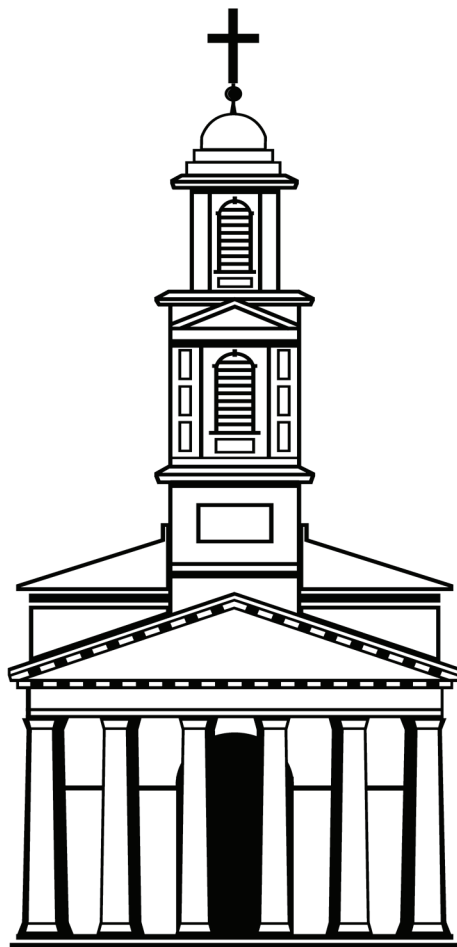


THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

*St. John's is a church for people of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,
and viewpoints grounded in love. Whoever you are, we welcome you.*

Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.

*All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.*

Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

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

Please refrain from taking photos and videos during services.

VOLUNTARY

“Lantana” and “Salix” from *Plymouth Suite*

Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)

HYMN 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

A song to the Lamb (*Dignus es*)

Benjamin Pierce Straley (b. 1986)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then repeated by all.



For you created every thing that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being; *Refrain*

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
from every family, language, people, and nation,
a kingdom of priests to serve our God. *Refrain*

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore. *Refrain*

—*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10–4:11

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Jessica Sanchez.

11 a.m. Read by Powell Hutton.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning;

for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-8

9 a.m. Led by Mark Dennis, said responsively by half verse.

11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by William Crotch (1775–1847)

