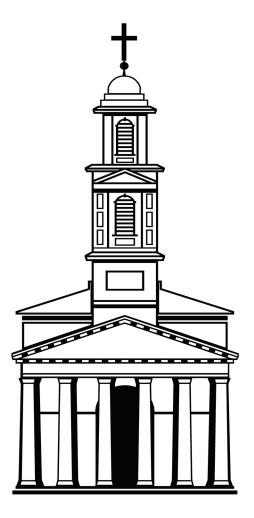
EASTER DAY April 20, 2025 + Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



SAINT JºHN'S CHURCH

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St. John's is a church for people of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, and viewpoints grounded in love. Whoever you are, we welcome you. Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square. All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**. Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

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

The special music program for Easter Day is made possible through generous donations from members of the Usher Guild.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S ON THIS EASTER DAY!

For more than 200 years people have gathered at St. John's on Easter to celebrate the triumph of life over death, of light over darkness—to celebrate Christ's resurrection. This morning as we celebrate the eternal light of the risen Christ, we begin our worship in silence and in darkness, with a single flame that symbolizes the hope brought by the light of Christ. As light enters our sanctuary, we hear the ancient words of the Exsultet, reminding us of the journey that has led to this sacred day.

If you are new or visiting today, please know that we are so glad that you are here, and that you are welcome at St. John's throughout the year. Ours is a community of faith grounded by tradition and steeped in history. We strive to be a place of grace at our corner of the nation's capital.

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia!



THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Please stand as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The procession pauses three times, and at each pause the following is sung.



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

THE EXSULTET

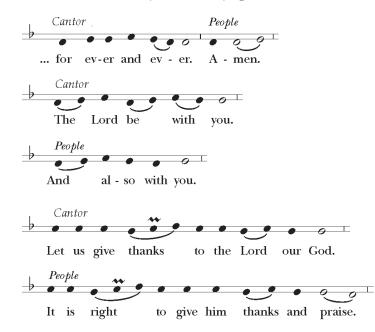
Chanted by Charlotte Stewart, cantor.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, ...



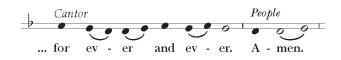
It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the day, when you brought our fathers and mothers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the day, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the day, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

Holy God, accept our morning sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns ...



EASTER ACCLAMATION AND PROCESSION

Alleluia. Christ is risen. Priest *People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.



HYMN 207 Sung by all.

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!



Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt. Brass arrangement: Craig Phillips (b. 1961).

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PriestThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PriestLet us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Mark Dennis.

Isaiah 65:17-25 11 a.m. Read by Joanne Hutton.

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

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

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

The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, * **but he did not hand me over to death.**

9 a.m. Led by Hilary West, said responsively by half verse. 11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by George Elvey (1816–1893).

> 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.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 210

The day of resurrection!

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



Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch..der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katolischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889). Brass arrangement: Robert Lehman (b. 1960).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Please remain standing as you are able.

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand as you are able.

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

Silence.

Intercessor People	For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
	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; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
1	For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, oppression, and war.
	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Intercessor People	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

9 a.m. Led by Frank Klotz. 11 a.m. Led by Brian Schoeneman.

Intercessor	For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican		
	Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle		
of Prayer, for Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda; Calvary Church, DC; and Church			
Atonement, DC. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all			
	and other ministers;		
People	For all who serve God in the Church.		

IntercessorFor the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord;PeopleFor your mercy is great.IntercessorWe thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;PeopleAnd praise your Name for ever and ever.IntercessorWe 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

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Sung by the choir, with brass ensemble.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head; and cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore; his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.

HYMN 205

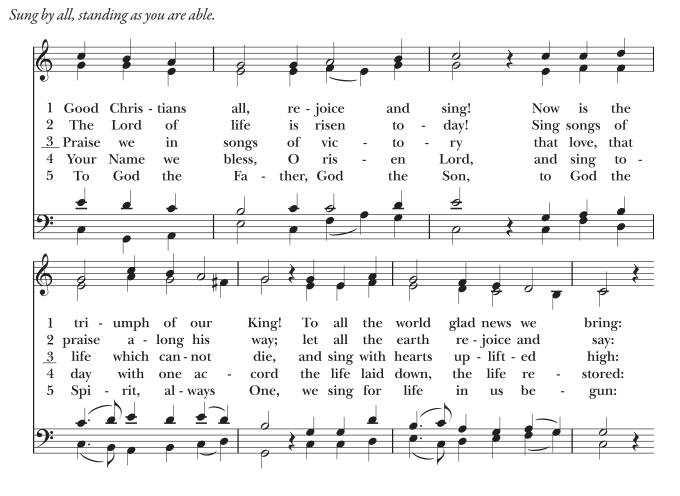
Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given; to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.

