

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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CHORAL EVENSONG

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St. John's is a church for people of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, and viewpoints grounded in love. Whoever you are, we welcome you.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Whether you are a longtime member or a visitor, we are happy to welcome you this evening. If you would like to learn more about St. John's and our presence in this city, we invite you to fill out the "Welcome" card that can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Choral Evensong is offered on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May. To see a schedule of upcoming services and events, visit our website, www.stjohns-dc.org.

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. It draws upon the richness of monastic worship by inviting us to reflect upon scripture, to sing praises to God, and to pray. In its cadence, Evensong speaks to many of our deepest 21st-century needs, providing space for peace and for contemplation. We hope that this service, in the midst of this busy city, refreshes and restores you this evening.

VOLUNTARY

Psalm-Prelude Set 2, No. 2

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee

INTROIT

God with me

Sarah Quartel (b. 1982)

God with me lying down, God with me rising up, God with me in each ray of light,
nor I a ray of joy without you, nor one ray without you.

Christ with me sleeping, Christ with me waking, Christ with me watching,
every day and every night, each day and night.

God with me protecting, O God with me directing, O God is with me strengthening,
forever and forevermore, forever and ever. Amen.

—*Carmina Gadelica* (adap.), tr. Alexander Carmichael (1823–1912)

HYMN 382

King of glory, King of peace

Standing as you are able.

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

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thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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WELCOME

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Please remain standing.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. —*Psalm 96:9*

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. —*Psalm 16:7, 8*

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES *Morland Responses*

Graham J. Ellis

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 119:121-144

Feci iudicium

John Goss (1800–1880)

Please be seated.

Edward John Hopkins (1818–1901)

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right *

O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good *
that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health *
and for the word of thy righteousness.

O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy *
and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant, O grant me understanding *
that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, LORD, to lay to thine hand *
for they have destroyed thy law.

For I love thy commandments *
above gold and precious stone.

Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments *
and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Thy testimonies are wonderful *
therefore doth my soul keep them.

When thy word goeth forth *
it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath *
for my delight was in thy commandments.

O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me *
as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

Order my steps in thy word *
 and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.
 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men *
 and so shall I keep thy commandments.
 Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant *
 and teach me thy statutes.
 Mine eyes gush out with water *
 because men keep not thy law.
 Righteous art thou, O LORD *
 and true is thy judgement.
 The testimonies that thou hast commanded *
 are exceeding righteous and true.
 My zeal hath even consumed me *
 because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
 Thy word is tried to the uttermost *
 and thy servant loveth it.
 I am small, and of no reputation *
 yet do I not forget thy commandments.
 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness *
 and thy law is the truth.
 Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me *
 yet is my delight in thy commandments.
 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting *
 O grant me understanding, and I shall live.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Read by Clark Ervin.

James 3:13–4:12

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, "God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning

and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another, speaks evil against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbor?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE MAGNIFICAT

Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Sung by the choir.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Read by Sam Berbano.

Luke 7:11-19

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country. The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells

Sung by the choir.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word,
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Said by all, standing as you are able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Morland Responses

Graham J. Ellis

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Morland Responses

Graham J. Ellis

Sung by the choir.

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. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Morland Responses

Graham J. Ellis

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the State;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

Officiant Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Choir Amen.
Officiant Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.
Choir Amen.
Officiant Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Choir Amen.

REMARKS

The Rev. Shawn Evelyn

Please be seated.

An offering to support the ministry of St. John's Church will be collected during the singing of the anthem.

THE ANTHEM

And the swallow

Caroline Shaw (b. 1982)

Sung by the choir.

How beloved is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts.
My soul yearns, even faints.

The sparrow has found a house,
and the swallow her nest where she may raise her young.

They pass through the valley of Bakka, they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rain also covers it with pools.

—*From Psalm 84*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Said by all, standing as you are able.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

HYMN 404

We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord

Sung by all.