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

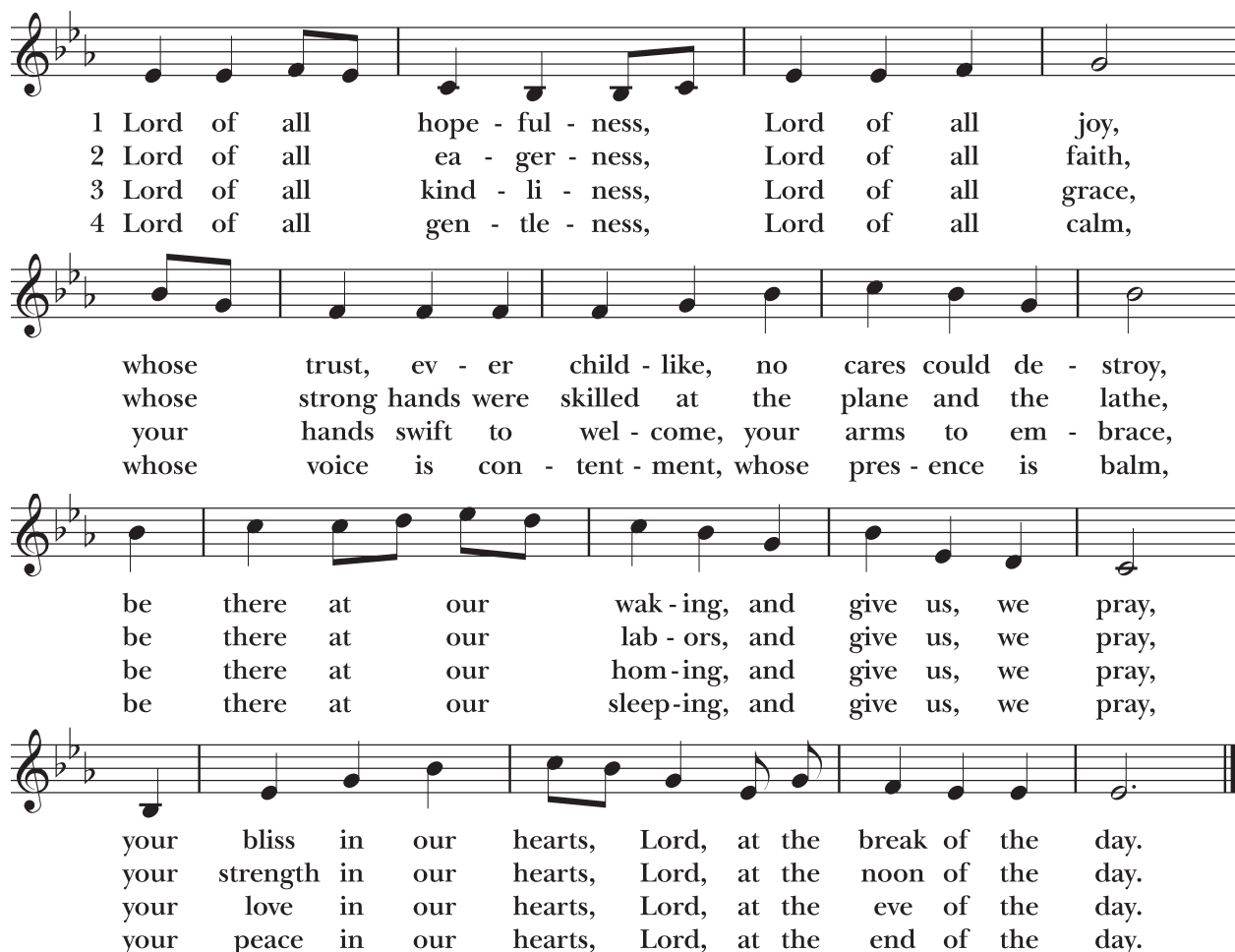
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Children’s Chapel in the Parish House: All who wish may gather in front of the pulpit at the start of the hymn, departing together and returning at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.

GRADUAL HYMN 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953). By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also

received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Eric Bailey

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

9 a.m. Led by Peter Odom.

Please remain standing as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Katherine Bliss.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

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 St. Matthew's Church/San Mateo, Hyattsville; and St. Matthew's Day School, Hyattsville. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. For Donald, our President, and for the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially . . . Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially . . . Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, . . . , that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **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.

COMMISSIONING OF THE CHOIRS

(11 a.m. only) Members of the choirs are invited to stand as the Rector says

From the earliest days of God's people, music has given voice to faith and praise: Moses and Miriam led the Israelites in songs of praise after God delivered them through the Red Sea; King David appointed Asaph and his brothers to offer songs of praise when the Ark was brought into Jerusalem; and our Lord himself joined his disciples in singing a psalm on the night before his death. In every age God has called upon voices to lead his people in song. Today we set the choirs of St. John's Church apart for this calling.

The Rector addresses the Director of Music, saying

Are you prepared to recommend these persons to the ministry of the Parish Choir and St. John's Choir?

Director of Music I am.

The Rector addresses the members of the choirs, saying

Are you called to this ministry and prepared to accept that call with diligence and devotion?

Choirs We are.

Rector Will you commit yourself to provide faithful musical leadership for the liturgies of this church?

Choirs We will.

The Rector addresses the congregation, saying

Will you as a congregation do all in your power to uphold these persons in their ministry?

People We will.

Rector In the name of God and on behalf of the congregation, I commission you as members of the choirs of St. John's, and pray God's blessing on this ministry, which is vital to our worship.

Let us pray.