While we, his soldiers, praise our King, his mercy we implore, within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

—St. Fulbert of Chartres (c. 960–1028)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing





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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

PriestThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

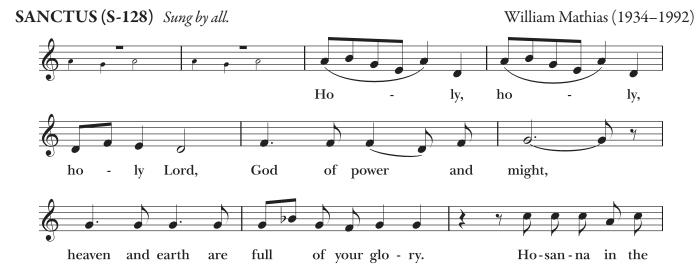
People We lift them to the Lord.

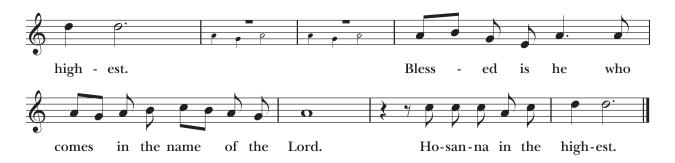
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:





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.

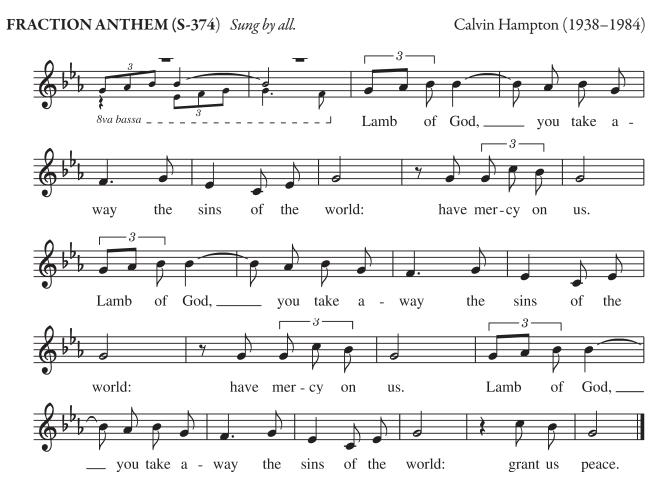
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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



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

Haec dies

William Byrd (1540–1623)

Sung by the choir.

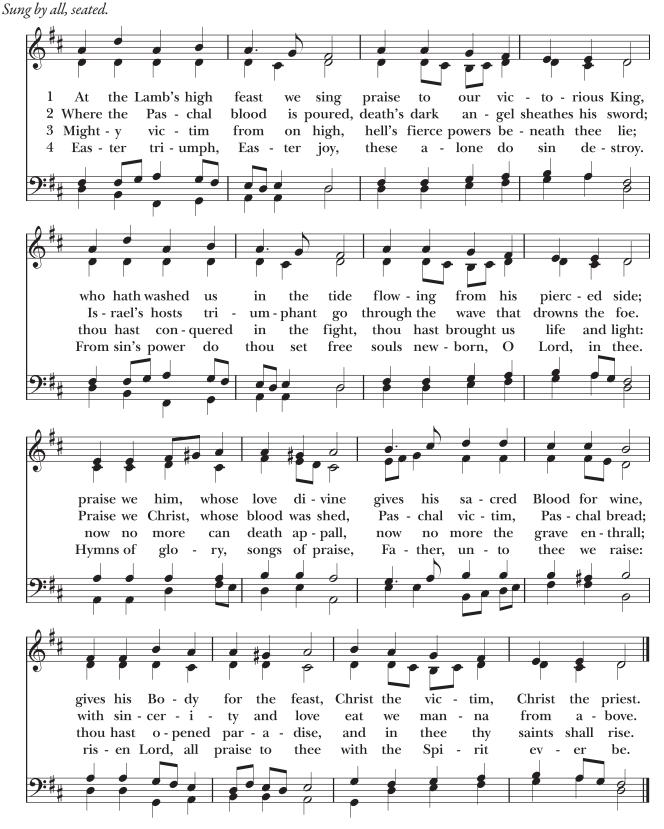
Haec dies quam fecit Dominus; exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

