



**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
 September 26, 2021 · 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

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

**PRELUDE:** *Prelude on Song 46*

Leo Sowerby  
(1895-1968)

**HYMN 539**

*O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling*

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

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;  
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:  
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,  
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious  
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.  
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.  
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.  
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

The Reverend Robert W. Fisher  
*Rector*

The Reverend William Morris  
*Assisting Priest for Engaging  
Local Communities*

The Reverend Doug Kirby  
*Interim Associate Rector*

Kaye Edwards  
*Assistant for Church Growth*

Brent Erstad  
*Director of Music and Organist*

Samantha Scheff  
*Associate Organist*

*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.*

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

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 Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901)  
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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, 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:** O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.*

**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

**9:00 a.m.**

*Read by Martha Ellison.*

**11:00 a.m.**

*Read by Betsy Danello.*

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

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

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

**PSALM 19:7-14**

**9:00 a.m.** *Led by Anthony Pegues, said in unison by all.*

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

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## 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: My heart is firmly fixed, O God; my heart is fixed.  
I will sing and make melody.

–Psalm 108

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 9:38-50**

*Please remain standing.*

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

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

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

## THE SERMON

**The Rev. Robert W. Fisher**

## 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 Allie Raether.*

**11:00 a.m.** *Led by Clark Ervin.*

**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*, 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. Francis Church, Potomac*. 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 *Susan Carlson, Clayton Depue, Juliet Folger, Budd Hallberg, Diane Hauslein, Lydia Hornbaker, Larry Lecompte, Clayton Lewis, Aurie Lucio, Jett Lyerly, Nancy Martin, Nicolette Neufeld, Gay Pasley, Jocelyn Tichenor, Thomas Wade, Susan Welch, Gail West, and Alexander Williams*; and for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Liz and Christian Davis, Andrée and Joseph Leonelli, Gay and Bob Pasley, and Laurel and Andrew Tierney*.

**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, 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.**

## 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.**

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

## THE PEACE

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

*People:* And also with you.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sung by the Choir.*

**9:00 a.m.**

*Teach me, O Lord*

Philip Stopford  
(b. 1977)

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 to go in the path of thy commandments;  
for therein is my desire.  
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,  
and not to covetousness.  
O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity;  
and quicken me in thy way.  
O stablish thy word in thy servant,  
that I may fear thee. Amen.

–Words: Psalm 119:33-39

**11:00 a.m.**

*Os justi*

Anton Bruckner  
(1824–1896)

*Os justi meditabitur sapientiam,  
et lingua ejus loquetur judicium.  
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius:  
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.  
Alleluia.*

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,  
and his tongue speaks what is just.  
The law of his God is in his heart;  
and his steps will not be impeded.  
Alleluia.

–Words: Psalm 37:30-31



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## OFFERTORY HYMN 291

*Sung by all, standing.*

*We plow the fields*

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;  
 3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,  
 but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;  
 he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:  
 he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;  
 the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,  
 the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.  
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;  
 then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system is for the first line of lyrics, and the second system is for the second line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

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 Music: *Wir Pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)  
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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:

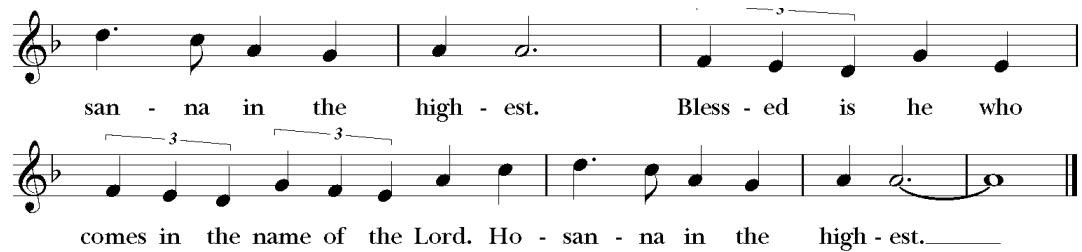
## SANCTUS (S-129)

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 -

The musical score is for the Sanctus. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes in both systems.



*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. and 11:00 a.m.

Upon your heart

Eleanor Daley

(b. 1955)

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
As a seal upon your arm.  
For love is strong as death.  
Many waters cannot quench love,  
Neither can the floods drown it.  
If you keep my commandments,  
You shall abide in my love.  
Love one another, as I have loved you.  
Then shall your joy be complete.

—Words: Song of Solomon 8, 6, 7; John 15:9-12.

## Hymn 309

Sung by all.

*O Food to pilgrims given*

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from  
2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,  
3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,

hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We  
well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We  
hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -  
faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance  
when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.  
 give us, and all we need pro - vide.  
 hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt.  
 Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, present form of melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517), alt.;  
 harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
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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 609

*Where cross the crowded ways of life*

*Sung by all, standing.*

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt.  
 Music: Gardiner, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)  
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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.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Postlude in G*

Arnold Cooke  
(1906-2005)

**ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY:** Kenny Kraft, *Crucifer*; Lauren Edwards, *Lay Minister*; Julia Koster, *Flower Guild*; Patricia Leslie, *Greeter*; Richard Metzger, *Assistant Head Usher*; Diane Spaulding and Desirée Stolar, *Ushers*.

**ASSISTING AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY:** Carl Ward, *Crucifer*; Laurie Adams, *Lay Minister*; Julia Koster, *Flower Guild*; Laura Ballman, Garry Dalby, and Deborah Jennings, *Greeters*; Jeff Agnew, *Assistant Head Usher*; Robert Carroll, David Gallalee, and Rick Young, *Ushers*.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of **Elizabeth Lewis**.

