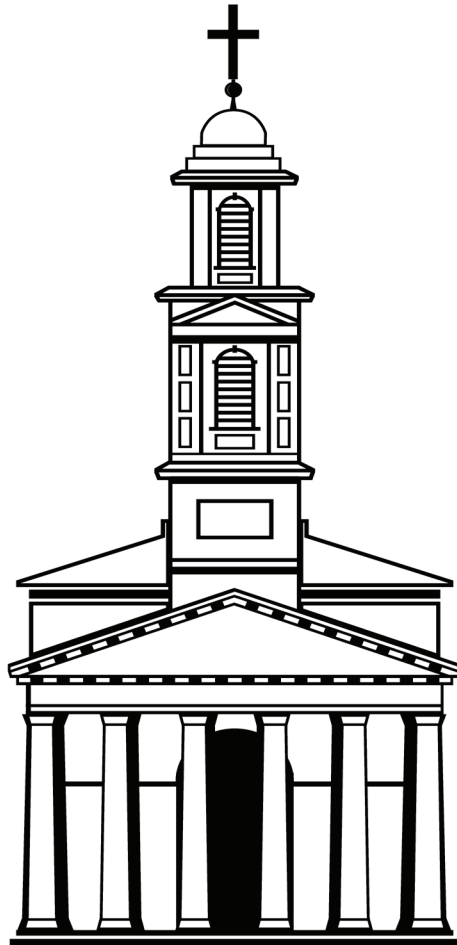


THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 10:30 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 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.

Please refrain from taking photos and videos during services.

VOLUNTARY

Intermezzo, from Sonata No. 8

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

HYMN 610

Lord, whose love through humble service

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

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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 Music: *Blaenhafren*, Welsh melody.

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 - might - 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
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Romans 12:9-21

Please be seated.

Read by Riley Temple.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8

Led by Elena Braithwaite-Williams, said responsively by half verse.

Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *

I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

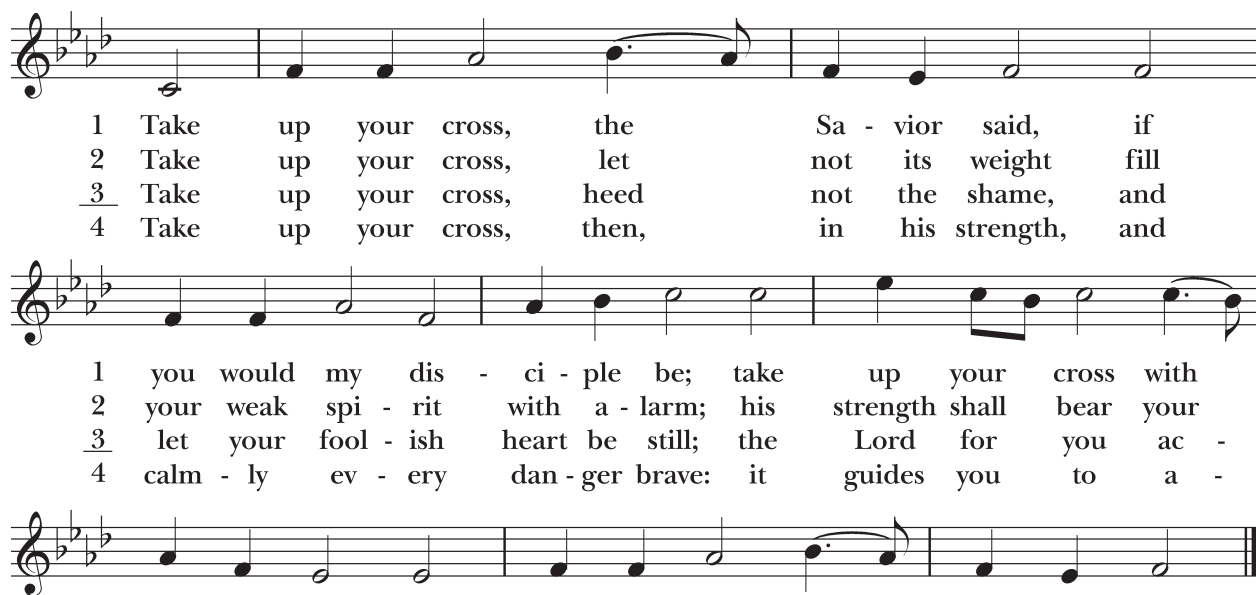
LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

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 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Eric Bailey

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

Led by Beth DuMond.

