



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
 February 7, 2021 · 9:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

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

**PRELUDE:** *Fantasy on the Name of Roy Andrew Johnson* Pamela Decker  
 (b. 1955)

**RECTOR'S WELCOME**

**HYMN 567**

*Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*

*Please stand as the procession enters.*



1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to  
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,  
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of



heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,  
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed  
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,



o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the  
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be  
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and



blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er  
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed  
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and



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 and Organist*

Samantha Scheff  
*Associate Organist*

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.  
sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumtre (1821-1891), alt.  
Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708  
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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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Priest:** Let us pray.

**Priest:** Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 147:1-12, 21C**

*Read by Martha Ellison.*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse;  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;  
12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who await his gracious favor.  
21 Hallelujah!

*Please stand.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Tone VI*

Alleluia.  
O praise the Lord all ye nations:  
praise him, all ye peoples.  
Alleluia.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:29-39**

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

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

*Please be seated.*

**The Rev. Robert W. Fisher**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)

Led by Clark Ervin.

Please stand.

**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*. 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.**

**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 *Joseph*, 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 *Alexander Anikeeff, Betsy Danello, Brady Demarest, Anna Fleming, Mary Getz, Missy Grealy, Imogen Hahn, William Hughes, Graham Keithley, Robin Keithley, Annie Morefield, Pam Perkins, Richard Price, Jack Reiffer, Margy Slattery, Laurel Tierney, Anderson Waltz, and Carl Ward*; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Gabrielle and Simon Beaumont*. Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially *Jimmy Lowe* who is in hospice care; and those who are sick and who are shut-ins. For *all affected by the coronavirus*. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

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

**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

*Lead me, Lord*

Sung by the Parish Choir.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing.*

**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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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-125)

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

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*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**    *My eyes for beauty pine*

Herbert Howells  
(1892–1983)

Noah Calderon, *Cantor*

My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddës grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

## 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, saintbe 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:** *Fugue on the Name of Roy Andrew Johnson*

Pamela Decker

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**ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY:** Kenny Kraft, *Crucifer*; Joanne Hutton, *Lay Minister*; Pat Dalby, *Flower Guild*; and David Gallalee and Alfred Thesmar, *Ushers*.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are given to the glory of God.





## *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](http://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.

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### *Vestry*

Paul Barkett, *Senior Warden*

Jeff Hantson, *Junior Warden*

Laurie Adams, Andrew Clarke,  
Carolyn Crouch, Lauren Edwards,  
Martha Ellison, Peter Odom, Anthony  
Pegues, Scott Raab, Nora Rigby,  
Jessica Sanchez, Desirée Stolar,  
and Carl Ward.

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