

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
November 1, 2020 · 9:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

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

PRELUDE: *Jerusalem, my happy home*

George Shearing
(1919-2011)

RECTOR'S WELCOME

HYMN 287 (stanzas 1, 2, 7, & 8)

For all the saints

Please stand as the procession enters.

Sung by all. Please stand as the procession enters.

1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—

thee — by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—

Name, O — Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host —

King of — glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Reverend Robert W. Fisher
Rector

The Reverend Savannah Ponder
Associate Rector

The Reverend William Morris
*Assisting Priest for Engaging
Faith and the Workplace*

Kaye Edwards
*Assistant for
Church Growth*

Brent Erstad
Director of Music

Samantha Scheff
Assistant Organist

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)
Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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THE WORD OF GOD

Please continue to stand.

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE READING

Please be seated.

Read by Uche Onwuamaegbu.

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

Read by Katherine McClintic.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

Please be seated.

Preacher and People:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)

Led by Matthew Taylor.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, responding with the words "Hear our prayer."

Leader: 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.**

Leader: For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa** and *the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for *All Saints' Church, Chevy Chase*. For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, *Mariann* and *Chilton*, and for all bishops and other ministers. Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

** In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.*

Leader: 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, the leaders of **Congress**, the **Supreme Court**, and for all who serve our country. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: 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.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially **Alison Adkins, Christian Berlin, Larry Bradley, Julia Brandus, Rhys Dodd, Lizzie Eversole, Ella Fuller, Clara Hallett, James Harmon, Susan Jess, Judd Littleton, Claire Montgomery, Susan Morefield, Elizabeth Morrison, Matilda Rossbach, Lily Venzke, Alexian Wines, Hunter Yeomans**, and **Jessica Zavala**; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially **Kristy and John Highsmith, Katie Adams Holder and Paul Holder, Chrystal and John Martin**, and **Desirée and Alexa Stolar**; and in thanksgiving for the baptism yesterday of **Charlotte Dalton Highsmith**. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially **Max Hudgins** and **Jimmy Lowe** who are in hospice care; and those who are sick and who are shut-ins. For the people of the **Middle East, Latin America, and all affected by the coronavirus**; for **those affected by the fires in California, Oregon, and Washington**. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Priest and People:

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

And I saw a new Heaven

Edward Bainton
(1880-1956)

The Parish Choir

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
For the first heaven and first earth had passed away,
And there was no more sea.
And I John saw the holy city,
New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven,
Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband;
And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying:
'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
And he will dwell with them and they shall be his people;
And God himself shall be with them and be their God;
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,
And there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying,
Neither shall there be any more pain,
For the former things are passed away.'

--Text: Revelation 21: 1-4

A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Priest and People:

Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless the efforts of our Annual Giving this year to extend the work of spiritual renewal in our church and community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who gave all of himself, we offer this prayer. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing.

Priest: This Eucharist is offered in thanksgiving for all the saints who have departed this life since All Saints' Day 2019.

*Bruce C. Adams
Judith M. Adams
Dr. William F. Agnew
Elizabeth "Betty" Arnold
Ted Atkeson
Ray Barkett
Gary Becraft
Elizabeth Bennett
Roger Bergstrom
Jane Beury
Paul Brink
Bill Brownlee
Judith Burgess
Sue Burton
Alice Carter
Richard Chang
Biliana Maria Cicin-Sain
Henry "Harry" William Clark
Chifornia Cox
John P. Crawford
Kate G. Crawford
Neil Dellar
John Dias
Art Doe
Jerrell Christopher Edwards
Timothy Edwards
Theodore Fibison
Caroline Gaiser
Ruth B. Ginsburg
Mary Graham
Llura A. Gund
Alice Wright Summers Hale
Mac Hansbrough
Lois Herrmann
Bob Hilby
Anna Holder and Ellen Holder*

