

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

*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.

Please refrain from taking photos or videos during services.

*The trumpet for this service is offered to the glory of God,
and for the wonders of God's works, by Bill and Sara Josey.*

VOLUNTARY

Sonata in D Major, z. 850

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung and the procession enters the church.

INTROIT

Ingrediente Domino

George Malcolm (1917–1998)

Sung by the choir.

Ingrediente Domino in sanctam civitatem, Hebraeorum pueri resurrectionem vitae pronuntiantes, cum ramis palmarum: Hosanna, clamabant, in excelsis. Cumque audisset populus, quod Jesus veniret Hierosolimam, exierunt obviam ei, cum ramis palmarum: Hosanna, clamabant, in excelsis.

As the Lord entered the holy city, the Hebrew children hailed the resurrection of life with palm branches crying, "Hosanna in the highest." And when the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him with palm branches crying, "Hosanna in the highest."

—Antiphon from Palm Sunday procession

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Still standing as you are able, please turn to face the back of the church.

Priest Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Priest Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Please raise your palms for blessing.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION

Children of all ages are invited to process after the choir and before the clergy, joining as the procession passes their pew.

Priest Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

HYMN 154 *Sung by all.*

All glory, laud, and honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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

Philippians 2:5-11

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Jessica Sanchez.

11 a.m. Read by Riley Temple.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

9 a.m. Led by Hilary West, said responsively by half verse.

11 a.m. Chanted by the choir.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

“This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *

LORD, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; *

we bless you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

“You are my God, and I will thank you; *

you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

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

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

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

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano (1), Alto (2), and Tenor/Bass (3). It consists of three stanzas of lyrics. The first stanza is 'Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark!', the second is 'all the tribes hosanna cry; Thy humble beast pur- low-ly pomp ride on to die: O Christ, thy tri- an- gel ar- mies of the sky Look down with sad and', and the third is 'sues his road with palms and scat- ter'd gar- nents strowed. now be- gin o'er cap- tive death and con- quer'd sin. won- d'ring eyes to see the ap- proach - ing sac - ri - fice.'

Hymn 64 from *The Hymnal 1940*. Words: Henry Hart Milman, 1827, alt. Music: *St. Drostane*, John B. Dykes, 1862; desc. Christopher Robinson (b. 1936).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Priest 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. Eric Bailey

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

9 a.m. Led by Richard Greene.

Please stand as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Holly Sukenik.

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

Silence.

Intercessor 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, in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Martin Luther King Jr. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence.

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

Ride on, King Jesus

arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Sung by the choir.

Ride on, King Jesus; no man can a-hinder me.

Ride on, King Jesus; no man can a-hinder me.

He is King of kings, he is Lord of lords,

Jesus Christ, the First and Last; no man a-works like him.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse; no man a-works like him.

The river of Jordan he did cross; no man a-works like him.

King Jesus rides in the middle of the air; no man a-works like him.

He calls the saints from everywhere; no man a-works like him.

—*Traditional Spiritual*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand 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.

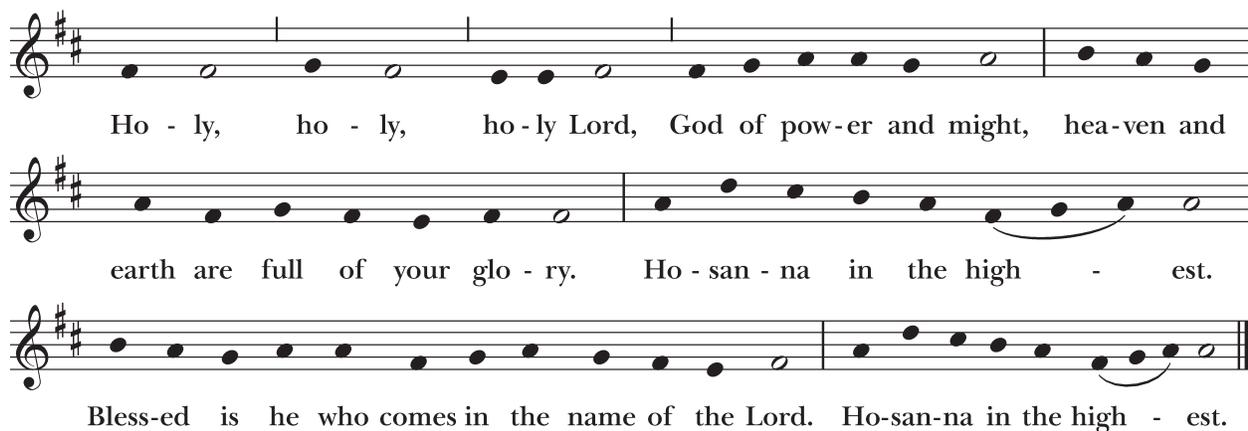
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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.**