People O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Hymn for St. Cecilia

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Sung by the choir.

Sing for the morning's joy, Cecilia, sing, in words of youth and praises of the spring,
walk the bright colonnades by fountains' spray, and sing as sunlight fills the waking day;
till angels, voyaging in upper air, pause on a wing and gather the clear sound
into celestial joy, wound and unwound, a silver chain, or golden as your hair.

Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth, in words of music, and each word a truth;
 marriage of heart and longings that aspire, a bond of roses, and a ring of fire.
 Your summertime grows short and fades away, terror must gather to a martyr's death;
 but never tremble, the last indrawn breath remembers music as an echo may.

Through the cold aftermath of centuries, Cecilia's music dances in the skies;
 lend us a fragment of the immortal air, that with your choiring angels we may share,
 a word to light us thro' time-fettered night, water of life, or rose of paradise,
 so from the earth another song shall rise to meet your own in heaven's long delight.

—Ursula Vaughan Williams (1911–2007)

HYMN 420

When in our music God is glorified

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



All sing When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
All sing How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
All sing So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
Choir only And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
All sing Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____



1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
 3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
 4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
 5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____



1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (S-128) *Sung by all.*

William Mathias (1934–1992)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Please stand or kneel as you are able. The priest continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-165) *Sung by all.*

William Mathias

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Wait for an usher to call your pew to come forward. You will first be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available by request) and then offered wine by a lay server. You may either sip the wine or dip your wafer into the wine. Receiving the bread alone is a valid way to share in the Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. All may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Sung by the choir.*

At 9 a.m.

Simile est regnum caelorum

Cristobal Morales (c. 1500–1553)

Simile est regnum caelorum homini patri familias, qui exiit primo mane, conducere operarios, in vineam suam. Et egressus circa horam tertiam, vidit alios stantes in foro otiosos, et dixit illis: Ite et vos in vineam meam et quod justum fuerit dabo vobis.

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them: “Go also into my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is just.”

—*Matthew 20:1, 3, 4*

At 11 a.m.

In our service

Thomas Hewitt Jones (b. 1984)

No gilded throne nor gleaming crown of sapphire
can sure outshine an earthly vow to serve,
to live with dignity.

With humble stewardship and sacrifice,
a pledge of unity: a vow of love.

Though earthly rulers’ roles are often fleeting,
truth comes to those who nobly dare
to live a life of constancy;
to love as Jesus has commanded us,
a living ministry: an act of love.

So ev’ry day, we strive to do what’s right;
not choosing spite, nor breeding hate.

A life of faith and honesty.

As courage is the key to progress,
we’ll surely journey on, sustained by love.

The truth is, Christ gives the pattern for our love;
and surely love will life sustain.

With endless grace of heart and mind,
a life lived ever in God’s service:
a faithful Child of God, to show us holy life,
and in eternity, a vow of love.

—*Thomas Hewitt Jones (with inspiration from speeches by Queen Elizabeth II)*

HYMN 659

O Master, let me walk with thee

Sung by all, seated.



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 (Help me the slow of heart to) move by some clear,
3 (Teach me thy pa - tience; still with) thee in clos - er,
4 (in hope that sends a shin - ing) ray far down the



paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy sec - ret; help me
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward feet to
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith sweet and
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly thou canst



bear the strain of toil, the fret of
stay, and guide them in the home - ward
strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver
give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me



care. 2 Help me the slow of heart to
way. 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with
wrong, 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing
live.

