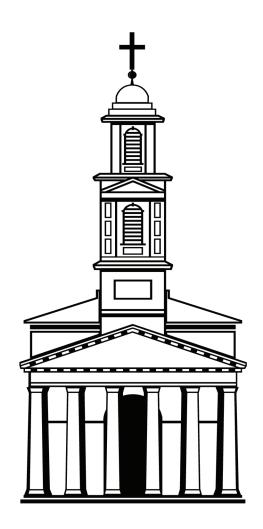
### THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 6, 2025 → Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

Fife and Drum Service



# 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.

The special music for today's service is made possible by donations from generous parishioners and is offered to the glory of God, and thanksgiving for freedom, our family, and all of God's blessings, and in memory of Samuel J. Watson III and in thanksgiving for Peter T. Watson.

### **MUSIC NOTES**

Mary Howe was a prolific American composer and pianist and patron of a burgeoning musical life in Washington, D.C. She married lawyer Walter Howe here at St. John's, Lafayette Square, on December 6, 1911, and together they became co-founders of the National Symphony Orchestra. Later in her career, Ms. Howe served on the board of the National Cultural Center, later renamed the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Her symphonic works were performed by the National Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, and the Vienna Philharmonic. Her solo song Great Land of Mine was published in 1955 and dedicated to the suffragist and fellow music advocate Anne Gannett.



The Battle Hymn of the Republic is an American patriotic song with roots close to home. In November 1861, abolitionist and suffragist Julia Ward Howe visited Washington, D.C., during the early days of the American Civil War. As she was touring Union army encampments with the Rev. James Freeman Clarke, they heard troops singing the well-known marching song "John Brown's Body." Clarke turned to Howe and boldly suggested that she consider writing new words to the popular tune. As she later recounted the story:

"I awoke in the gray of the early dawn and to my astonishment found that the wished-for lines were arranging themselves in my brain. I lay quite still until the last verse had completed itself in my thoughts, then hastily arose, saying to myself, 'I shall lose this if I don't write it down immediately."

In February 1862, she sold her poem to *The Atlantic Monthly* for five dollars. Her text is full of biblical imagery and takes direct aim at slavery and the cause of the Civil War: "As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free while God is marching on."

Among our most quintessentially American composers, Aaron Copland broke from the strong European influence of the 19th century and created a new sound rooted in the cultural traditions of North America. His music incorporated cowboy tunes, elements of jazz, and Shaker hymns. Works like "Appalachian Spring" and "Billy the Kid" evoked the Western expanse and open landscape. Copland wrote his first set of *Old American Songs* at the invitation of Benjamin Britten. They premiered in 1950 at the Music and Art Festival in Aldeburgh, England, and met with such success that he soon began work on a second set. In **At the River**, Copland sets a beloved American hymn. Originally written by Baptist minister Robert Lowry in 1865, the text opens with the warm invitation "Shall we gather by the river?" and goes on to paint a picture of eternal peace and comfort—a welcome sentiment at the end of the Civil War.





Perhaps the most famous march ever written, **Stars and Stripes Forever** was conceived of while composer **John Philip Sousa** traveled aboard the ocean liner *Teutonic* on his way home from Europe. In his own words:

"As [the *Teutonic*] steamed out of the harbor on my return from Europe in 1896, came one of the most vivid incidents of my career. As I paced the deck, absorbed in thought, suddenly I began to sense the rhythmic beat of a band playing within my brain. It kept on ceaselessly, playing, playing, playing. Throughout the whole tense voyage, that imaginary band continued to unfold the same themes, echoing and reechoing the most distinct melody. I did not transfer a note of that music to paper while I was on the steamer, but when we reached the shore, I set down the measures that my brain-band had been playing for me, and not a note of it has ever changed."

Later, he would add: "In a kind of dreamy way I used to think over old days at Washington when I was leader of the Marine Band . . . when we played at all public official functions, and I could see the Stars and Stripes flying from the flagstaff in the grounds of the White House just as plainly as if I were back there again."

—Brent Erstad, Director of Music & Organist

### 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.

**VOLUNTARY** Adoration Florence Price (1887–1953)

**INTROIT** Great Land of Mine Mary Howe (1882–1964)

Sung by Christopher Jones.

