

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 19, 2024 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

*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, Lafayette Square.

All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.
Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

Prayer cards are provided at the entrance of the church. You are invited to write your prayers and place them in the collection plate. Your prayers will be blessed and will be prayed for by a priest during the week.

VOLUNTARY

Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 651

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN 225

Hail thee, festival day!

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

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for



ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the



world with God's grace. grace.



1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his



wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the



Repeat Refrain
Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en

Repeat Refrain

souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

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THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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. **Amen.**

GLORIA

From *Communion Service in F*

Harold Darke (1888–1976)

Sung by the choir.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

Please be seated.

Read by Andrew Clarke.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

Chanted by the choir; setting by James Turlé (1802–1882).

O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Children's Chapel in the Parish House: All who wish may gather in front of the pulpit during the hymn and will return at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.

GRADUAL HYMN 511

Holy Spirit, ever living

Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanza 1 will be sung before the Gospel, stanza 2 after.

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 2 of the gradual hymn.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

Led by Anthony Pegues.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Intercessor 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.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

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

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Intercessor For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for Seabury Resources for Aging, Friendship Terrace, St. Mary's Court, and Collington Episcopal Life Care Community; and for St. Augustine's Church, DC. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

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

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation . . . Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life . . . We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

Intercessor We pray for all who have died . . . , that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

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

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence.

All 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.

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. 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

You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically. A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O thou sweetest Source

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Sung by the choir.

O thou sweetest Source of gladness, light's all lovely fountain head,
who, alike in joy and sadness, leavest none unvisited;
breath of Godhead, highest King, who upholding everything.
Wilt uphold, with love undying—Hear, O hear me humbly crying.

From thy throne, as April shower, thou descendest, heavenly One,
freighted with thy sevenfold dower, from the Father, and the Son:
Bring me noble Guest divine, God's own blessings they are thine,
freely deal at thy good pleasure, fill me in abundant measure.

Save, uphold, and go before me, fainting, be my staff and rod:
Dying, to new life restore me; buried, be my grave, O God.
From the dust when I arise, come, exalt me to the skies,
where thou within realms supernal, feed thy saints with joys eternal. Amen.

—*From Songs of Syon, 1904, tr. G.R. Woodward (1848–1934)*

HYMN 516

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

Come down, O Love divine
arr. David Ashley White (b. 1944)

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine, and
Choir O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn to
3. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long, shall
vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing; O Com - fort - er, draw
dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing; and let thy glo - rious
far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing; for none can guess its
near, with - in my heart ap - pear and kin - dle it, thy
light shine ev - er on my sight, and clothe me round, the
grace, till Love cre - ate a place where - in the Ho - ly
ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
whole my path il - lum - ing.
Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Priest continues

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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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

From *Communion Service in F*

Harold Darke

Sung by the choir.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel as you are able. The Priest continues

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:

People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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

AGNUS DEI

From *Communion Service in F*

Harold Darke

Sung by the choir.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 call your pew to come forward. You will first be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available by request) and then offered wine by a lay server. You may either sip the wine or dip your wafer into the wine. Receiving the bread alone is a valid way to share in the Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. All may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Listen, sweet Dove

Katherine Webb (b. 1990)

Sung by the choir.

Listen, sweet Dove unto my song, and spread thy golden wings in me;
hatching my tender heart so long, til it get wing and fly away with thee.

His sunne which once did shine alone hung down his head and wisht for night;
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one, going about the world and giving light.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow that the earth did like a heav'n appear,
the starres were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same, the same sweet God of Love and Light;
restore this day for thy great Name, unto his ancient and miraculous light.

—George Herbert (1593–1633)

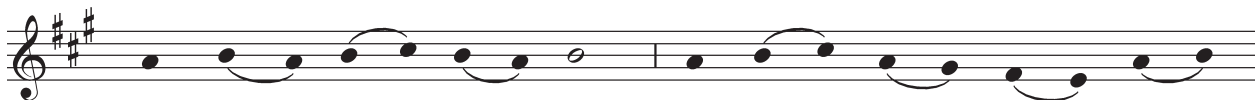
HYMN 504

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

Sung by all, seated.



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en
3. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,
5. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a -



with ce - les - tial fire. 2. Thou the a - noint - ing
life, and fire of love. 4. En - a - ble with per -
bun-dance of thy grace. 6. Keep far our foes, give

Spi - rit art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
 pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
 peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.

7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of
 both, to be but One, 8. that through the a - ges
 all a - long, this may be our end - less song:

9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Music: *Veni Creator Spiritus*, plainsong, Mode 8; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

All 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.