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

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

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

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

THE BLESSING

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

HYMN 522 *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

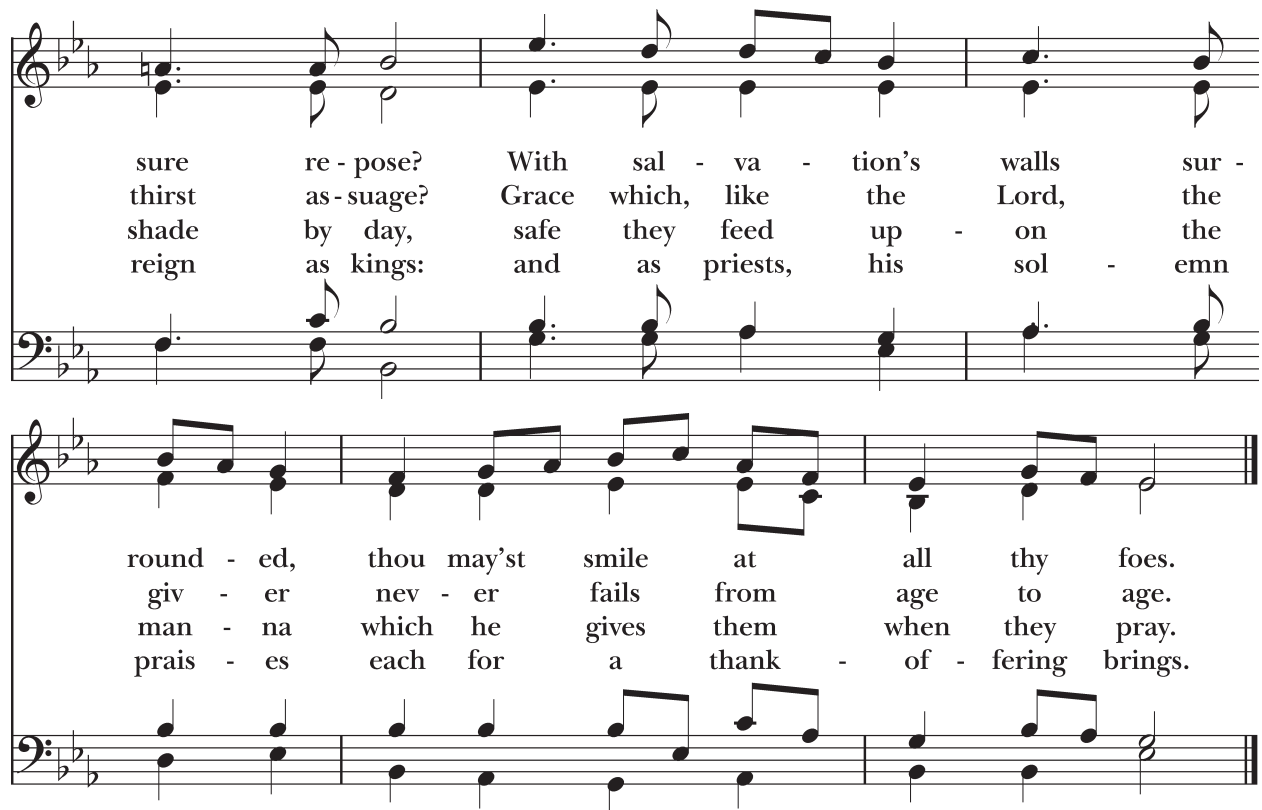
Glorious things of thee are spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to



sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
man - na which he gives them when they pray.
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809);

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

“Toccata” from *Plymouth Suite*

Percy Whitlock

MUSIC NOTES

Today's offertory anthem is a fitting coda to the annual Commissioning of the Choirs. In 1960, Herbert Howells was commissioned to write a choral anthem for a gathering of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, the ancient London guild devoted to the art and craft of music. He collaborated with the poet Ursula Vaughan Williams, widow of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, to create a work honoring Saint Cecilia, patron saint of music and musicians. Together they created a whimsical portrait of Cecilia amid a classical landscape of colonnades and fountains, with angels gathering overhead. The imagery draws together the beauty of art, music, and architecture in the worship of God and the harmony of heaven.

The communion anthem, *In our service*, was commissioned by the Royal School of Church Music in 2022 to mark the platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Taking inspiration from the Queen's own words, Thomas Hewitt Jones wrote a text centered on service, faith, and love. The choirs sing it today as a reminder that offering music in worship is itself an act of service, bringing our individual gifts together in a shared ministry to God, to our congregation, and to the many visitors who enter our church.