Homeland, my country that I love, hold out your arms to me. We strive for you, we give you the best that we hope to be. God, keep now our faith all alive, guard us from all the evils that drive. Guard us! We now do beseech thee! Keep all our freedom clear. Courage! Guard us! Keep the faith! God of ours, guard us! My country that I love, hold out your arms to me and make us strong to give you the most we can hope to be. Keep us by your side. We give you here our loyalty and life, O homeland, my country that I serve, that I love. Hold us all forever free, great land of mine.

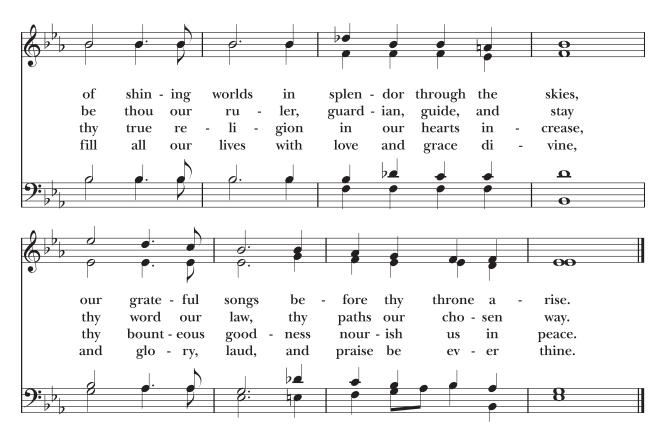
—Anonymous

### **HYMN 718**

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand

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





Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907). Music: National Hymn, George William Warren (1828-1902).

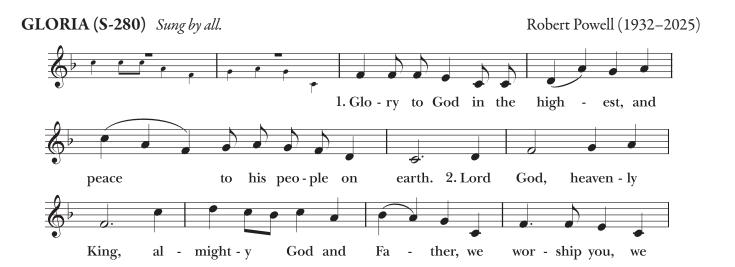
### THE WORD OF GOD

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.** 





### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

Read by Kingsley Afemikhe.

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

### PSALM 66:1-8

Said responsively by half verse, led by Elizabeth Morrison.

Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*

sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*

because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you, \*

sings to you, sings out your Name."

Come now and see the works of God,\*

how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

He turned the sea into dry land,

so that they went through the water on foot, \*

and there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*

let no rebel rise up against him.

Bless our God, you peoples; \*
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, \*

and will not allow our feet to slip.

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 554**

'Tis the gift to be simple

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



Words: Shaker Song, 18th cent. Music: Simple Gifts, Joseph Brackett (1797–1822).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter

a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

**THE SERMON**The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

### 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 Brian Cordova-Brookey.

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, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

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

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

People For your mercy is great.

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

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

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died . . . , that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

### **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**

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr. Peter Wilhousky (1902–1978)

Sung by the choir.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.

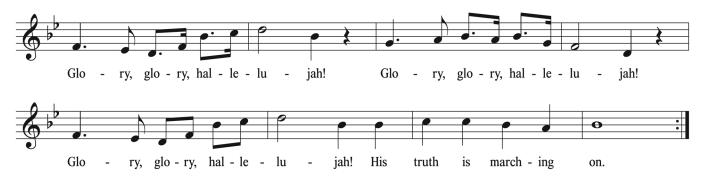
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps; they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read his righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps: His day is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me: As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on.

The people stand and join in singing the final chorus.



—Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910)

### **HYMN**

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



Words: Lloyd Stone (1912–1993). Music: Finlandia, Jean Sibelius (1865–1957).

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

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

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

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

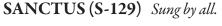
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

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

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

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

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



Robert Powell



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.

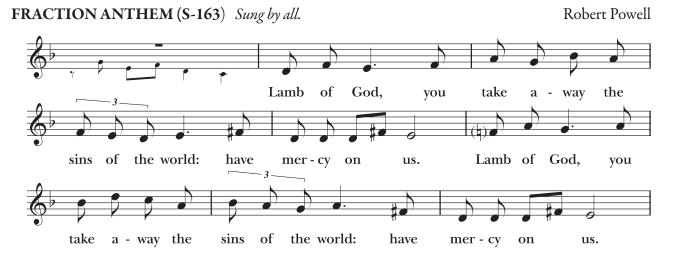
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

### 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





### 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**

At the River

arr. Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Sung by the choir.