Kneeling or standing as you are able.

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. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; and Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

People **For all who serve God in the 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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Teach me, my God and King

Craig Philips (b. 1961)

Sung by the choir.

Teach me, my God and King,
in all things thee to see,
and what I do in anything
to do it as for thee.

All may of thee partake;
nothing can be so mean,
which with this tincture—"for thy sake"—
will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
makes drudgery divine;
who sweeps a room as for thy laws,
makes that and th' action fine.

This is the famous stone
that turneth all to gold;
for that which God doth touch and own
cannot for less be told.

—George Herbert (1593–1632)

HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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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.**

Priest 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

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.



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

Blessed are the pure in heart Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

Sung by the choir.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart;
and for his cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

—John Keble (1792–1866)

HYMN 593 *Sung by all, seated.*

Lord, make us servants of your peace

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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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 525

The Church's one foundation

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Scherzoso, from Sonata No. 8

Josef Rheinberger

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

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Kevin Cordova-Brookey, *Crucifer*
Joanne Hutton and Matthew Taylor, *Chalice Bearers*
Anthony Pegues, *Assistant Head Usher*
Fruzsina Harsanyi and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*
Larry Bradley and Caroline Faris, *Greeters*
Ellie Fullerton and Sara Schreiber, *Flower Guild*
Seth Gilmore, *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 giving it to an usher or greeter. Free valet parking is available from 9 a.m. to 1 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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Announcements for the Week of August 30

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered during the sermon at 10:30 a.m.

Preaching this morning: The Rev. Eric Bailey

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor; see next column)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon (Parish House Second Floor)
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
- 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: Taussig Place, NE; and Volta Place, NW.

JUST TWO MORE SUMMER CHOIR SUNDAYS

Come rehearse at 9:30 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. service

Singers of all levels are invited to sing with the Summer Choir, which rehearses Sundays (through September 6) at 9:30 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. service. **There is absolutely no midweek commitment.** Signing up is encouraged, since it is helpful to know in advance what singers and parts will be available. Come explore our choral program and get to know members of our adult choirs before the fall season begins! Contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website to sign up or learn more.

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 Richard Busch.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 31 through September 6

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Cn. Maurice Dyer, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

Children's Chapel is offered during the sermon at 10:30 a.m.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

6:30 p.m. Latrobe Fellowship (Offsite)

LATROBE FELLOWSHIP ROOFTOP SERVICE

Wednesday, September 2, at 6:30 p.m.

The Latrobe Fellowship is a vibrant group of young adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. On Wednesday, September 2, we will meet at The Pennsylvania (601 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW) to share in the Eucharist, celebrate the end of summer, and enjoy a rooftop view of DC. For details or to connect with the group, contact Will Yale via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab on our website.

Friday, September 4

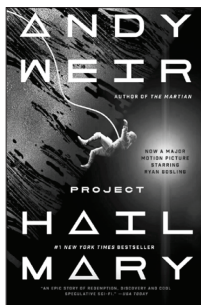
1 p.m. Parish Office closes for Labor Day and will remain closed on Monday, September 7.

COMING UP

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, September 10, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom for our first meeting of the fall to discuss *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir. This science fiction novel centers on science teacher and former biologist Ryland Grace, who wakes up aboard a spacecraft, alone and afflicted with amnesia. For information and the Zoom link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 13

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and
Children's Chapel
- 10 a.m. Speaker Series (when scheduled; see page 3)
Coffee Hour
Church School (see below)
Youth Group (see below)
Adult Bible Study (when scheduled)
St. John's Choir Rehearsal
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and
Children's Chapel
- Noon Coffee Hour
Church Tour (when scheduled)
Parish Lunch (when scheduled)

CHURCH SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

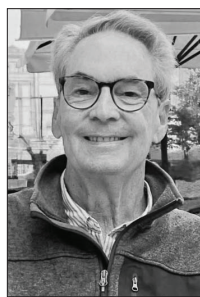
Open House: Sunday, September 13, at 10 a.m.