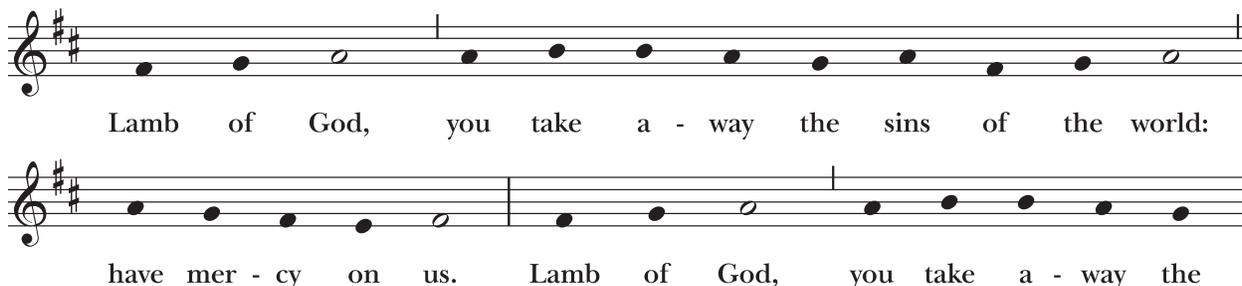
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

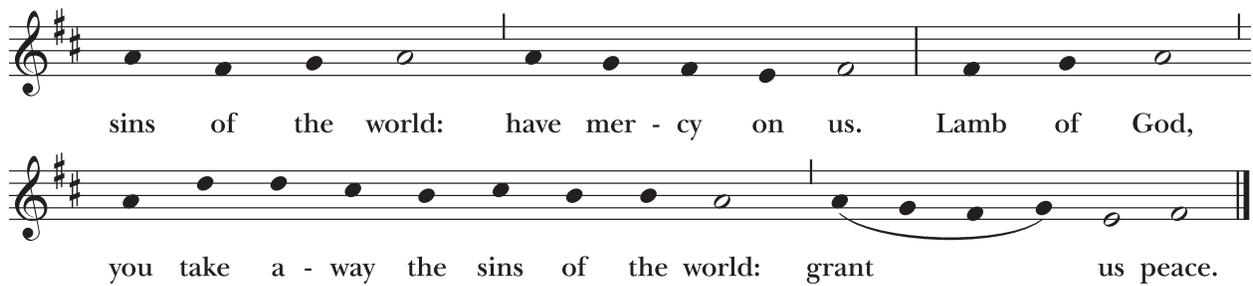
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

God so loved the world

John Stainer (1840–1901)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

—*John 3:16-17*

At 11 a.m.

Christus factus est

Felice Anerio (c. 1560–1614)