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

and in memory of Peter John Roehrich (1982–2023).

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Kenny Kraft, *Crucifer* | Lauren Goodyear and Byron Poindexter, *Chalice Bearers*
Anthony Pegues, *Assistant Head Usher* | Fruzsina Harsanyi and Patricia Leslie, *Ushers*
Becca Brown Todd and Roderick Todd, *Greeters*
Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Beverly Roberts, *Crucifer* | Isabel Dennis and Lily Venzke, *Acolytes*
Laurie Adams and Doug Estes, *Chalice Bearers*
Matt Bode, *Assistant Head Usher*
Tony Anikeeff, RJ Lyerly, and Jess Unger, *Ushers*
Cameron Smith and Patrick Smith, *Greeters*
Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*
Ella Han and Jeremy Skog, *Livestream Technicians*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

*Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a “Welcome” card and leaving it in the offering plate or giving it to an usher or greeter. **Free valet parking** is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays; look for the valet sign at the corner of 16th and H streets, NW. Find us on **Instagram** at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare or visit stjohns-dc.org for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.*

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Announcements for the Week of September 20

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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

Preaching this morning: The Rev. Eric Bailey

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
St. John's 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 Sermon
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Ministry Fair (see next column)
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)
Combined Choirs (Sanctuary)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Ministry Fair (see next column)

FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help us brighten the day of parishioners by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel most Sundays of the year. A card is attached to each vase with contact information.

No flower deliveries are needed today. Please check again next week to see whether an address is located near you.



GET INVOLVED! COME TO THE MINISTRY FAIR Today after the 9 and 11 a.m. services | Togo West Parlor

Are you looking for ways to get involved in our church community? Look no further than our annual Ministry Fair, where you'll have the opportunity to explore ministries and find the perfect fit. Whether you're passionate about our church community, participating in worship, reaching out to the wider community, or helping with Christian education and formation, there's a ministry for you! Representatives from each ministry will be available to answer any questions. Come to Togo West Parlor and learn about ministry goals and activities, as well as the time commitment and training required. Contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website to learn more.

SERVICE SCHEDULE | September 21–27

- Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
- Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
- Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
- Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
- Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer
- Sunday**—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher
 - 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
 - 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
 - 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 26

5 p.m. Parents' Night Out (see below)

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, September 26, 5–7:30 p.m.

Kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza while parents and caregivers enjoy an evening out. **RSVP by Monday, September 21**, to bit.ly/pno-sept-2026. Questions? Please contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

COMING UP

CHORAL EVENSONG

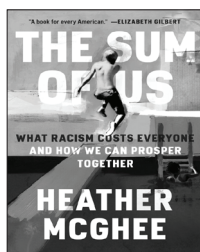
**Observing the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels
Wednesday, September 30, at 5:30 p.m.**

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong is sung by the St. John's Choir on the last Wednesday of most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. The service will also be available via livestream on our website. Parking validation for Evensong is available in the garage at 1575 I Street, NW. When asked for payment (upon arrival), indicate that you will return with a validated ticket from St. John's good for free parking.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, October 1, at 7 p.m.

Join us to discuss *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee. Embarking on a deeply personal cross-country journey, the author explores the



idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others. In unlikely places of worship and work, McGhee finds proof of what she calls the Solidarity Dividend: the gains that accrue when people come together across race to accomplish what we simply can't do on our own. The book group typically meets the first Thursday of the month via Zoom. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4, at 9 a.m.

Humans of all ages and pets of all varieties are welcome! The Blessing of the Animals will take place during the 9 a.m. service. Leashed or crated pets are invited into the sanctuary for worship that will last less than an hour. The Blessing of the Animals is often held in early October to coincide with the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), the patron saint of animals and the environment.

ACOLYTE TRAINING | Sunday, October 4, 10 a.m.