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

—Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

HYMN LEVAS 8 Deep River

Sung by all, seated.





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

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

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

When scheduled, the Priest offers a communion kit to any Lay Eucharistic Minister doing a home visit, saying

On behalf of God and St. John's Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you will visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

*Priest* Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

The service continues with the hymn on the next page.

### **HYMN 719**

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: Materna, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).

### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. People Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY** 

The Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa (1854–1932)

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

### **ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE**

Kurt Dupuis and Christian Ferrari, *Trumpet*Elizabeth Plunk, *Piccolo*Tom Maloy, *Percussion* 

Paul Barkett, Crucifer \* Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Robyne Johnston, Chalice Bearers

Jeff Agnew, Assistant Head Usher \* Doug Estes, Claire Kim, Tim Stuart, and Jess Unger, Ushers

Eleanor Odom and Sarah Wood, Greeters \* Katherine Kyle, Flower Guild

Ryan Wagner, Livestream Technician

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,
you may leave it at the end of the pew as you depart or place it in a blue recycling bin.

# 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 July 6

## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Refugee School Supply Drive: Final Sunday (see next page)

8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher

9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon (Parish House Second Floor)

10:30 a.m. Annual Fife and Drum Service—Choral

Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher

Children's Chapel (children begin in church)

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,

or Parish House First Floor)

Ice Cream Social (see next column)

Church Tour (see next page)

### **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: C Street, SE; and Woodpark Lane, Columbia.

### SING WITH THE SUMMER CHOIR

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

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



# FIFE AND DRUM SERVICE Today at 10:30 a.m.

Join us this morning for our annual Fife and Drum service featuring the Summer Choir and guest musicians offering music in celebration of Independence Day. Highlights include "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Stars and Stripes Forever," and other music representative of the history and culture of America.

### STICK AROUND FOR THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Everyone who attends the 10:30 a.m. service will receive a coupon redeemable for one free ice cream or popsicle. Omar, who operates an ice cream cart on our corner, will be on the Plaza to receive coupons.



### FEDERAL WORKERS SUPPORT GROUP Today at 11:45 a.m., Third Floor Conference Room

Clergy and lay leaders will hold space for federal workers and others affected by recent changes to their work environment to offer support during this time of loss and uncertainty. We will meet in the third-floor conference room to provide an hour of fellowship and support while we engage the depth and strength of our faith.

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







# 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 J. Price.



# REFUGEE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Last Sunday for donations

The Refugee Committee is concluding its annual backpack and school supply drive for K through 5th-grade refugee youth. Please help welcome refugee students to our area by donating brand-new school supplies such as backpacks, three-ring binders (1- to 2-inch), packs of loose-leaf wide-ruled paper, composition books, wide-ruled wirebound notebooks, folders with pockets, #2 pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, pencil boxes or pouches, hand-held pencil sharpeners, hand-held erasers, glue sticks, child-safe scissors, and rulers with both inches and centimeters. You can deliver new supplies under the portico of the church facade before or after the 10:30 a.m. service today. You can also donate through the Amazon Wish List found at bit.ly/refugee-school-supplies-2025. Questions? Contact Lacy Broemel through our website.

### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

July 7-13

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

5 p.m.—RSCM Choral Evensong (see below)

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, July 7

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

Tuesday, July 8

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

Thursday, July 10

5 p.m. RSCM Choral Evensong (see below)



# RSCM EVENSONG WITH GUEST CONDUCTOR Thursday, July 10, at 5 p.m.

Join us for a special service of Choral Evensong sung by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) D.C. Residency Choir. The choir will include musicians from around the country who are gathered in D.C. for a week of study, rehearsal, and liturgy. The conductor of the choir is Dr. Jeremy Filsell, recently of St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York City. Please join us in welcoming this wonderful group of church musicians to St. John's.

### **NEWS & NOTICES**



### **BELL TOWER THANKS**

We are grateful to the many donors who supported the St. John's bell tower and roof repair campaign. The project came in on time and under budget! And, between gifts and pledges, we have raised all the funds to cover all costs. To thank those who donated, we will create a plaque that will be placed permanently within the bell tower. In the meantime, we've made a draft, which is posted on the wall near the H Street entrance. If you see anything that needs correcting, please let us know. Most of all, thank you to everyone who helped make this campaign a success.

#### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ...?

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

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

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

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

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

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



# LATROBE FELLOWSHIP AT THE BALLPARK! Friday, July 18, at 6:45 p.m.

On Friday, July 18, members of St. John's Latrobe Fellowship will join with congregants from Episcopal parishes around the diocese to catch a Nationals home game. Tickets are \$54 each. In an effort to be seated in the same area, RSVP to the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website. You can purchase your tickets at bit.ly/natsjuly-2025.

### ERIC BAILEY'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m.

All are warmly invited to Eric Bailey's ordination to the priesthood at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, at Washington



National Cathedral. Eric is our new Assistant for Youth, Young Adults, and New Member Engagement. He has been serving at St. John's since the summer of 2024, and received his M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary in May 2025. Join us in celebrating this special occasion in Eric's life and the life of the wider church.

### **GRACE'S TABLE**

Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. *Upcoming Dates: July 19 and August 16* 

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread

God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

# FILL BACKPACKS FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS Sunday, July 20, at 11:30 a.m.

Please join the Refugee Committee after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, July 20, to fill backpacks with the school supplies we've collected. We welcome volunteers of any age to our assembly line—and we offer thanks to all who have given supplies to this effort. Questions? Contact Lacy Broemel at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

# SUMMER POST-CHURCH POTLUCK Sunday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m.

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



# LATROBE FELLOWSHIP RIVER CRUISE Sunday, July 27, 2–4 p.m.

Those 21+ are invited to join us for a relaxing tiki cruise out on the water. The boat departs at 2:15 p.m. from 3100 K Street, NW, and we should finish around 4 p.m. Tickets are \$45 each, drinks paid separately. RSVP at bit.ly/latrobecruise-july-27. Questions? Contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

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

St. John's Book Group is taking a brief hiatus this summer. Our next meeting will take place virtually on Thursday, August 7, at 7 p.m. to share individual recommendations for great books. On Thursday, September 11, we will gather to discuss *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray. Set in Ireland, the novel is a thought-provoking tour de force about family, fortune, and the struggle to be a good person when the world is falling apart. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



### **BAPTISMS**

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

Sunday, November 2, at 9 a.m.

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

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

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

Sunday, February 15, at 9 a.m.

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

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

### FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### **NURSERY HOURS**

Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon

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

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays during 10:30 a.m. worship

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

The following programs for children and youth are currently on summer hiatus and will resume after Labor Day:

### **CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES**

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

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

### **YOUTH GROUP**

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

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

### THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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

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

### **CHORISTER PROGRAM**

### From September through May

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

### REMINDERS

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

### Occasional summer Sundays via Zoom

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

### FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

#### LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

### 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.



#### 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.

### 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, Debby Hailey, Veronica Jones, Barney Malloy, David Springer, Jocelyn Tichenor, and Mary Wilson.

Friends and family of our parish: Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Julie Ellis (Preston Cherouny), 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), Teri Nelson (Lisa Koehler), Patrick

Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Norm Phillips (Susan Cardwell), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Ashley Smith Thomson (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Reuben Varghese (Krista and Larry Bradley), Jim Wardrop (Jack Reiffer), Wendy Wardwell (Jim and Pat Czerwonky), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-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, Marcella Odom, and Becky Schergens.

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

From our parish: Barney Malloy.

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

#### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Garry Dalby, Justin Dean, Anna Demarest, Kimberly Dozier, Barbie Harper, Robert Harrington, Gustavus Johnson, Bill Kaye, Catherine Koch, John Lucio, Catherine Morefield, KayAnn Schoeneman, Brian Schoeneman, Riley Temple, and Devin Urness.

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Robert Chrystal and Chris Jones, John and Laura Herzog, and Margy Slattery and Toby Stock.

### THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

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



### **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

### Worship & Program Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, Rector
The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, Associate Rector
The Rev. William Morris, Assisting Priest
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Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist
Lyn Loewi, Associate Organist
The Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, Assistant for Youth,
Young Adults, and New Member Engagement

#### Staff

Preston Cherouny, Chief Operating Officer
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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.

### **Parish House**

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