



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 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: *Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot*, BWV 678 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 675

Take up your cross

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



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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

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THE WORD OF GOD

Please continue to stand.

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

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

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

GLORIA (S-280)

Sung by all.

Robert Powell

(b. 1932)

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE READING

Read by Elena Braithwaite-Williams.

Hebrews 4:12-16

Please be seated.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:12-17

Chanted by the Choir.

- 12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

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: Those who fear the Lord, shall put their trust in him;
He is their help and their shield.

—Psalm 115

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

Please remain standing.

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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 Hilary West.

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 *John Alison, Keith Arnold, Gwinneth Ann Clarkson, Chris Delucchi, Grace Duthe, Mac Hankey, Timothy Heil, Collin Klamper, Michelle Mangrum, Susan McDaid, Kosi Onwuamaegbu, Kate Pappas, Bob Park, Bob Patchell, Trent Smith, Matthew Taylor, Louisa Tierney, Cal Wilson, and Sarah Yeomans*; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Aimee and Marc Azzarello, Martha and William Birdseye, Margaret and Clayton Depue, Sarah Platts and Juan Gonzalez, Aswathi Zachariah and Richard Greene, Whitney and Robert Johnston, Daniel Honeycutt and Justin Parker, Lisa and Garrett Russo, Elizabeth and Mohammed Sadqi, and Betsy Clark and Chandler Van Orman*; and in thanksgiving for the marriage of *Hillary Garber Stuart and Timothy Stenberg Stuart*.

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 *Eugene Simmons* who died September 25, 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.

I love all beauteous things

Judith Weir
(b. 1954)

I love all beauteous things,
I seek and adore them;
God hath no better praise,
And man in his hasty days
Is honoured for them.

I too will something make
And joy in the making;
Altho' to-morrow it seem
Like the empty words of a dream
Remembered on waking.

–Words: Robert Bridges

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 707

Sung by all, standing.

Take my life, and let it be

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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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

Priest: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. 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.

Teach me, my God and King

Craig Phillips
(b. 1949)

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see,
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee.

All may of Thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture—"for thy sake"—
Will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room as for thy laws,
Makes that and th' action fine.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

—Words: George Herbert

Hymn 655

Sung by all.

O Jesus, I have promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,
be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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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.

WLP 782

Sung by all, standing.

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in your

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

 show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

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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: *Praeludium in G Major, BWV 568*

J.S. Bach

ASSISTING AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Paul Barkett, *Crucifer*; Tony Anikeeff, *Lay Minister*; Becca Brown and Pat Dalby, *Flower Guild*; Susan Valaskovic, *Greeter*; Jeff Agnew, *Assistant Head Usher*; Doug Estes, Hermann Helgert, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of **Hillary Garber Stuart and Timothy Stenberg Stuart.**

THE MINISTRY FAIR WITH REFRESHMENTS will be held 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 11–17, 2021

Monday October 11
St. John's Church and Parish Office closed.

Thursday October 14
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday October 16
10:00 a.m. Adult Inquirers' Class (Togo West Parlor)

Sunday October 17
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Sermon—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. Speaker Series—Mike Molina, Head of School of the Bishop John T. Walker
School for Boys (Togo West Parlor)
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

The Speaker Series will be held in person on the following Sundays in the Church or Togo West Parlor from 10:05 a.m. to 10:50 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*.
- **November 21: David Silverman**, Professor at The George Washington University. He specializes in Native American, Colonial American, and American racial history. He will speak on *The "Real" Story of Thanksgiving*.

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

(continued)

- **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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO DIED IN THE PAST LITURGICAL YEAR

**The deadline for sending in names is
Monday, November 1.**

The names of those who have died during the past liturgical year (since November 1, 2020) will be listed in our All Saints' Sunday Service bulletin on November 7.

If you would like a name included in this remembrance, please email RJ Gravina at rj.gravina@stjohns-dc.org

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).

OCTOBER LATROBE YOUNG ADULT GATHERING Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship, an active and engaged group of adults primarily in their 20s and 30s, invite you to join us for an outdoor eucharist celebration and fellowship. We will use the opportunity to welcome and get to know our new Interim Associate Rector, the Rev. Doug Kirby. Please register here for directions: <https://bit.ly/3kpLx0Q>.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday, October 21, at 5:15 p.m.

We're pleased to add a monthly service of Choral Evensong to our worship offerings. Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the *even* point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong will be sung by the St. John's Choir on the third Thursday of each month from October through May, beginning at 5:15 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special new offering.

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.**

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

MINISTRY FAIR

**Today, 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.**

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.**

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. If you would like to join the committee, 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

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.



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.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, February 27, 6:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, February 26, 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.**

MIDWEEK MUSIC RESUMES WITH AIR FORCE STRINGS Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. | Church

Our Midweek Music Series (formerly First Wednesday Concerts) resumes on Wednesday, November 3 with a return performance by the Air Force Strings. Please join us to celebrate the return of our lunchtime concert series and mark your calendars for upcoming performance. All programs begin at 12:10 p.m. and run for 35 minutes.

November 3: The Air Force Strings

String players from the Air Force's premier musical ensemble

December 1: The Navy Sea Chanters

The official choir of the United States Navy

January 5: The Polyphonist

The District's newest professional vocal quartet

February 2: Samantha Scheff

Associate Organist of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square

March 9: EYA Ensemble

Women's vocal ensemble re-envisioning medieval music

April 13: Charlotte Stewart, mezzo-soprano with Baroque Orchestra

Antonio Vivaldi's Stabat Mater for Holy Week

May 4: Andrew Brown, tenor & Brent Erstad, piano

Music of Francis Poulenc and Jake Heggie

June 1: Celtic Aire

The premier Folk Ensemble of the United States Air Force

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.**

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.**

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 Key Boulevard, Arlington, VA; Lynnhurst Drive, Fairfax, VA; Ocala Street, Silver Spring, MD; and 33rd Street N. Arlington, VA.

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, 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: Eugene Simmons who died September 25.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:

John Alison, Keith Arnold, Gwinneth Ann Clarkson, Chris Delucchi, Grace Duthe, Mac Hankey, Timothy Heil, Collin Klamper, Michelle Mangrum, Susan McDaid, Kosi Onwuamaegbu, Bob Park, Bob Patchell, Trent Smith, Matthew Taylor, Louisa Tierney, Cal Wilson, and Sarah Yeomans.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:

Aimee and Marc Azzarello, Martha and William Birdseye, Margaret and Clayton Depue, Sarah Platts and Juan Gonzalez, Whitney and Robert Johnston, Daniel Honeycutt and Justin Parker, and Elizabeth and Mohammed Sadqi.

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*), Marta Kochanska (*Livy and John More*), Amanda and Blake Tidwell (*Willy Wolter*), and Bill and Stephanie Wolter (*Willy Wolter*).

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.

Vestry

Paul Barkett, *Senior Warden*

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Desirée Stolar, and Carl Ward.

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