



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 September 19, 2021 · 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST
COMMISSIONING OF THE CHOIRS

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

All worshippers in the church and those in the Parish House over the age of two years must wear masks, except when receiving the bread and wine.

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

VOLUNTARY: Arabesque

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

HYMN 420

When in our music God is glorified

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



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
 5 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.

The Reverend Robert W. Fisher
Rector

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

The Reverend Doug Kirby
Interim Associate Rector

Kaye Edwards
Assistant for Church Growth

Brent Erstad
Director of Music and Organist

Samantha Scheff
Associate Organist

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 Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
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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.

GLORIA (S-280)

Sung by all.

Robert Powell

(b. 1932)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE READING

Please be seated.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

9:00 a.m.

Read by Jill Dowell.

11:00 a.m.

Read by Benjamin Garland.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 54

9:00 a.m. Led by Hilary West, said in unison by all.

11:00 a.m. Chanted by the Choir.

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name;
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Tone VI

Please stand.

Sung by the cantor, then repeated by all. After the choir sings the verse, all repeat the Alleluia.



Verse: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name:
make known his deeds among the peoples.

—Psalm 105

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Please remain standing.

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Doug Kirby

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand.

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

Priest and People:

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 (FORM VI)

Standing or kneeling.

9:00 a.m. *Led by Heather Hopkins.*

11:00 a.m. *Led by Brian Schoeneman.*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

People: (silence)

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For *Joseph*, our President, the leaders of *Congress*, the *Supreme Court*, and all who are in authority; for this community, the nation, and the world.

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially for the people of *Afghanistan*, *Haiti*, those affected by *Hurricane Nicholas*, and for those who have been and will be infected by *Covid*, and for their loved ones;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For our companion relationships with those in the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa** and for those in the *Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for the *St. Matthew's Church, Hyattsville*. We also pray for *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, *Mariann* and *Chilton*, and for all bishops and other ministers.

People: **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and those who are sick and who are shut-ins.

People: **(The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)**

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for those celebrating a birthday this week: especially *Sigrid Block, Nita Blundon, Robert Craft, René Doucet, Caroline Faris, Art Fisher, Sebastian Gonzalez, Will Green, Samuel Greene, Nick Hailey, Kristy Highsmith, Mason Jeffers, Elizabeth Johnston, Emily Kallaur, Christine Kennedy, Margot Kieve, Tiffany Manchester, Ivy Mason, Michael Mengel, Quin Woodward Pu, Denzel Ramirez, Lucy Smith, and Kate Walker*; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Leo Lex and Ryan Bishop, Anne and Cliff Elmore, Tammi and Bob Hoback, Elizabeth and Bayne Johnston, and Eleanor and Peter Odom*; and in thanksgiving for *James Andrew Azzarello* who was born September 10.

People: **(The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)**

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

Leader: We pray for all who have died, especially *David Williams* who died September 14 and *David Young* in whose memory the flowers are given today, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

People: **(The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)**

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: **(silence)**

Leader and People:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

COMMISSIONING OF CHOIRS

Please remain seated.

Director of Music:

I present these persons to be commissioned for ministry in the Choirs of St. John's Church.

Rector: Are you prepared to recommend these people to the ministry of the **Parish Choir/St. John's Choir?**

Director of Music:

I am.

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

The Choir: We are.

Rector: Do you commit yourself to faithfully provide musical leadership for the liturgy of this church?

The Choir: We do.

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

Congregation: **We will.**

Rector: In the name of God and on behalf of the congregation of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, I commission you as members of the **Parish Choir/St. John's Choir** and pray godspeed on this ministry, which is vital to our parish's worship.

People: **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

How lovely are the messengers

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.
How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.