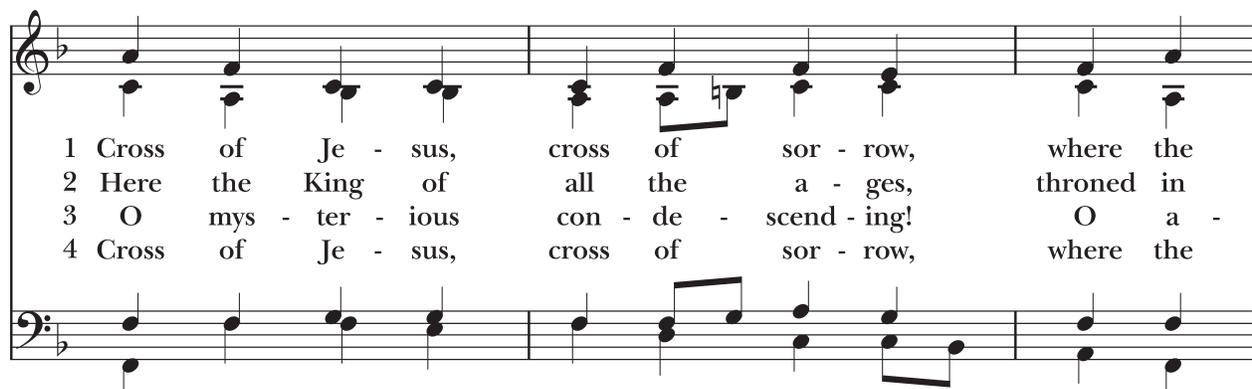
*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
 Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross.
 Therefore God exalted him and gave him a name which is above all names.

—*Philippians 2:8-9*

HYMN 160 *Sung by all, seated.*

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in
 3 O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a -
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the

blood of Christ was shed, perfect Man on
 light ere worlds could be, robed in mortal
 ban - don - ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God him -
 blood of Christ was shed, perfect Man on

thee did suf - fer, perfect God on thee has bled!
 flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
 self is bear - ing all the suf - fer - ings of time!
 thee did suf - fer, perfect God on thee has bled!

Words: William J. Sparrow-Simpson (1860-1952). Music: *Cross of Jesus*, John Stainer (1840-1901).

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.

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.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 26:26–27:54

Please be seated.

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This fellow said,

‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.” After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

Crowd “**Barabbas.**”

Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Crowd **"Let him be crucified!"**

Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?"

Crowd **"Let him be crucified!"**

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Crowd **"His blood be on us and on our children!"**

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

Please stand as you are able.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

A period of silence is observed.

My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine: ne -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 ver was love, dear King, ne - ver was grief - like thine. This

who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624–1683), alt. Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879–1962). Descant: John Chappell Stowe (b. 1953).

All depart in silence.

THE PALMS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Kurt Dupuis, *Trumpet*

The Rev. Cn. Maurice Dyer, *Assisting Clergy*

Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer* | Ucheora Onwumaegbu and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*

Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher* | Julia Koster, *Usher*

Eleanor Odom and Peter Odom, *Greeters*

Joanne Hutton and Zach Schutz, *Flower Guild*

PASSION READERS

Martha Ellison, *Matthew (Narrator)* | Richard Greene, *Jesus* | Robyne Johnston, *Judas*

Holly Sukenik, *Pontius Pilate* | Annie Simonds, *Servant Girl, Pilate's Wife*

Kingsley Afemikhe, *Peter, The Centurion* | Sandra Hackworth, *High Priest*

Mark Dennis, *Bystander* | St. John's Choir, *Accusers, Chief Priests*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Kurt Dupuis, *Trumpet*

The Rev. Cn. Maurice Dyer, *Assisting Clergy*

Paul Barkett, *Crucifer* | Powe Rigby and Nicholas Schoeneman, *Acolytes*

Laurie Adams, Kevin Cordova-Brookey, and Joanne Hutton, *Chalice Bearers*

Jeff Agnew, *Assistant Head Usher* | Tony Anikeeff, Brian Cordova-Brookey, and Bill Wright, *Ushers*

Becca Brown Todd and Roderick Todd, *Greeters*

Joanne Hutton and Zach Schutz, *Flower Guild* | Jeremy Skog, *Livestream Technician*

PASSION READERS

Clark Ervin, *Matthew (Narrator)* | Krista Bradley, *Jesus* | Marion Blakey, *Judas*

Chris Janson, *Pontius Pilate* | Summer Hardinge, *Servant Girl, Pilate's Wife*

Peter Odom, *Peter, The Centurion* | Brian Schoeneman, *High Priest*

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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.

Announcements for the Week of March 29

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S



Last day for Easter memorials and thanksgivings (see page 2)

N Street Village Supply Drive (see next column)

Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m.