—Psalm 117:24

HYMN 174

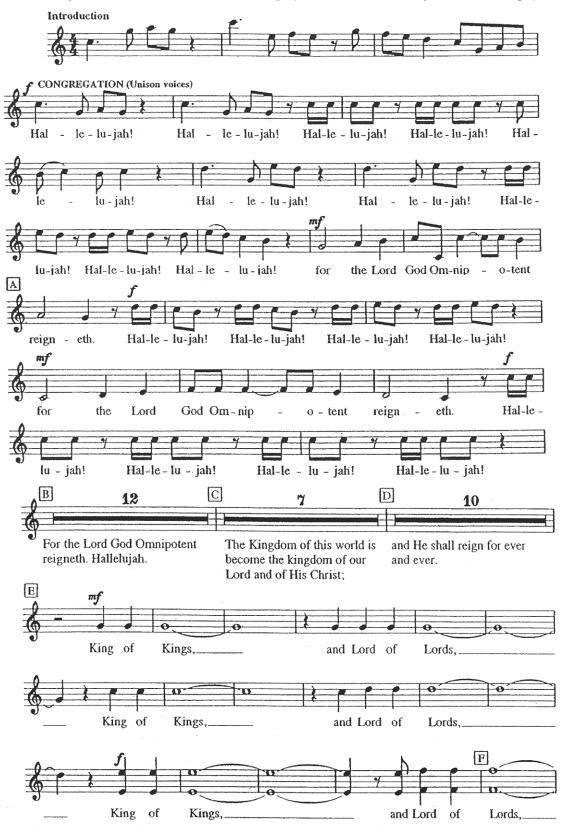
At the Lamb's high feast we sing

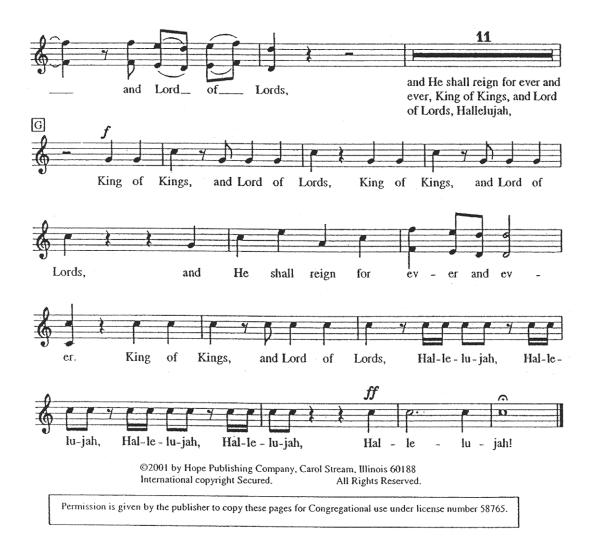


Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Brass arrangement: James Denman (b. 1952).

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

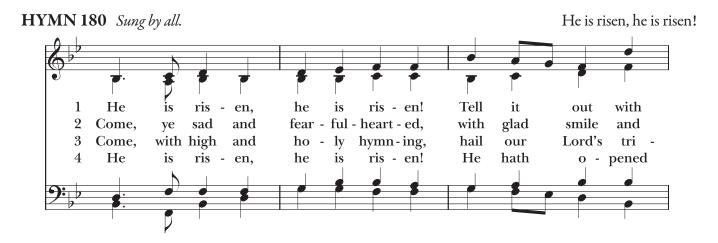
After the distribution of communion, the Post-Communion prayer will be the "Hallelujah Chorus," sung by all, standing.





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.**





Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680). Brass arrangement: Richard Webster.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. *People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

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BRASS ENSEMBLE

Dave Haglund and Scott Sabo, *Trumpets* + Lindsey Smith, *Trombone* Kate Fitzpatrick, *French Horn* + Jan Duga, *Tuba* + Tom Maloy, *Timpani*

CHOIR

Scout Fairbanks, Nathaniel Hersey, Beatrix Neal, and Sydney Shepherd, *Choristers*

Annette Anfinrud, Elissa Edwards, Whitley Herndon, Kerry Holahan, Christina Wilson, Tory Wood, and Kitty Zhou, *Sopranos*

Alison Adkins, Bonnie Alger, Cay Buser, Wendy J. Fibison, Sara Josey, Lisa Koehler, Katherine McClintic, LaFleur Paysour, Charlotte Stewart, and Margo Wiegenstein, *Altos*

Philip Anfinrud, Craig Burkhardt, David Evans, Austin Jordan, Carlos Reyes, Andrew Sauvageau, and William Watson, *Tenors*