–Words: Isaiah 52 v.7

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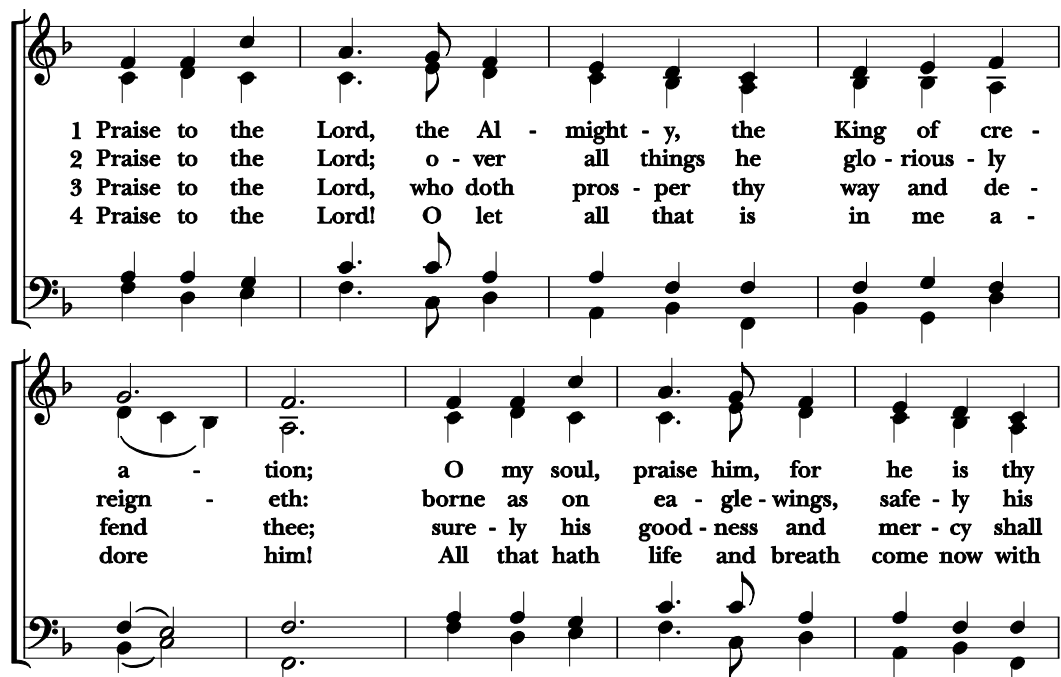


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OFFERTORY HYMN 390

Sung by all, standing.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hastthou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt
Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Choral Book of England*, 1863
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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 him 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 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-129)

Robert Powell

Sung by all.

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

Fraction Anthem (WLP 875)

Gary James (b. 1957)

The people sing the refrain.

Refrain



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain.**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Refrain.**

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 dismiss your row. A priest, who has washed his or her hands immediately prior, will place a blessed wafer into your hands. Keep your mask on and proceed to the wine. Blessed wine in small paper cups on a tray will be offered by a lay server. After taking the wine, take a few steps and briefly remove your mask to consume the bread and the wine, then place the cup in the basket at the end of the line. **The cups will be reverently disposed of after the service.** 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

Please be seated. An usher will guide you by pew to come forward for communion.

Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

9:00 a.m.

The call of wisdom

Will Todd
(b. 1970)

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;
Walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.
Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,
Entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.
I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?
Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,
Jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting.
Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.
Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer.
God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal.
Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

–Words: Michael Hampel
Based on Proverbs

11:00 a.m.

All wisdom cometh from the Lord

Philip Moore
(b. 1943)

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him forever.
Who can number the sand of the sea
and the drops of rain and the days of eternity?
Who can find out the height of heav'n,
and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom.
Wisdom hath been created before all things
and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.
The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom,
and her ways are everlasting commandments.
To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed?
Or who hath known her wise counsels?
There is one wise and greatly to be feared,
the Lord sitting upon his throne.
He created her, and saw her and numbered her,
and poured her out upon all his works.
She is with all flesh according to his gifts,
and he hath given her to them that love him.
The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness,
and a crown of rejoicing.
The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart
and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life.
Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law;
 yea I shall keep it with my whole heart.
 Make me go in the way of thy commandments:
 for therein is my desire.
 O stablish thy word in thy servant:
 that I may fear thee.
 Behold my delight is in thy commandments.
 O quicken me in thy righteousness.