Preaching this morning: The Rev. Eric Bailey

8 a.m. Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms
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 with Blessing of the Palms
and Passion Reading

10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First 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 with Blessing of the Palms
and Passion Reading

Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)

EASTER LILY DELIVERY Please help us after services today



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

N STREET VILLAGE SUPPLY DRIVE Through Easter Day, April 5

The Sisters at St. John's are partnering with N Street Village, a local group that supports D.C. women experiencing homelessness by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. We are collecting a variety of necessities, including toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary pads, women's underwear all sizes, and casual pants sizes medium to XL. To donate, bring any of the above items to church and leave them in the basket by the reception area in the Parish House.

STEWARDSHIP

PLEASE PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

As of Tuesday, March 24, we had received 271 pledges, totaling commitments of \$1,097,155 for 2026.

Your 2026 pledge is a commitment of financial support to St. John's for the year. It can be a one-time annual payment, or it can be paid weekly, monthly, or on the schedule of your choosing. You can make your pledge online on our website (stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) or by returning a pledge card either by mail to the church office or by placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you!

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Monday, March 30—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday, March 31—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK—April 1

12:10 p.m. Eucharist

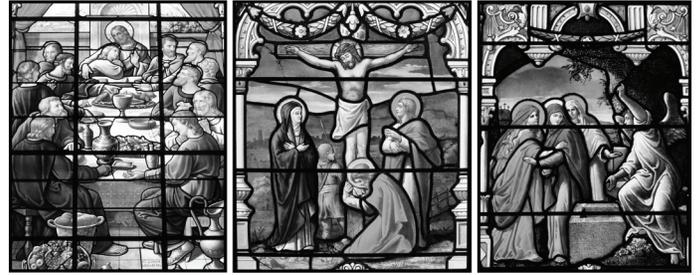
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong (see below)

Choral Evensong—Wednesday, April 1, at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for Choral Evensong centering on biblical stories of lament: William Byrd's motet *Civitas sancti tui*, a lament for the desolation of Jerusalem, and Eric Whitacre's late 20th-century anthem *When David heard*, which sets King David's anguished cry over the death of his son Absalom. The Magnificat and Nunc dimittis from Byrd's *Second Evening Service* will be accompanied by viol consort. Come prepare for the Holy Week liturgies that follow as we lament Christ's death and await the day of Resurrection. The service is also available via livestream on our website.

The St. John's Choir and Choristers sing Evensong on the last 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;

obtain a validation ticket from an usher before or after the service. Please note that the garage has recently shortened its hours of operation, closing at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 5 p.m. on weekends.



MAUNDY THURSDAY—April 2

5 p.m. Family Service with Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar

7 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY—April 3

Noon Good Friday Service with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

EASTER DAY—April 5—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Hymns

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass and Percussion

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass and Percussion

Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m.

EASTER DAY FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Today (Sunday, March 29) is the last day for names to be included in the Easter Day order of service.

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. The suggested donation is \$55 per name. You may also pay online at 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong (see previous page)
Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship (see below)
St. John's Pride (see below)

Friday, April 3

1 p.m. Parish Office closes, and will remain closed on Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7.

LATROBE FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, April 1, at 5:30 p.m.

In April, we will gather an hour earlier than usual to attend the Holy Week choral evensong and enjoy time together afterward. 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. For more information, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

ST. JOHN'S PRIDE

Wednesday, April 1, following Evensong

St. John's Pride will gather for fellowship shortly after the service of Choral Evensong for Holy Week. Contact the group via the online Ministry Directory with questions.

SPEAKER SERIES

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.



April 12: Aalok Mehta, Director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Wadhani AI Center, will address the promise, perils, and defining questions of artificial intelligence.



April 19: Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, a senior fellow at the American Immigration Council, will bring us up to date on the current state of U.S. immigration policies and practices.



April 26: Martha Gimbel, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Budget Lab at Yale University, a non-partisan policy research center, will discuss the state of the U.S. economy.



May 3: The Rev. James Hawkey, Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey and Chaplain to King Charles III, will engage us in a Q&A-style conversation led by the Rev. Rob Fisher.