Children, youth, and their caregivers are invited to explore classrooms and meet teachers between the 9 and 11 a.m. services on the first Sunday of the fall schedule. We'll have activities for kids and information about the program year ahead. Light refreshments will be served.

For more about Church School, contact Lauren Goodyear. For more about Youth Group, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey. Both can be reached via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PATRICK QUINN

Friday, September 18, at 1 p.m.



We are saddened to announce that Patrick Quinn died on July 31. Please keep his loved ones in your prayers and plan to join us as we commend him to God's eternal care. The service will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person; tune in via the Worship tab of our website.

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming dates: September 19 and October 17

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

GET INVOLVED! COME TO THE MINISTRY FAIR Sunday, September 20, 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.

PARISH LUNCH RETURNS

Sunday, September 27, at noon

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 an open date (in **bold** in box)? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

FALL PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE & HOSTS

September 27 "Welcome Back" Potluck: Please let Holly Sukenik know what you can bring to share and whether you are able to help set up, serve, or clean up.

October 4

October 11

October 18

October 25 No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon

November 1

November 8 New Members Reception: All invited!

November 15 Sisters at St. John's

November 22

November 29 No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend

December 6

December 13

December 20 No Lunch

December 27 No Lunch

THE 2026 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, October 10 & 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

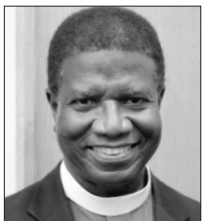
Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? Or are you just interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church? Either way, please join the two-day Fall Adult Inquirers' Class, led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, on Saturdays, October 10 and 17, 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.

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.



September 27: Dr. Moisés Naím, a noted foreign policy expert and Distinguished Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, will discuss the current state of relations between the U.S. and Venezuela.



October 4: The Rt. Rev. Eugene T. Sutton, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, will talk about how the Diocese of Maryland dealt with racial reconciliation and reparations for slavery.



October 11: Jonathan Rauch, a Brookings Institution Senior Fellow and acclaimed author, will discuss his most recent book, *Cross Purposes: Christianity's Broken Bargain with Democracy*.



October 25: Dan Rauch, Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist, DC Department of Energy and Environment, will discuss local wildlife and how to help area birds.

NEWS & NOTICES

MAKE THIS YOUR SUMMER OF IMPACT!

As high unemployment and rising living costs continue to grip the area, Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington is seeking your support for its 40th Anniversary Summer of Impact Campaign, which will fund the uniquely loving and personalized Next Step counseling and training that Samaritan offers to the region's most vulnerable residents. Visit www.samaritanministry.org or bit.ly/smgw-summer-2026 to learn more.



ARE YOU A SEEKER? Join EfM to continue your journey through study and small-group reflection

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a course for growing in faith by studying theology, the Bible, and church history. Although the course at St. John's is on hiatus, St. Michael's Episcopal Church (1132 N. Ivanhoe Street, Arlington) has space that they are graciously making available to St. John's parishioners. The group will meet both onsite and online on Wednesdays, 6–8:30 p.m., beginning September 2. Also offered for enrollment is "EfM: Wide Angle," a one-year introduction to all things EfM with contemporary sources. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact Lisa Koehler through the Ministry Directory on St. John's website.

INVITATION TO DC LISTENING SESSIONS

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) is encouraging partner congregations, DC residents, and others to voice their priorities at a series of listening sessions hosted this fall by the Democratic mayoral nominee, Janeese Lewis George. Attend in your ward of residence or come advocate for Ward 2, the neighborhood around St. John's. Dates and signup details are available at bit.ly/fall-2026-sessions.



FOR THOSE SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED

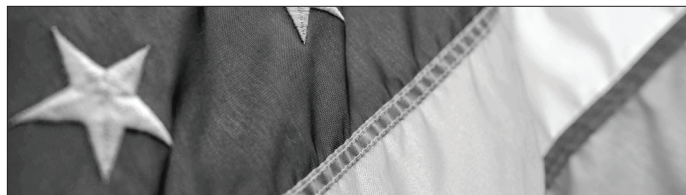
If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. The next dates for baptism and the required pre-baptismal class with the clergy at St. John's are:

Sunday, November 1, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, October 31, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 10, at 11 a.m.

Class: Saturday, January 9, at 10 a.m.