LEVAS 153
Sung by all.

Lord I have seen thy salvation

1. Lord I have seen thy sal - va - tion, Lord I have seen thy sal -
 2. Lord I have heard of thy king - dom, Lord I have heard of thy

1. va - tion, drank of the blood, held the
 2. pro - mise, looked on thy birth, cried at

1. bo - dy, Lord I have seen, seen with my eyes, seen with my
 2. Cal - v'ry, Lord I have heard, Lord I have heard, Lord I have

1. heart. Fell on my knees, down at the al - tar, bowed down my
 2. heard.

head, whisp - ered a pray - er. Have mer - cy

Lord, I'm not wor - thy, I be -

lieve, Yes, I be - lieve, now I am sure.

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

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.

HYMN 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Sung by all, standing.



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - le - hem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.
Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930)
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THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY: *Carillon de Longpont*

Louis Vierne

ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Leo Lex, *Crucifer*; Hilary West, *Lay Minister*; Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*; Desirée Stolar, *Greeter*; Bud Harrell, *Assistant Head Usher*; Matt Hallett and Patricia Leslie, *Ushers*.

ASSISTING AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer*; Debby Hailey, *Lay Minister*; Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*; John Lucio and Sarah Wood, *Greeters*; Matt Bode, *Assistant Head Usher*; Tony Anikeeff, Chris Danello, Benjamin Garland, and Dick Nathan, *Ushers*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God; in loving memory of **David Young**; and in thanksgiving for the birthday of **Gary Lockett**.

REFRESHMENTS will be served in front of the church, following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

RECYCLING of Order of Service Bulletins paper is good stewardship. If you wish, please leave them at the end of the pew after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20–26, 2021

Thursday September 23

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday September 26

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Homily—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
8:30 a.m. Nursery (Parish House Second Floor)
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor Conference Room or Online via Zoom | Contact Jack Reiffer at jjreiffer@gmail.com for the link to participate.)
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)
Speaker Series—Ruth Marcus, Deputy Editorial Page Editor at *The Washington Post*
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
12:15 p.m. EFM Class (Parish House Third Floor Conference Room)

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

The Speaker Series will be held in-person on the following Sundays in the Church or Togo West Parlor from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. After the discussion, there will be opportunity for Q&A. **There will be no livestream Zoom option.** An audio recording will be available in the weekly newsletter *The Word* and the Speaker Series recording page of our website (here <https://bit.ly/sjSSAud>) the week after each talk.

- **September 26: Ruth Marcus**, Deputy Editorial Page Editor at *The Washington Post*. She will speak on *Politics and Policy in Washington*.
- **October 3: Elizabeth Rule**, Director of the AT&T Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy, Washington, DC's only university-based research center dedicated to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian issues. She is also a Professor at American University. She will speak on *Native American History and Contemporary Indigenous Experience in DC and Beyond*.
- **October 17: Mike Molina**, Head of School of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, Washington's only tuition-free, Episcopal school which serves families east of the Anacostia River. He will be speaking about the urgent opportunity to make generational impact through investment in the potential of African American boys by sharing his own journey from troubled youth to Yale Law School graduate.
- **October 24: Dr. Rebecca Carter-Chand**, Director of the Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She will speak on *Religion and the Holocaust*.

Visit the Speaker Series webpage at bit.ly/SJSpeakerSeries for more information

NURSERY HOURS

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

Parish House Second Floor

The nursery will meet in the Godly Play Classroom #2 on the second floor of the Parish House. Please note that infants and children are welcome at all worship services. **Nursery care will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Sunday for infants and children up to age 3. Please register your children here: <https://bit.ly/3yDTVhy>. Reminder: Masks are required for all children over the age of two.**

BOOK GROUP

Thursday, October 7 at 6:45 p.m.

