sing the hymn.

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893). Music: *St. Clement*, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904).

WELCOME

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Please remain standing.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

—*Psalm 96:9*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

—*Psalm 16:7-8*

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 66:1-8

George Bennett (1863–1930)

Please be seated.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands *

sing praises unto the honor of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.

Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works *

through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.

For all the world shall worship thee *

sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

O come hither, and behold the works of God *

how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

He turned the sea into dry land *

so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people *

and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

O praise our God, ye people *

and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life *

and suffereth not our feet to slip.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Read by Jack Reiffer.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

So 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.**

THE MAGNIFICAT

Sung by the choir.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

—*Luke 1:46-55*

THE SECOND READING

Read by Debby Hailey.

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will

let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the choir.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word,
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

—*Luke 2:29-32*

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Sung by all on a monotone, standing as you are able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by the choir.

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. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

Officiant O Lord our God, who by your Son Jesus Christ called your servant Augustine to preach the Gospel to the English people: We pray that all whom you call and send may do your will, bide your time, and see your glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

REMARKS

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

Please remain standing until invited to sit.

An offering to support the ministry of St. John's Church will be collected during the singing of the anthem. You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate or using 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.



THE ANTHEM

Abendlied

Josef Rheinberger

Sung by the choir.

*Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden,
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.*

Bide with us, for evening shadows darken,
and the day will soon be over.

—*Luke 24:29*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Said by all, standing as you are able.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore.

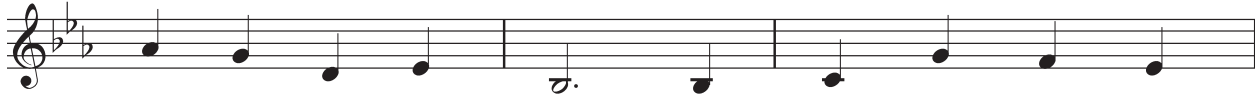
People Amen.

HYMN 653 *Sung by all.*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, (1848-1918), alt.

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in B-flat major, Op. 16, No. 2

Clara Schumann (1819-1896)

All are invited to a reception in Togo West Parlor immediately following the service.

Shortly afterward, members of St. John's Pride will gather for drinks at

Opaline at the Sofitel Hotel, just a three-minute walk from St. John's.

Join us if you can, or contact our leaders via stjohns-dc.org to learn more about this group.

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Linda Morgan Stowe and John Chappell Stowe, *Interim Assistant Organists*

St. John's Choir, Parish Choir, and Choristers

Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer*

Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher*

Fruzsina Harsanyi, *Usher*

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.**

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 for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.

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NEWS AND EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

SUMMER SABBATICAL FOR THE RECTOR

Our rector, the Rev. Rob Fisher, will be taking sabbatical time this summer, from June 1 through August 17. Our clergy, staff, and lay leaders are prepared to cover the pastoral, liturgical, and operational needs of the church during Rob's time away.

CLERGY TRANSITION

After four years of faithful, thoughtful service as our associate rector, the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell has accepted a call as Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Silver Spring. Sarah's last Sunday with us will be July 12, and we will gather to celebrate her ministry on that day. More details will follow soon.



NEW PARKING FOR WEEKNIGHT SERVICES

The garage we have used during weekday evening services recently shortened its hours, so we have established a new relationship with the garage at **1575 I Street, NW**, where parking is available until 11 p.m. weeknights. When they ask you to pay (on arrival), tell them you will be returning with a validated ticket from St. John's good for free parking.



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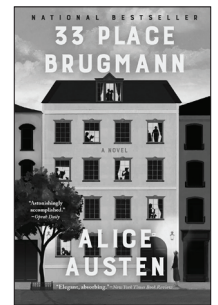
SKYLARK VOCAL ENSEMBLE IN CONCERT Sunday, May 31, at 2 p.m. | Ticketed event

Save the date for a performance by Skylark, one of America's leading vocal ensembles. Their program, "Clear Voices in the Dark," pairs music from the American Civil War with

Poulenc's *Figure Humaine*, which was composed in secret during the Nazi occupation of France in 1943—two moments of national crisis and the music that arose from them. The recording earned two Grammy nominations, including Best Choral Performance. This tour is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and Marriott Family Philanthropies. We hope you will join us on Trinity Sunday for this exciting performance at St. John's. Purchase tickets at www.skylarkensemble.org/clearvoices2026 and enter promo code SJLS for a discounted price.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP Thursday, June 4, at 7 p.m.