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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE IN 2027



OXFORD, LONDON, AND CANTERBURY

Join us on tour in England | August 18–30, 2027

Next summer, the Rector and choirs of St. John's invite you to join a parish pilgrimage to the historic heart of the Anglican Communion: from Oxford and London to Canterbury, the ancient see from which our tradition has spread throughout the world.

During the journey, the choirs of St. John's will offer Choral Evensong at three of England's great cathedral churches: Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford; Southwark Cathedral, London; and Canterbury Cathedral, where the choir will serve a week-long residency. In each place, our worship will take part in the centuries-old rhythm of daily prayer that continues to shape Anglican life and spirituality today.

You are invited along as we encounter the theological, intellectual, and artistic inheritance of our tradition through worship, architecture, music, and reflection in some of the most significant places in Anglican history. Those interested are encouraged to contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab of our website.



FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY CARE | Summer Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon
From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting September 13

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 10:30 a.m. worship
During 9 and 11 a.m. worship starting September 13

Most Sundays, kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the 10:30 a.m. service. 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 Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May
Open House: September 13 | Classes begin September 20

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House from 10 to 10:50 a.m. most Sundays of the school year. Contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions.

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May
Open House: September 13 | Classes begin September 20

Middle and high school youth are invited to the Parish House second floor for an exploration of life and faith with their peers, most Sundays at 10 a.m., during the school year. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

From September through May, youth in 6th grade and above are encouraged to participate during worship by 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

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

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



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 10:30 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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Sundays when scheduled

During the program year, this group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person, with weekly study materials provided by email. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. To join our email list or find out more, contact us via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

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: Glen Bootay, Krista Bradley, Stevan Johnson, Jim Mullins, Lydia Olson, and Jack Reiffer.

Friends and family of our parish: Olivia Beckett (Justin Dean), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Casey Byers (Eric Peters), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Paul Colloton (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), William and Jane Dennis (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Ann Dilworth (Sydney Brooks), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Leonard Edwards (Lauren Edwards), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), David Ferriero (Fruzsina Harsanyi), 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), Petros Kartos (Meg Carter), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Jane Lee (Claire Kim and Jess Unger), Laura Lynch (Wendy Fibison), Anne Lynch (Wendy Fibison), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More),

Allie Matthews (Carl and Mary Raether), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Mike (Susan Cardwell), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Mark Mousouris (Chris Northrop), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Susan Price (Richard Price), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Anne Shepherd (Jim Shepherd), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Ashley M. Smith (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Elena Sukenik (Holly Sukenik), Sunil (Susan Cardwell), Brad Todd (Pamela Venzke), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Bess Williamson (Wendy Fibison), Michele Wilson (Margo Wiegenstein), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

From our parish: Milton Chamberlain, Marcella Odom, Larry Redway, 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).

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Friends and family of our parish: John Russell Younger, August 21 (Patricia Leslie).

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BORN

From our parish: Emilia Wren Kozlowski, July 1 (Lara Kanitra and Kevin Kozlowski); and John Milliken Hague, August 21 (J.D. and Deidre Hague).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Bill Bode, Rachel Bright, Jamie Agnew, Casey Evans, Steve Faris, Paul Holder, Stevan Johnson, Gregory Mays, Ellen McPeake, Eric Peters, Sarah Platts, Beverly Roberts, Nancy Roe, Zain Sadqi, Courtney Severin, Harry Simonds, Will Stolar, Philip Tierney, Edwin U, Suzanne Whitmore, Elena Williams, and Tory Wood.

THOSE MARRIED IN RECENT DAYS

Friends and family of our parish: Peter Franklin Hailey and Kimberly Abbott Higgins, August 29 (Debby Hailey).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Charles and Sujatha Bergen, Susan and Timothy Heil, Bruce and Georgia Johnson, Lara Kanitra and Kevin Kozlowski, and Amy and Trey Whitworth.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Audrey Anikeeff (Tony Anikeeff and Tung Lin Wu), Faith Drow (Glen Bootay), 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*

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,

Members

Anya Kleymenova, *Treasurer*

Jane Reichard, *Assistant Treasurer*

Will Priest, *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

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for Parish Life
and New Member Ministry*

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

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

Lauren Goodyear, *Lay Minister for Children and Fam*

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Christopher Betts, *Associate Organist*

John Stowe, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Parish Administrator*

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*

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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