Youth in sixth grade and above are invited to gather in the sanctuary to learn about the acolytes ministry. Acolytes assist with worship by serving as torch bearers or crucifers and by helping set the altar for communion. This is an opportunity to be more directly involved in worship, learn more about the church's traditions, and serve alongside friends. No experience needed! Contact Vincent Scauzzo via our online Ministry Directory with questions.

WOMEN OF ALL AGES: YOU'RE INVITED TO TEA WITH THE SISTERS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, October 4, at noon

Women of all ages are warmly invited to join the Sisters of St. John's for tea (hot and cold) served with small sandwiches and desserts. The Sisters gather throughout the

year for social and giving activities, in addition to offering an annual retreat and supporting one another in times of need. Come meet our members and learn more about this group! **RSVP by Wednesday, September 30**, via the online Ministry Directory on the Connect tab of our website.

PARISH LUNCH | “WELCOME BACK” POTLUCK
New Date: Sunday, October 4, at noon

Please let Holly Sukenik know what you can bring to share and whether you are able to help set up, serve, or clean up.

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

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

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

FALL PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE & HOSTS	
September 27	Join us for a special reception!
October 4	“Welcome Back” Potluck (see details above)
October 11	Flower Guild
October 18	
October 25	No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon
November 1	
November 8	New Members Reception: All invited!
November 15	Sisters at St. John’s
November 22	
November 29	No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend
December 6	
December 13	
December 20	No Lunch
December 27	No Lunch

LATROBE FELLOWSHIP OKTOBERFEST
Wednesday, October 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. Join us in October for a festive fall celebration with seasonal activities, food, and beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic). For more details or to connect with the group, contact Will Yale via the Ministry Directory tab on our website.



THE 2026 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS’ CLASS
Saturdays, October 10 & 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John’s? Or are you just interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John’s Church? Either way, please join the two-day Fall Adult Inquirers’ Class, led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, on Saturdays, October 10 and 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website to learn more or register for this class.

GRACE’S TABLE
Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
Upcoming dates: October 17 and November 21

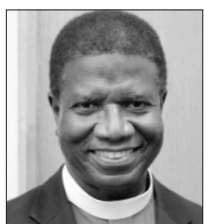
Grace’s Table is an outreach partnership between St. John’s and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John’s prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to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

SPEAKER SERIES

The Speaker Series is held most Sundays from September through May at 10 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor on the first floor of the Parish House. An audio recording will be available on our website the week after each talk.



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



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



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



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

NEWS & NOTICES

BEING WITH: A COURSE EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

Monday evenings, 6:30–8 p.m., starting October 12

This fall we are once again excited to offer a hybrid course called *Being With*, to be led by parishioners Elizabeth Field and Alex Smith. It is an opportunity to explore faith through honest conversations and storytelling—no prior knowledge or experience needed. The course is about showing up and letting the Spirit meet you there. *Being With* is open to everyone, especially those who are curious about faith, with sessions lasting 90 minutes. Enrollment is

capped at 10, and participants' schedules should allow them to attend most sessions. Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions. Sign up at bit.ly/sjc-being-with-2026.

INVITATION TO DC LISTENING SESSION

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) is encouraging partner congregations, DC residents, and others to voice their priorities at a series of listening sessions hosted this fall by Democratic mayoral nominee Janeese Lewis George. Come advocate for Ward 2, the neighborhood around St. John's, on Wednesday, September 30, 5:30–8:30 p.m. Details and signup are available at bit.ly/fall-2026-sessions.

DO YOU GIVE TO US ONLINE?

If so, please keep reading for a change that affects you

We have corrected a typo in the URL for our donation and parish directory platform, Realm. If you have a bookmark saved on your computer, the link will need updating. Please use the donation link on our website or this new QR code to reach our Realm site.



FOR THOSE SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED

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

Sunday, November 1, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, January 10, at 11 a.m.

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

Sunday, February 7, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, February 6, at 10 a.m.