Please join us via Zoom to discuss the novel *33 Place Brugmann* by Alice Austen. Set in World War II in Nazi-occupied Brussels, the story centers on the mysterious disappearance of a Jewish family—and their art collection.



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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE TO BEGIN Here's the lineup starting Sunday, June 7

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (*starts June 21; see next page*)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and Children's Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
Church Tour (when scheduled)

*Free valet parking available Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Speak to an usher to learn more.*

SUMMER POST-CHURCH POTLUCKS Sundays, June 7 and July 19, at 11:30 a.m.

During the summer, we would like to extend our tradition of socializing, with a monthly potluck in the Togo West Parlor after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please sign up to bring a salad, bread, or dessert. Questions? Contact Holly Sukenik via "Parish Lunch" at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



LATROBE FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH
Sunday, June 14, after the 10:30 a.m. service

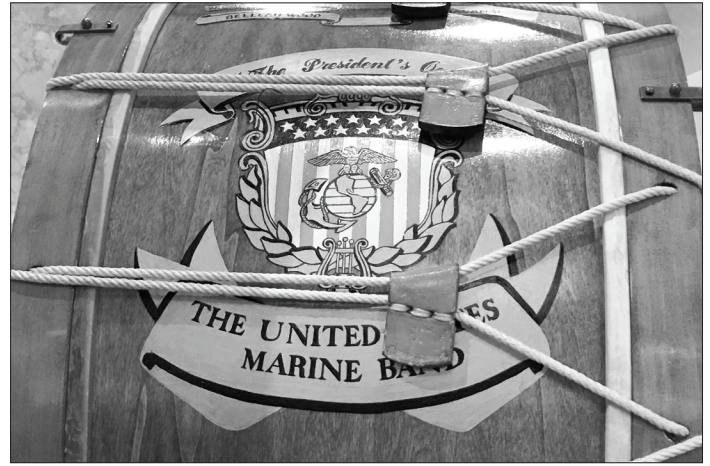
The Latrobe Fellowship is a vibrant group of young adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. During the summer, we will gather for a monthly brunch and other outings, instead of our usual Wednesday evening meetings. The regular schedule will resume in September. Our first lunch will take place on Sunday, June 14. Meet in the sanctuary around 11:30 a.m. to walk together to Dauphine’s (1100 15th Street, NW) or join us there. For more details or to connect with the group, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

GRACE’S TABLE
Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
Upcoming dates: June 20 and July 18

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.

SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS JUNE 21

Singers of all levels are invited to sing with the Summer Choir, which begins June 21 and rehearses each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. service. **There is absolutely no midweek commitment, and you are welcome to sing for as many or as few Sundays as you are able.** Come explore our choral program and get to know members of our adult choirs! Please contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions.



FIFE AND DRUM SERVICE
Sunday, July 5, at 10:30 a.m.

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 5, for our annual Fife and Drum service featuring the Summer Choir and guest musicians offering music in celebration of Independence Day. Highlights include “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “Stars and Stripes Forever,” and other music representative of the history and culture of America.



FEDERAL WORKERS | Giving or receiving support

Many of our parishioners have been affected by layoffs in the federal government. If you are seeking help—or if you have help to offer—please complete our survey at bit.ly/sjc-federal-survey with the details of what you need or can provide. You can also reach out to Jordan Baugh, our point person for this ministry, via the directory on our website.

Visit our website for more news and the full calendar of upcoming events. You can find us at www.stjohns-dc.org.

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) has up-to-date information about the church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

Vestry Leadership & Members

Alfred Thesmar, *Senior Warden*

Julia Koster, *Junior Warden*

Kate Benner, Brian Cordova-Brookey,

Kaye Edwards, Elizabeth Field,

Debby Hailey, Fruzsina Harsanyi,

Apiyo Oloya, Jack Reiffer, Brian Schoeneman,

Matthew Taylor, Trey Whitworth, and Jess Unger,

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Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, *Associate Rector
for Family Ministry and Pastoral Care*

The Rev. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for Parish Life
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Executive Assistant to the Rector*

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John Queen, *Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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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