The St. John's Book group will meet on Thursday, October 7, at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom to discuss *Chesapeake Requiem: A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island* by Earl Swift. This book is a 2018 account of a two-hundred-year-old crabbing community in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay as it faces rising sea levels and climate change. If you love to read, please join us for an evening of discussion and socializing. **For more information and for links to participate, contact Janet Edmond at janet0817@hotmail.com.**

BAPTISM SERVICES

The next dates for Baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy are as follows:

- Baptism: **Sunday, November 7, 9:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, October 30, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, January 9, 11:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, January 8, 10:00 a.m.**

Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism for themselves must attend the Rector's Adult Inquirers' Class and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. **If you are interested in having a child baptized, or in baptism for yourself, please contact Kaye Edwards at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org.**

START PLANNING FOR FALL EVENTS

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR YOUTH 2021-2022

Registration Due Today, September 19

At Confirmation, the baptized make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to live out their Baptismal promises (Book of Common Prayer, page 412). Confirmands go through a period of learning, prayer, and discernment leading up to the service where a bishop will pray and lay their hands on them asking for strength from the Holy Spirit. This year, we've made a clearer and simpler path for Confirmation Classes. Confirmands are required to be in seventh grade or higher, commit to attending six classes, one retreat, and participating in one parish activity. Visit bit.ly/3wmdtpa for the Confirmation brochure. Please **register at stjohns-dc.org/confirmation by September 19** to participate. **For more information, email us at youth@stjohns-dc.org.**

THE 2021 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, October 9 and October 16 | (NEW TIME) 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you would like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's, join the 2021 Fall Adult Inquirers' Class. The two-day class will meet on Saturdays, October 9 and October 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, will lead the sessions. Anyone – newcomer or longtime parishioner – interested in learning more about our Christian faith and life, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church, is invited to attend. **For more information or to register, contact Kaye Edwards at 202-347-8766, ext. 317 or by e-mail at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org.** Those who participate in this class, or have completed another inquirers' class, may attend a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, November 13.

MINISTRY FAIR

(NEW DATE) Sunday, October 10, after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services

Celebrating Parish Committees, Organizations, and Activities.

The Ministry Fair is a festive and welcoming way to recruit new people to parish ministries, to give newcomers a chance to see the variety of ministry happening at St. John's, and to meet some of the outstanding lay leaders from our parish.

THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE AND FAITH

Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. | Online via Zoom

Would you be interested in exploring the intersections of modern science and theology this next year? Dr. Tony Tambasco, husband of parishioner Anne Stewart and Emeritus Professor of Theology at Georgetown University, has graciously offered to facilitate a study group and discussions. We expect to meet virtually by Zoom, and an organizational meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. The text we will use is John F. Haught's *Science and Faith: A New Introduction*, Paulist Press, 2012. The church has a few copies, and it is readily available for order online. **If you are interested in joining, please email Joanne Hutton at joannerhutton@gmail.com, with Science and Theology study group in the subject line.**

SUNDAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANT RETREAT, WORKSHOP, AND TRAINING

(NEW DATE) Saturday, October 23, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

St. John's Parish House and Church

St. John's clergy and lay leaders will be hosting a morning of prayer, retreat, and training, followed by lunch, for all who currently serve or who would like to be trained to serve in the Sunday worship services. This includes crucifers, acolytes, lectors, chalice bearers, flower guild, ushers, livestream broadcasters, and greeters. If you are interested in learning more about helping with any of these roles, please join us October 23. **Register here: bit.ly/3iPjfw1. For more information, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.**

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: LUNCH ON THE PLAZA

In lieu of resuming our Sunday Parish Lunch tradition in the dining room, and in order to comply with Covid-19 safety and health guidelines, St. John's is requesting hosts for informal lunch hour receptions outside, on the plaza, after the 11:00 a.m. service. Your help is needed to offer this fellowship opportunity featuring fingerfood on the plaza. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. **To sign up, select a date, and receive guidelines, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.**

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BUILDING COMMUNITY: OUTDOOR SOCIAL GATHERINGS

To comply with safe Covid restrictions, St. John's will sponsor outdoor community events that connect parishioners away from the church campus. Options include cocktail parties on patios, brunches or suppers outdoors, picnics at parks, happy hour at a local establishment with an outdoor area, hikes, and bird watching.