Jeff Bozman, Justin Dean, Matthew Ford, Christopher Jones, Bill Josey, and Nathan Lofton, *Basses*

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE TODAY

Mike DuMond, *Crucifer* Robyne Johnston, Jack Reiffer, and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers* Bud Harrell, *Assistant Head Usher* + Martha Ellison and Tim Stuart, *Ushers* Desirée Stolar and Susan Welch, *Greeters*

Paul Barkett, Pat Dalby, Stephanie Green, Anne Harrington, Susan Heil, Joanne Hutton, Katherine Kyle, Sherill Mason, Catherine McGanity, Sara McGanity, and Leah Proffitt, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE TODAY

Eva Cavaleri, Assisting Clergy Beverly Roberts, Crucifer + Walker Crochet and Powe Rigby, Acolytes Paul Barkett, Kevin Cordova-Brookey, Doug Estes, and Caroline Mazzocchi, Chalice Bearers Anthony Pegues, Assistant Head Usher Tony Anikeeff, Susan Cardwell, Joe Daniels, and RJ Lyerly, Ushers Mark Cardwell and Caroline Faris, Greeters Jeremy Sheeler and Jeremy Skog, Livestream Technician

Paul Barkett, Pat Dalby, Stephanie Green, Anne Harrington, Susan Heil, Joanne Hutton, Katherine Kyle, Sherill Mason, Catherine McGanity, Sara McGanity, and Leah Proffitt, *Flower Guild*

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 April 20

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S



8 a.m. Eucharist with Hymns—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)

- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass & Percussion— Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Brass & Percussion— Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
 - Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)

SERVICE SCHEDULE April 21–25

No midday services Monday or Tuesday: Parish Office closed.

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

No noonday prayer on Friday: Memorial service (see below).

Palm Sunday—The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, Preacher8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

The Parish Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, April 21 and 22.

Wednesday, April 23

11 a.m. Staff Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

Friday, April 25

11 a.m. Memorial Service for Thomas Bleha

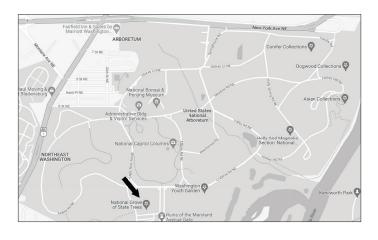
Saturday, April 26

10 a.m. Azalea Walk (Offsite; see next page) Pre-Baptismal Class (Togo West Parlor)

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

NATIONAL ARBORETUM AZALEA WALK Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m.



Please join us via Zoom to discuss *The Magician* by Colm Tóibín, an intriguing, fictionalized account of the life and times of Nobel Prize-winning German author Thomas Mann (1875–1955). The book

group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, please contact leader Janet Edmond via the online directory at stjohns-dc.org/ connect/directory.

SPRING NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Sunday, May 4, at 9 and 11 a.m.

St. John's will recognize new members of our community during worship on Sunday, May 4, at 9 and 11 a.m., and at a welcome reception in Togo West Parlor at noon. Come show your support for our growing community and get to know someone new.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m.

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity, but in May we will gather at St. Albans (3001 Wisconsin Avenue, NW) for a rooftop service and the chance to enjoy the Bishop's Garden. For more information, contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, 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: May 17 and June 21

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.

YOUTH LOCK-IN Saturday, May 17, at 4 p.m.

All middle and high-schoolers are invited to spend the night at St. John's—a safe, fun event designed for youth to play games, eat snacks, make communion bread, and prepare the Sunday parish lunch! Youth are welcome to invite their friends. RSVP at bit.ly/sjc-youth-event-51725. Questions? Contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

CHORAL EVENSONG Wednesday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m.

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

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.

There is no Speaker Series today, Easter Day.



April 27: The Increasing Threat of Microplastics. What do we know about how microplastics affect DC waterways and drinking water? What can we do to protect human health as well as the health of our environment? We will be joined by Dr. Jesse Meiller, a marine

ecologist and environmental toxicologist who teaches at Georgetown University as part of The Earth Commons Institute, where she investigates microplastics in water, sediment, and biological communities in the Chesapeake Bay, to increase awareness and understanding about the environmental and health effects of pollution.



May 4: Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, American Immigration Council Senior Fellow, will offer a talk titled "Current Policies Impacting Immigrants, Refugees, and Service Providers."

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

PLEDGING AT ST. JOHN'S

As of Wednesday, April 16, we had received 297 pledges for a total of \$1,170,482.

