



THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

October 3, 2021 · 11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

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: *Prière*

Renè Vierne
(1878-1918)

HYMN 400 (stanzas 1, 4, 5, and 7) *All creatures of our God and King*
Sung by all. Please stand if you are able as the procession enters.



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

Words:

St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music:

Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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*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

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: Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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.

Read by Powell Hutton.

Job 39:1–18

Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing floor?

The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Chanted by the Choir.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Tone VI

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

Please remain standing.

Matthew 11:25–30

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

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

Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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)

Led by Jessica Sanchez.

Standing or kneeling.

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*. We also pray for *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishop, *Mariann*, 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 *Simon Beaumont, Marta Cook, Nicole Crochet, Caroline Davis, Oliver Evans, Juliet Faris, Deborah Fuller, Susan George, Chuck Hagel, Peter Hailey, Dolph Hatfield, Meg Hauge, John Herzog, Matilda Jeffries, Wande Johnson, Kenny Kraft, Hilary Mehrkam, Johnathan Miller, Michael Neufeld, Zachary Northcutt, Rachel Oster, Hillary Stuart, Chris Wall, and Donna Welles*; and for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Jeanne and Keith Arnold, Juliet and Lee Folger, Kate and Nick Hailey, Carolina and Rob Mosbacher, Michele and Jim Mullins, and Lacey and Edward Szczepanik*.

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 *Robert Montgomery* who died September 26 and *Bessy Lilian Uzoaku Onwuamaegbu* 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Peace

Paul Mealor
(b. 1975)

Peace, Lord.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

–Words: St. Francis

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.



You may also donate by texting "stjdc" to 73256 or by placing your offering in the plate.

OFFERTORY HYMN 405

All things bright and beautiful

Sung by all, standing.

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.

I will lift mine eyes

Jake Runestad
(b. 1986)

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills.
From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord.
He is the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved.
He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper.
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil.
He will keep your soul.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
From this day forth for evermore.

Hymn 593
Sung by all.

Lord, make us servants of your peace

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Words: James Quinn (b. 1919), based on a prayer att. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979)
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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 542

Sung by all, standing.

Christ is the world's true Light

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.
Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Collier (b. 1895)
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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: *Chorale Fantasie on Lasst uns erfreuen*

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

ASSISTING AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Brandon Montgomery, *Crucifer*; Uche Onwuamaegbu, *Lay Minister*; Jamie Finch, *Flower Guild*; James Doyle and Sara McGanity, *Greeters*; Matt Bode, *Assistant Head Usher*; Grant Kraus and Hap Rigby, *Ushers*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Bessy Lilian Uzoaku Onwuamaegbu**.

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

THE NEXT SPEAKER SERIES WILL BE ON OCTOBER 17. It will be presented by **Mike Molina**, Head of School of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys.

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 OCTOBER 4–10, 2021

Thursday October 7

6:45 p.m. Book Group (Online via Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday October 9

10:00 a.m. Adult Inquirers' Class (Togo West Parlor)

Sunday October 10

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Homily—The Rev. William Morris

8:30 a.m. Nursery (Parish House Second Floor)

9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. William Morris

10:00 a.m. Ministry Fair (Church Plaza)

Church School (Parish House Second Floor)

11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. William Morris

12:15 p.m. Ministry Fair (Church Plaza)

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.

- **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*.
- **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/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 years.**

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.**

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Stewardship season is under way and you should soon see a letter in your mailbox from me on behalf of the Stewardship Committee. Our committee begins biweekly meetings over Zoom at 4:30 p.m. starting October 6, and if you would like to join in these discussions, please send me an email at toby@columbiastrategies.com. Whether you are new to St. John's or a 50-year member of this church, we are very blessed to have you involved in this community of faith—and we hope St. John's has been a blessing to you. We ask that you make a pledge in the 2022 campaign so that we may plan for a vibrant and growing set of ministries in the new year. Any pledge amount you are able to make would be appreciated, but if you are able to pledge even more than this past year we hope you will do so. Thank you for considering!

Toby Stock
Chair, Stewardship Committee

DIAPER 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.**

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 | 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 or contact the Rev. Will Morris at 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). 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.**

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.** 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.**

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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

St. John's clergy and lay leaders will be hosting a morning of prayer, retreat, and training, 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. 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 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.**

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.**

WELCOME TO FALL
(Continued from previous page)

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.

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.

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.**

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 Ashboro Court, Chevy Chase, MD and Red Clover Drive, Rockville, MD.

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, Jeanne Grimmett, Peter Hailey, Susan Herrington, Nelda Johnson, Susan Lewis, Jimmy Lowe, and Alex Morris.

Friends and family of our parish: Barbara Virginia Abalos Branes (*Joanne Hutton*), Mark Berends (*Jack Reiffer*), 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 who died:

Friends and family of our parish: Robert Montgomery who died September 26.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:

Simon Beaumont, Marta Cook, Nicole Crochet, Caroline Davis, Oliver Evans, Juliet Faris, Deborah Fuller, Susan George, Chuck Hagel, Peter Hailey, Dolph Hatfield, Meg Hauge, John Herzog, Matilda Jeffries, Wande Johnson, Kenny Kraft, Hilary Mehrkam, Johnathan Miller, Michael Neufeld, Zachary Northcutt, Rachel Oster, Hillary Stuart, Chris Wall, and Donna Welles.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:

Jeanne and Keith Arnold, Juliet and Lee Folger, Kate and Nick Hailey, Carolina and Rob Mosbacher, Michele and Jim Mullins, and Lacey and Edward Szczepanik.

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.

**IN MEMORIAM:
THE REV. DR. DAVID A. WILLIAMS
Assistant Rector at St. John’s Church
from 1973 to 1978**

A memorial service for the Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Assistant Rector at St. John’s Church from 1973 to 1978, will be held at Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston, South Carolina, on Wednesday, October 27, at 2:00 p.m. **The service will be streamed and available on the Cathedral website here: www.gracechurchcharleston.org.** David died September 14, 2021, after being diagnosed with a brain tumor in March.

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.

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