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

**THE SPEAKER SERIES TODAY** will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor. It will be presented by **Ruth Marcus**, Deputy Editorial Page Editor at *The Washington Post*. She will speak on *Politics and Policy in Washington*.

**THE SPEAKER SERIES NEXT WEEK** will be presented by **Elizabeth Rule**, Director of the AT&T Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy. She will speak on *Native American History and Contemporary Indigenous Experience in DC and Beyond*.

**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 27–OCTOBER 3, 2021

**Thursday September 30**

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday October 3**

- 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](mailto:jjreiffer@gmail.com) for the link to participate.)  
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)  
Speaker Series—Elizabeth Rule, Director of the AT&T Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy  
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)  
2:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Animals (Front of the Church)

### 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*.

### SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

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- **December 12: Lonnie G. Bunch III**, Secretary of the Smithsonian and former Director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. As Secretary, he oversees 19 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, numerous research centers, and several education units and centers.

Visit the Speaker Series webpage at [bit.ly/SJSSpeakerSeries](https://bit.ly/SJSSpeakerSeries) 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](mailto:janet0817@hotmail.com).**



## LATROBE YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Save the date: The next Latrobe Fellowship gathering has a new date, Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and register here: <https://bit.ly/3kpLx0Q>. Details to follow. The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship at St. John's Church is an active and engaged group of adults, both singles and couples, primarily in their 20s and 30s.

## 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](mailto:kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org).**

## DIAPER BANK DRIVE

When members of the St John's Book Club read *Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding, and Ending US Poverty*, most were surprised by simple resolutions with potential high impact for reducing poverty right here in our own DMV communities. Authors point to the disproportionate impact on women created by a lack of disposable diapers and period products. To address these challenges, the book club is sponsoring a diaper drive from October 8 through October 31. Look for us at the Ministry Fair on October 10 to discuss the book club and this diaper drive.

**Donations will be accepted, either at the church on Sundays, October 10, 17, 24 and 31, or at the home garage of Holly Sukenik, by appointment between October 8 and October 31.** Products may be ordered online, such as from Amazon. **Please contact Holly Sukenik at [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com).**

Targeted items:

- Diapers, especially size 4 and 5, and pull-ups.
- Ancillary items, such as baby wipes.
- Period products, especially pads.

Donations can be made in products, checks or by credit card. Checks would be made payable to the Greater DC Diaper Bank (GDCDB).

## CONTINUING OUR SACRED GROUND JOURNEY

Saturday, October 30, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. | Togo West Parlor

We have a number of offerings for the fall to enable us to continue (and, hopefully, expand) our Sacred Ground Journey. Some are listed below, and more will follow shortly.

- On Saturday, October 30, we will hold our first Saturday morning Faith and Race Exploration from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The theme will be an exploration of "Truth and Reconciliation" as tool for community healing, and Hazel Monae, who is the bishop's amazing new Missioner for Equity & Justice, will join us to help guide us through the morning. This will be in-person with a mix of plenary and breakout sessions, and we will provide coffee and lunch. This is open to everyone, regardless of age, and whether or not you attended Sacred Ground. **Please sign up here: [bit.ly/3zGH7Yr](https://bit.ly/3zGH7Yr) or contact the Rev. Will Morris at [will.morris@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:will.morris@stjohns-dc.org) with questions.**
- We will hold a second year of Sacred Ground for those who were not able to sign up last year. Sacred Ground, through readings and videos that are discussed in small groups meeting monthly, creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism (for more details follow this link: [bit.ly/3u3kRpT](https://bit.ly/3u3kRpT)). The program will run from mid-October to July 2022, and a virtual option will be available. If you'd like to talk about the practicalities (as well as how great it is!) some of last year's group coordinators would be very happy to talk to one on one. Please contact any of the following: Karen Eifert, Holly Sukenik, Andrew Clarke, Joanne Hutton, Jack Reiffer, Carolyn Crouch or Lisa Koehler. **To sign up, please contact the Rev. Will Morris at [will.morris@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:will.morris@stjohns-dc.org).**

## WELCOME TO FALL

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:joannerhutton@gmail.com), with Science and Theology study group in the subject line.**

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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

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/3hXCimJ](https://bit.ly/3hXCimJ). For more information, please contact Holly Sukenik at [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto: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 finger food on the plaza. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. The Bishop Walker School will host the lunch on October 17. All other Sundays are open. **To sign up, select a date, and receive guidelines, please contact Holly Sukenik at [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Brent.Erstad@stjohns-dc.org) to learn more.**

**WELCOME TO FALL**  
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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](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com).**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Byeforde Road, Kensington, MD; Jefferson Heights Drive, Fairmount Heights, MD; and Tilden Street, 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](mailto: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, Jeanne Grimmer, Susan Herrington, Nelda Johnson, Susan Lewis, Jimmy Lowe, and Alex Morris.

**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*), 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*), 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:** 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*), Chase Lasbury (*Garrett Russo*), and David Maiden (*Anne Harrington*).

### Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:

Susan Carlson, Clayton Depue, Juliet Folger, Budd Hallberg, Diane Hauslein, Lydia Hornbaker, Larry Lecompte, Clayton Lewis, Aurie Lucio, Jett Lyerly, Nancy Martin, Nicolette Neufeld, Gay Pasley, Jocelyn Tichenor, Thomas Wade, Susan Welch, Gail West, and Alexander Williams.

### Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:

Liz and Christian Davis, Andrée and Joseph Leonelli, Gay and Bob Pasley, and Laurel and Andrew Tierney.

### 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](mailto: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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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](http://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.

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