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



THANK YOU TO ...

... everyone who donated to the recent Refugee Committee supply drive or who offered their time to this important event! We delivered items and had a successful volunteer day at the Resource Center last Saturday. Please keep an eye out for future opportunities to help our newest neighbors.

RECOGNIZING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS Submit names by Sunday, May 4

Each spring, St. John's recognizes the graduating high school seniors in our parish. This year's recognition will take place on Sunday, May 11, at the 11 a.m. service. If you have (or are) a youth graduating from high school this year, please let us know by contacting the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website. Please include a recent photo, name of high school, a favorite St. John's memory or connection, and any plans after graduation. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, May 4.

GIVING OR RECEIVING SUPPORT

Many in our parish have livelihoods that are closely linked to the federal government. We have created a simple survey to learn what type of support might be helpful to them in this tumultuous time, and also what gifts, talents, and ideas our own parishioners have for offering help. You can access the survey at **bit.ly/sjc-assistance-survey**. It is designed for both those needing support and those wanting to offer it. For more information about this effort, read Rob's letter to the parish, which you can find at **bit.ly/sjc-helping-2025**.

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

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

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

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

April 20	No Lunch: Easter Day
April 27	Kwasa
May 4	New Member Reception: All welcome
May 11	No Lunch: Mothers Day
May 18	Youth Group
May 25	No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend
June 1	St. John's Pride
June 8	Pentecost Party



BAPTISMS

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

Sunday, April 27, at 11 a.m.

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

Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, November 2, at 9 a.m. Class: Saturday, November 1, at 10 a.m.

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

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

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY HOURS

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

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

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES Most Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.

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

YOUTH GROUP Most Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL Sundays during the sermon at 11 a.m. worship

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

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

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

CHORISTER PROGRAM

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

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

A pledge is a commitment of financial support payable over the course of a year that enables us to plan the work that we undertake in mission



and ministry. You can indicate a pledge commitment using this QR code or by visiting the **Give** tab on our website.

ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

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

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

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: Margo Arnold, Hyman Field, and David Springer.

Friends and family of our parish: Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Cliff Christians (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark Hallett (Livy More), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More),

Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Geri Shapiro (Jordan Baugh), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Ashley Smith Thomson (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Reuben Varghese (Krista and Larry Bradley), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

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

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Jeanne Arnold, Maggie Coppinger, Lafawn Davis, David Evans, Cathy Feig, Anne Harrell, Everett Haugh, Cliftine Jones, Mauricio Lovelace, Aidan Maher, Earl Matthews, Leah Proffitt, Katherine Seifert, Catherine Stolar, Paul Szczepanik, and Betsy Van Orman.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Caroline and Steve Faris, and Casey and Le Evans.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

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

The Easter flowers are given to the glory of God

AND IN MEMORY OF

Tim Allmond	Pauline Kieve
Raymond Barkett	Rudolph Kieve
The Christie family	Margaret & Albert Kirchenbauer
Christopher Warren Danello	John Kraft
Arthur & Hattie Ervin	Nita Gavaris Kraft
Daniel Espejel	Beth March
Elizabeth Fracaroli	Ann McClellan
Adolphus Gordon	Grosvenor & Nancy Nicholson
Agnes Lyn Gordon	Susan Peters
John Carsten Harper	Mary Montague Price
Anne Hager Harrington	Anthony Purcell, Sr.
Harold & Barbara Harris	Moses & Bessy Onwuamaegbu
Margaret Harsanyi	Donald H. Stewart, Jr.
Ruth Hughes	Joan M. Tambasco
David Hughes	The Trebing family
Wilson Hughes	Togo D. West, Jr.
Kathy Kieve	John Whitmore

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR

Rob FisherAlex and Arianne Kieve,Susie and Budd Hallbergand their child, Robyn KieveMichele HirzKate KieveMarlene IkedaNancy & Sandy MartinDavid Kieve and Kate Bedingfield, and
their children, Hugh and Margot KieveCarl & Mary RaetherAndrew and Bronwyn Kieve, and their
children, Rudy, Sonny, and Frankie KieveSolution

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WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

Vestry Leadership & Members Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden* Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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

> Nora Haugh, *Treasurer* Anya Kleymenova, *Assistant Treasurer* Allie Raether, *Secretary* Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher—James H. Czerwonky Head Greeters—Eleanor and Peter Odom

> Heads of Flower Guild Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

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The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector* The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, *Associate Rector* The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest for Engaging Local Communities* Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist* Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist* The Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and Young Adults*

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ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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