- Hosts will determine the type of activity they want to organize.
- Hosts will choose a date.
- Hosts will establish the number of guests they can accommodate.

We recommend that you set and advertise a limit (e.g., space is limited so the first 20 responses will be accepted.)

If you are interested in hosting, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.

SING WITH THE PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir is a group of dedicated volunteer musicians who provide choral music for the 9:00 a.m. worship service and for special events throughout the year. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. with a light dinner provided at 6:30 p.m. There is a straightforward voice trial prior to joining, but the main qualifications are a commitment to the schedule and enthusiasm for serving our church through its music ministry.

Please be in touch with Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist, at Brent.Erstad@stjohns-dc.org to learn more.

DEDICATIONS FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL SERVICES

We invite parishioners to sponsor extra musicians for Music Festival Services and other special events in the life of the parish. These generous contributions enhance our worship life and allow us to present large-scale musical works over the course of the program year. Sponsorship is recognized by a dedication on the title page of the bulletin for the given service. A list of upcoming services that are currently available for sponsorship is below:

Monthly Choral Evensong

St. John's is excited to offer a service of Choral Evensong on the Third Thursday of most months beginning in October. This weekday offering begins a new outreach ministry to the workday crowd in our neighborhood.

Sponsorship Cost: \$1,560 per service.

Advent Lessons and Carols

December 12, 2021

Sponsor singers for one of St. John's most beloved holiday traditions, the annual service of Lessons & Carols, sung by the St. John's Choir. Sponsorship Cost: \$1,048.

Festival Strings for Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

Sponsor the string ensemble that enhances the beauty of our Christmas Eve music. Sponsorship Cost: \$3,000.

Epiphany Lessons and Carols

January 23, 2022

Sponsor four additional singers to join the Parish Choir in a service of Lessons & Carols for the Season of Epiphany. Sponsorship Cost: \$500.

If you are interested in sponsoring a service, please contact Director of Music, Brent Erstad at brent.erstad@stjohns-dc.org.

UPDATE FROM THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE

The Refugee Committee is eagerly awaiting the assignment of an Afghan refugee family to support through the Lutheran Social Services' Good Neighbor program. Until that time, we are supporting community-wide efforts to welcome incoming Afghani refugee families with open arms in all the ways we can. **To find out more about the ongoing work of this committee, please contact Jessica Sanchez at jesspulsifersanchez@gmail.com.**

ONLINE DONATIONS

If you would like to make an offering, you may do so online at <https://bit.ly/SJCLGive> or by scanning the QR code below. In the "Fund" drop down menu, please select the fund to which you would like to donate.



LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

If you missed a Sunday at St. John's Church or would like to listen again to past sermons or speaker series, you can visit the St. John's website and click on the "Media" tab at the top of the page to listen. You can also find past sermons by searching for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your device.

FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help brighten the day of parishioners who can't be with us by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel. A card is attached to each vase with contact information. Thank you for checking to see if a delivery address is convenient for you.

Flowers need to be delivered on Crayford Street, Burke, VA and Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. Other than birthdays, anniversaries, and deaths, names added to the prayer list will appear for four consecutive weeks. If you would like the name to be on the prayer list for a shorter or longer period of time, please let us know. We are listing in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers for family and friends who are not members of the congregation. **To add a name to the prayer list, please email us at pastoralcare@stjohns-dc.org.**

OUR PRAYERS are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

Those who are sick, recovering or grieving:

From our parish: Eve Atkeson, Rob Fisher, Susan Herrington, Nelda Johnson, Susan Lewis, Jimmy Lowe, and John More.