*Teresa Huettner
Eleanor Hunt
Edwarda Johnson
Gary Johnson
Barbara Johnston
Bill Kellermann
Sunggyun Kim
James Vander Laan
Nancy Lancaster
John Lewis
Phil Lohman
Gordon McGraw
Philip Melemed
Eric Neff
Kevin Pasley
Richard Hamilton Rea
Harriet Reiffer
Mary Russo
Harriet Shallo
Frank M. "Skip" Smith, III
Roger Smith
Herb Start
Barbara Strutz
Lolly Stuart
Beatriz Suarez
Ken Suarez
Brent Tappen
Carl Taylor
Harriett B. Taylor
Russ Van Antwerpen
Betty van Iersel
John Verstraete
Samuel Johnston Watson III
Jeanne Welch
Neil Fletcher Wilson
Clarence Worst*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

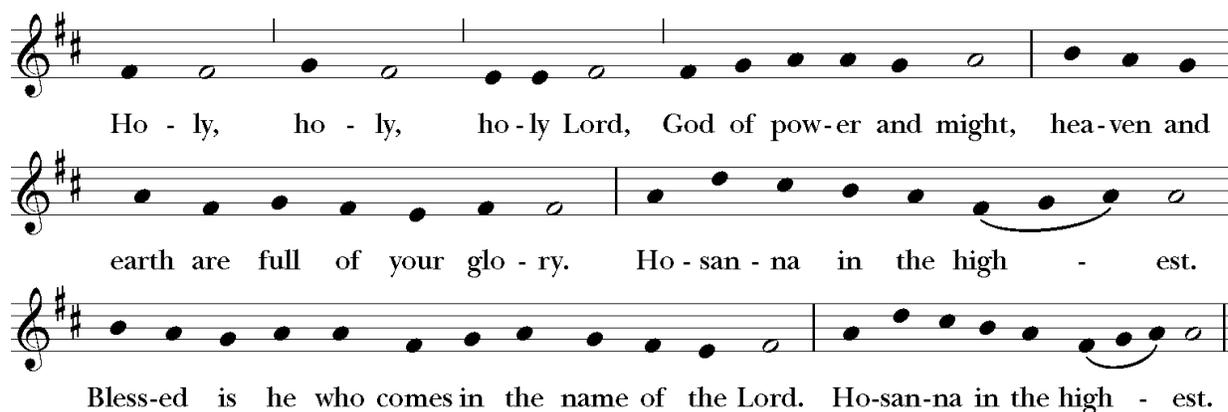
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest: 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 in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (S-124)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel.

Priest: 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:

Priest and People:

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

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Priest and People:

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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. During this time, our practice will be to offer the bread and the wine following health guidelines. An usher will provide communicants with hand sanitizer before the priest (who has washed his or her hands immediately prior) places a blessed wafer into your hands. Take a few steps, remove your mask, and consume the wafer. Blessed wine in small paper cups on a tray will be offered by a lay server.

After drinking the wine, place the cup in the basket at the end of the line.

Receiving the bread only is a valid way to share in Holy Communion. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Anthem: *Hark I hear the harps eternal*

arr. Alice Parker
(b. 1925)

Lisa Koehler, *alto*

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!
And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!
Souls have cross'd before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

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.

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.

People: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Litanies*

Jehan Alain
(1911–1940)

ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Michelle Mangrum, *Crucifer*; Jack Reiffer, *Lay Server*; and Robert Carroll, *Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism yesterday of **Charlotte Dalton Highsmith**.



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.

BROCHURES DESCRIBING PARISH LIFE, the history of St. John's, and the Episcopal denomination can be found in the church entrance. 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 weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

Vestry

Paul Barkett, *Senior Warden*

Jeff Hantson, *Junior Warden*

Laurie Adams, Andrew Clarke,
Carolyn Crouch, Lauren Edwards,
Martha Ellison, Peter Odom, Anthony
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Jessica Sanchez, Desirée Stolar,
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