COMING UP

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

Second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m. through April 26

Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which candidates express a mature commitment to Christ before God, the bishop, and the gathered community. On second and fourth Sundays through April, we are preparing interested youth to take this important step in their faith journey, with confirmations to be held at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. Youth who have already been confirmed are also encouraged to attend, to review faith topics and get to know our new candidates. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *The Coming Wave* by Mustafa Suleyman. As cofounder of the pioneering company DeepMind, Suleyman highlights the unprecedented risks to global order that are posed by a wave of fast-developing technologies such as artificial intelligence and genetic engineering—tools that can address complex challenges but also create upheaval at the same time. 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.



LATROBE FELLOWSHIP IN-TOWN RETREAT

Saturday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m.

Please join the Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship for a one-day spring retreat to be held at the Cathedral House and Bishop's Garden. This will be a time to rest and connect with one another, and will include worship, a picnic by the cathedral, and several activities on themes of community and communion. To help cover expenses, the fee is \$25 per person. For more information, please contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming dates: April 18 and May 16

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARGO ARNOLD

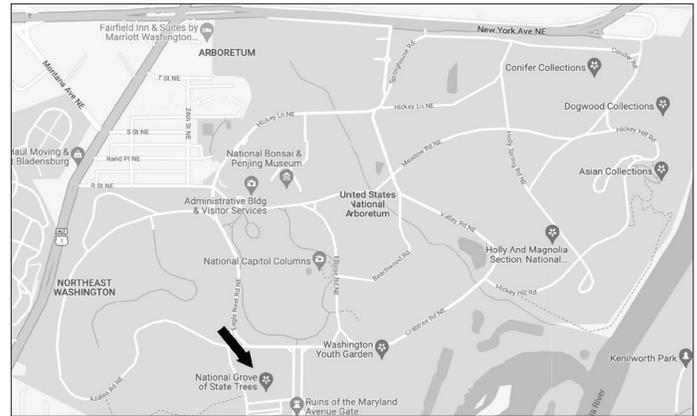
Saturday, April 18, at 11 a.m.

Join us as we commend Margo to God's eternal care. All who knew her are warmly invited to attend. The service will also be livestreamed on the Worship tab of our website for those who cannot be with us in person. Please keep the Arnold family in your prayers.

NATIONAL ARBORETUM AZALEA WALK

Saturday, April 25, at 10 a.m. (see map next column)

All ages are welcome on a walk through the azaleas at the National Arboretum, which are projected to be in peak bloom, followed by a celebration of the Eucharist. We will gather at the Grove of State Trees parking lot. Enter the arboretum from R Street or New York Avenue, NE, and allow extra time for slow traffic. Walking shoes, hats, and water bottles are encouraged, and there are picnic tables if you'd like to bring food. For more information and to RSVP or request a ride, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website. Please include your cell phone number so we can contact you as needed.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, April 25, 5-7:30 p.m.

Kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza while parents and caregivers enjoy an evening out. RSVP by Monday, April 20, to bit.ly/sjc-pno. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via our website.

AN EVENING WITH THE CHOIR OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m., at St. John's

The White House Historical Association and St. John's, in celebration of America's 250th, will host an evening with the choir of Westminster Abbey on Friday, May 1. Westminster Abbey's choir is renowned worldwide as one of the finest of its type, with up to 30 boys and 12 professional adult singers. The choir's wide-ranging performing activities are rooted in a centuries-old tradition, and its repertoire ranges from plainsong and Tudor polyphony to 20th-century masterpieces and new commissions. Purchase tickets (\$25) at www.whitehousehistory.org/events. This event will be held at St. John's.

NEWS & NOTICES

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: JANET HELGERT

Longtime St. John's parishioner Janet Helgert died on Thursday, March 19. Please hold Janet's family and loved ones in your prayers. We will share plans for a service when they are available.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW VESTRY MEMBER

Vice Admiral Trey Whitworth is a retired naval officer who concluded nearly 37 years of service as Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). He and his wife, Amy, are lifelong Episcopalians who joined St. John's in 2023. They have two daughters and a son. Trey served joint operations at every level and through multiple combat campaigns. Of note, he was Intelligence Director for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Trey is a Life Member of the Council on Foreign Relations—with degrees from Duke and Georgetown. He is President (National Security) for r4 Federal, Distinguished Senior Fellow for Business Executives for National Security, and Founder/CEO of Whitworth Strategies, LLC. Trey is completing the unexpired term of Julia Koster, who now serves as Junior Warden.