Friends and family of our parish: Barbara Virginia Abalos Branes (*Joanne Hutton*), Barton Edwards Bruce (*Kaye Edwards*), LaKeshia Bryant (*GeeGee Bryant*), Wendy Addiss Dellar (*Joanne Hutton*), Karl Dornemann (*Deb Dornemann*),

Bobby Doyle (*Alex Pappas*), Reagan Eudy (*Alfred Thesmar*), Jimmy Gallagher (*Joanne Hutton*), Frances Givhan (*Gay and Bob Pasley*), Elaine Gravatt (*Margo Wiegenstein*), Linda Young Gsell (*Rick Young*), Nancy and Neil Guard (*Kate Benner*), Valerie Hart (*Emily and Jason Ornstein*), Courtney Jordan Hillman (*Erika Northcutt*), Vera Hyncik (*Holly Sukenik*), Charles Jones (*GeeGee Bryant*), Tom Kiernan (*Joanne Hutton*), Chase Lasbury (*Garrett Russo*), Melanie Markiewicz and William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Kathryn McGraw (*Mary and Carl Raether*), William Scott Miller, Jr. (*Johnathan Miller*), Britt Neff (*Julie Neff-Lippman*), Judy Nicola (*Cynthia Walker*), Wendy Paeth (*Margo Wiegenstein*), John Perry (*Joanne Hutton*), Pearson Reynolds (*Kerri Stelcen*), Susan Roberts (*Kaye Edwards*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), Scott (*Marta Cook & Cal Trepagnier*), Mark Sissman (*Mead Sissman*), and Ann Tusa (*Will Morris*).

Those who are in rehabilitative care:

From our parish: Jeanne Grimmitt and Marcella Odom.

Friends and family of our parish: Pereda "Pete" Paty (*John Paty*).

Those who are in the hospital:

Friends and family of our parish: Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*) and Marsha Bonnet (*Kerri Stelcen*).

Those who are in hospice care:

Friends and family of our parish: Ora Jackson (*Wande Johnson*).

Those who died:

Friends and family of our parish: David Williams who died September 14.

Those who were born:

From our parish: James Andrew Azzarello who was born September 10.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:

Sigrid Block, Nita Blundon, Robert Craft, René Doucet, Caroline Faris, Art Fisher, Sebastian Gonzalez, Will Green, Samuel Greene, Nick Hailey, Kristy Highsmith, Mason Jeffers, Elizabeth Johnston, Emily Kallaur, Christine Kennedy, Margot Kieve, Tiffany Manchester, Ivy Mason, Michael Mengel, Quin Woodward Pu, Denzel Ramirez, Lucy Smith, and Kate Walker.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:

Leo Lex and Ryan Bishop, Anne and Cliff Elmore, Tammi and Bob Hoback, Elizabeth and Bayne Johnston, and Eleanor and Peter Odom.

For those on the front lines, especially:

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (*Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy*), Sandra Brown (*Becca Brown*), Nathan Cobb (*Livy and John More*), Chris Gardner (*Ann Gardner*), Yee Houston (*Quin Woodward Pu*), and Marta Kochanska (*Livy and John More*).

Please help us keep these lists updated by contacting Pastoral Care at pastoralcare@stjohns-dc.org as soon as you can with corrections, additions, and updates on status.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH FLOWERS

You can recognize your loved ones or a special event with a dedication in our Sunday bulletin when you make a contribution to the Flower Fund. In doing so, you invite the congregation to participate in remembering a loved one, a birth or birthday, or a wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event.

St. John’s Flower Guild lovingly arranges flowers each week for our Sunday services. You can choose to dedicate the two main altar arrangements with a contribution of \$110, the side chapel for \$55, or the narthex for \$55. Or, you can dedicate all four arrangements in the church for \$220.

**Payments can be made online at <http://bit.ly/SJCLGive>
by choosing Sunday Flowers in the dropdown menu.**

**Payments by check should be made payable to St. John’s Church and be mailed to
1525 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20005, attention Finance Office.**

Please contact the Parish Office at 202-347-8766 if you have questions.

(Circle one) **In Memory of** | **Thanksgiving for** | **Celebration of:** _____

Dedication Date (Sunday): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____

(Circle one) **Entire Church-\$220** | **Main Altar-\$110** | **Side Altar-\$55** | **Narthex-\$55**

Thank you!

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Welcome!

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

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

IF YOU ARE VISITING, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

ST JOHN'S WEBSITE WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG has up-to-date information about the Church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

Vestry

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