FEDERAL WORKERS | Giving or receiving support

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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE IN 2027



OXFORD, LONDON, AND CANTERBURY

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

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

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

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

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY CARE | Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

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

Most Sundays, kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the 9 and 11 a.m. services. Children gather by the pulpit at the start of the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song, homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. Questions? Contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

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

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House from 10 to 10:50 a.m. most Sundays of the school year.

Contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions.

YOUTH GROUP

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

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

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

From September through May, youth in 6th grade and above are encouraged to participate during worship by serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. Contact Vincent Scauzzo via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory for details.

REMINDERS

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

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



LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

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

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

SECURITY MEASURES AT ST. JOHN'S

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Sundays when scheduled

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

Adult Bible Study will resume on Sunday, September 27.

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

Praying for those in need is an important part of our life together. Contact the Pastoral Care team via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at stjohns-dc.org to add yourself, family, or friends to our prayer list. Names of friends and family who are not members of the congregation are followed by the name of the parishioner making the request.

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Glen Bootay, Krista Bradley, Stevan Johnson, Lydia Olson, and Jack Reiffer.

Friends and family of our parish: Olivia Beckett (Justin Dean), Earl Billings (Chase Rynd) Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Casey Byers (Eric Peters), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Paul Colloton (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), William and Jane Dennis (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Ann Dilworth (Sydney Brooks), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Leonard Edwards (Lauren Edwards), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), David Ferriero (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Chantay Griffin (Charley Griffin and Gee Gee Bryant), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Petros Kartos (Meg Carter), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Jane Lee (Claire Kim and Jess Unger), Laura Lynch (Wendy Fibison), Anne Lynch (Wendy Fibison), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Allie Matthews (Carl and Mary Raether), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Mike (Susan Cardwell), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Mark Mousouris (Chris Northrop), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Susan Price (Richard Price), Scott (Marta Cook and Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Anne Shepherd (Jim Shepherd), Nancy

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

Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Ashley M. Smith (Marta Cook and Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Elena Sukenik (Holly Sukenik), Sunil (Susan Cardwell), Brad Todd (Pamela Venzke), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Bess Williamson (Wendy Fibison), Michele Wilson (Margo Wiegenstein), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Elizabeth Avery, Sigi Block, Steve Faris, Art Fisher, Sebastian Gonzalez, Will Green, Samuel Greene, Kristy Highsmith, Mason Jeffers, Elizabeth Johnston, Christine Kennedy, Margot Kieve, Ivy Mason, Michael Mengel, Glenn Reichardt, Lucy Smith, and Jocelyn Tichenor.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Katherine and Nicholas Davidson, Anne and Cliff Elmore, Bob and Tammi Hoback, Chris and Denise Northrup, Nancy and Randall Roe, and John and Zach Schutz.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Audrey Anikeeff (Tony Anikeeff and Tung Lin Wu), Faith Drow (Glen Bootay), Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris), and Charles Lewis, Jr. (Charles Lewis, Sr.).

WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

Vestry Leadership & Members

Alfred Thesmar, *Senior Warden*

Julia Koster, *Junior Warden*

Kate Benner, Brian Cordova-Brookey,

Kaye Edwards, Elizabeth Field,

Debby Hailey, Fruzsina Harsanyi,

Apiyo Oloya, Jack Reiffer, Brian Schoeneman,

Matthew Taylor, Trey Whitworth, and Jess Unger,

Members

Anya Kleymenova, *Treasurer*

Jane Reichard, *Assistant Treasurer*

Will Priest, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher—James H. Czerwonky

Head Greeters—Eleanor and Peter Odom

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for*

Parish Life and New Member Ministry

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

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*

for Engaging Local Communities

Lauren Goodyear, *Lay Minister for Children*

and Families

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Christopher Betts, *Associate Organist*

John Stowe, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Parish Administrator*

Lisa Koehler, *Program Associate and*

Executive Assistant to the Rector

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and

John Queen, *Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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