BECOME A PARENT NAVIGATOR (MENTOR)

Communities in Schools (CIS) is looking for volunteers to serve as navigators, or peer mentors, for parents striving to support their children's education and their own personal and professional goals. Use your knowledge in areas such as finance, medicine, nutrition, and child advocacy to provide one-to-one guidance, support, and practical strategies that help parents build strong home-school connections and advocate for themselves and their families. Volunteers matched with a family can expect a commitment of a few hours a month. Other ways to mentor include doing a webinar or virtual workshop in your area of specialty. For more information, contact CIS leaders Ann Gardner and Livy More via the online Ministry Directory.

FOR THOSE SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED

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, April 12, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, April 11, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 24, at 11 a.m.

Class: Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m.

PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE AND HOSTS

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

Sunday lunch at St. John's is a longtime tradition in which every member and every visitor can participate. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones—a time for fellowship and for hearing another's story. The 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.

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, or ministries to host at least once per program year. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. Not sure what's involved? Want to claim a future date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

March 29 No Lunch: Palm Sunday

April 5 No Lunch: Easter Day

April 12 RJ Lyerly

April 19 Vestry

April 26 Sisters at St. John's

May 3 Newcomers reception: All invited!

May 10 No Lunch: Mothers Day

May 17 Host needed

May 24 No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend

May 31 Host needed

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.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY CARE | 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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. worship

Most Sundays, kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. services. Children 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 most Sundays of the school year. 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.

CHORISTER PROGRAM | September through May

We offer a choir for children and youth with unchanged (treble) voices. Through a custom-made curriculum, singers receive training in sight reading, vocal production, music theory, liturgy, and leadership, and become part of a vibrant community of music makers. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY | September through May

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during worship services, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. Contact Vincent Scauzzo via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory for details.

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Most Sundays at 10 a.m.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. We are currently studying the Gospel of Matthew and the book of Genesis. For information, notes, and the Zoom link, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

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.



JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Explore our many ministry groups at www.stjohns-dc.org, and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service is broadcast on our website and available for replay, as are evensongs and occasional other special services and events.

SECURITY MEASURES AT ST. JOHN'S

St. John’s identity as a congregation is shaped by our urban location in the nation’s capital. We seek to welcome all to our services and activities with dignity, while ensuring the safety and well-being of those who worship in our facilities. We hire security personnel for Sundays and special services as a low-key, proactive presence prepared to respond quickly and respectfully to any needs that may arise.

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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 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.

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Bill Josey.

Friends and family of our parish: Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Dru Dowdy (Frances S. Tyler), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), Blair Fiore (Debby Hailey), Peggy Fisher (Debby Hailey), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Chantay Griffin (Charley Griffin and Gee Gee Bryant), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Jane Lee (Claire Kim and Jess Unger), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Sunil Ramchand (Susan Cardwell), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Ashley M. Smith (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-

Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Bess Williamson (Wendy Fibison), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

From our parish: Milton Chamberlain, Marcella Odom, Becky Schergens, Suzanne Whitmore, and Mary Wilson.

Friends and family of our parish: David Brown (Lisa Koehler), Bob Chrystal, Sr. (Chris Jones), Denise T. Griggs (Ginny Griggs), Veronica Jones (Chris Jones), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), Yvonne Reiffer (Jack Reiffer), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley) and Teri Nelson (Lisa Koehler).

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

From our parish: Janet Helgert, March 19.

Friends and family of our parish: Robert Mueller, March 20; and Brandon Shah, March 12 (Tony Anikeeff).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Autumn Brown, James Coppinger, Clark Ervin, Keil Green, Carter Harrell, Charlotte Highsmith, Stewart Jeffries, Charles Kaye, Patricia Leslie, Richard Lovering, Branda Mandelson, Judson McIntire, Michelle Morris, Kayla Powell, Avo Reid, Roderick Todd, and Amy Whitworth.

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), Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris), and Charles Lewis, Jr. (Charles Lewis, Sr.).

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

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*

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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,

Members

Anya Kleymenova, *Treasurer*

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Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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The Rev. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for Parish Life
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Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

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Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

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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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