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
 2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
 3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
 won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
 chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
 joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
 mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
 wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
 find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Mel Bonis (1858-1937)

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*
The Rev. Shawn Evelyn, *Officiant*
Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer*
Jill Dowell and Martha Ellison, *Ushers*
Amanda Hunt, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.
**If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,
you may leave it at the end of the pew as you depart or place it in a blue recycling bin.**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Sunday, November 27, at 10 a.m.

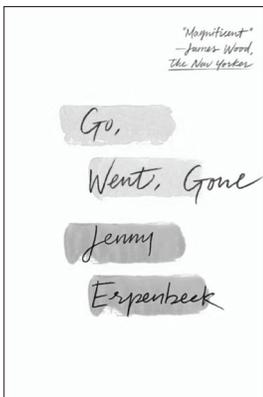
All ages are invited to make a wreath to mark the beginning of Advent. Materials provided; we just need you! Advent wreaths serve as both a decoration and a devotional resource for you to use at home in the weeks leading up to Christmas. A new candle is lit each week as we anticipate the birth of Jesus and coming of Christ. Advent devotionals and activities for younger children will be available. Please bring your own garden clippers if you have a pair.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

The annual Angel Tree Gift Drive is here! As in past years, we are partnering with Advocates for Justice and Education, Bishop Walker School, Cardozo Educational Campus, Southeast White House, and St. John's Community Services to bring joy to children in need this holiday season. Each child has provided a wish list of toys, books, or clothes that they are hoping to find underneath the Christmas tree this year; before shopping, please pick up an angel with a child's list from the Angel Tree near the front desk before entering the Parish House. Please ensure that your gifts are delivered by Wednesday, December 7. Gift distribution will begin on Monday, December 12. You can also help by joining us for a gift-wrapping party on Saturday, December 10; details to follow. If you have questions, please contact Emily Louise Able and Patrick Bond at bit.ly/sjc-angel-tree. Thank you for your generosity this holiday season!

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, December 1, at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom



The St. John's Book Group will meet virtually on Thursday, December 1, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss *Go, Went, Gone* by Jenny Erpenbeck. This European novel tells the journey of a retired German university professor, immersed in the world of books and ideas, as he steps into the streets of his city, Berlin. Here, on Alexanderplatz, he discovers and

gets to know a new community—a tent city, established by African asylum seekers. Richard finds his life changing, as he begins to question his own sense of belonging in a city that once divided its citizens into them and us. Contact Janet Edmond at bit.ly/sjc-book-group for information.

MIDWEEK MUSIC: AIR FORCE STRINGS

Wednesday, December 7, at 12:15 p.m.

Our monthly lunchtime concert series continues on December 7 with a performance by Air Force Strings. The official string ensemble of the U.S. Air Force, the Air Force Strings are stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, and are made up of 17 active-duty musicians performing a wide range of styles. For the full schedule of Midweek Music offerings, visit bit.ly/sjc-midweek-music. All concerts are open to the public without charge and run approximately 35 minutes in length. If you would like to make a donation to support future Midweek Music programs, please contact the church office.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, December 7, at 7 p.m.

Celebrate the holiday season with the Latrobe Fellowship! Join us at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, for a service of Holy Eucharist followed by dinner in Togo West Parlor. We will also have a white elephant gift exchange, so bring a fun or silly wrapped gift (\$20 or less). Everyone is welcome, and participation in the gift-exchange is optional. If you do participate in the gift exchange, we encourage that your gift be one that you yourself would enjoy receiving. The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We gather at St. John's at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

SAVE THE DATES FOR TWO OF OUR MOST BELOVED ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Advent Party: Sunday, December 4, at 5 p.m.

Christmas Lessons & Carols:

Sunday, December 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Please note the new time this year. A reception will follow.

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

Clark Ervin, *Senior Warden*

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ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's shines as a beacon of God's love through faith, worship, care, and community, and offers a place of grace at our historic corner in the nation's capital.

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