When scheduled, the Priest offers a communion kit to any Lay Eucharistic Minister doing a home visit, saying

On behalf of God and St. John's Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you will visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. 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. **Amen.**

HYMN LEVAS 120

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I
2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ Till you
3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, _____ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of _____ the Lord. _____ There are
2. know Him in His full - ness, and _____ be - lieve. _____ You're the
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can



1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I
2. one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
3. make it right if you will yield; _____ You'll en -



1. know they feel the pres - ence of _____ the Lord. _____
2. going to walk with Je - sus all _____ the way." _____
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that _____ we feel. _____



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,



Stay right here with us, _____ fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in
 praise; With - out a doubt we'll know that we have
 been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. 2. There are
 3. If you place.

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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY

Final variation from
 “Choral varié sur le thème du *Veni creator*,” Op. 4

Maurice Duruflé
 (1902–1986)

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD,

and in thanksgiving for the baptism today of Lachlan James Ford,
James McGrew Mandelson, and Margaret Marie Traxler.

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Paul Barkett, *Crucifer* ♦ Zoe Fisher and Gus Tierney, *Acolytes*
James Doyle and Debby Hailey, *Chalice Bearers*
Nora Rigby, *Assistant Head Usher*
Claire Kim, Jess Unger, and Bill Wright, *Ushers*
Krista Bradley and Nora Haugh, *Greeters*
Paul Barkett and Anne Harrington, *Flower Guild*
Ryan Wagner, *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.**

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an usher or greeter. ♦ Free valet parking is available on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Look for the valet sign at the corner of Black Lives Matter Plaza (16th Street) and H Street, NW. ♦ Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare. See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone.

Announcements for the Week of May 19

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 7:45 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
- 8 a.m. Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Baptism—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish House First Floor)
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 2)
Special Activity for All Ages (Parish House Lower Level; see next column)
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)
Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour and Special Reception
Honoring the Rev. Shawn Evelyn
(Parish House First Floor)
Church Tour (see next column)

FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help us brighten the day of parishioners by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel most Sundays of the year. A card is attached to each vase with contact information.

Today, flower deliveries are needed to Joiners Lane, Potomac; and Woodley Road, NW.

CREATE YOUR OWN... WINDSOCK!

Today at 10 a.m., Parish House Lower Level

On the Day of Pentecost, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and the birth of the early church. During the education hour, all ages are invited to participate in an intergenerational activity: Come make your own windsock from recycled materials to take home as a reminder of the Holy Spirit's movement in your life. This activity will be offered between the 9 and 11 a.m. services in the dining room and will take the place of Church School.

A FESTIVE AND FOND FAREWELL

Today after the 11 a.m. service



After two years at St. John's, the Rev. Shawn Evelyn and his family will soon be moving. Today is Shawn's final Sunday with us—so please stop by Togo West Parlor after church to thank him for his ministry and to wish him Godspeed. **To contribute toward a monetary gift, visit bit.ly/shawn-evelyn-gift and follow the instructions.**



TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at noon

For more than 200 years our church has served as a place of worship for a growing and everchanging city and country. Its structure is a lasting testament to Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who, because of his training in both architecture and engineering, is considered by the American Institute of Architects as our country's first architect. If you are interested in an in-person tour of St. John's Church, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 11 a.m. service. Today's guide is Richard J. Price.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 20–26

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer
Sunday—The Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell, Preacher
8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and Children’s Chapel

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Monday, May 20

6:15 p.m. Lawyers AA (Togo West Parlor)

Tuesday, May 21

1 p.m. Staff Meeting (Togo West Parlor)
6 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

Friday, May 24

1 p.m. Parish Office closes

Saturday, May 25

10 a.m. Food Not Bombs (Parish House Kitchen)

Sunday, May 26—Trinity Sunday

Please note our summer schedule, which begins May 26.

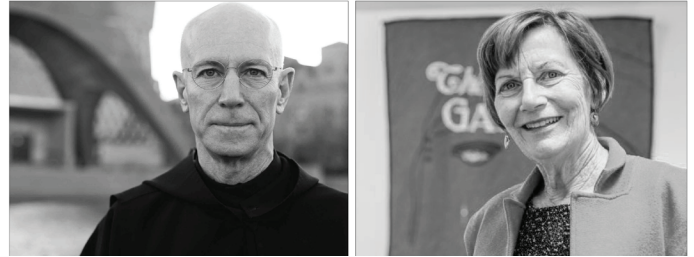
8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
9:30 a.m. Speaker Series
10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and Children’s Chapel
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
Church Tour

Monday, May 27—Memorial Day

All Day Parish Office closed

SPEAKER SERIES

The Speaker Series is held most Sundays from September through May at 10 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor on the first floor of the Parish House. An audio recording will be available on our website the week after each talk.



May 19: Columba Stewart, Executive Director and CEO of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, will present “Voices of the Ancestors: Saving the World’s Manuscripts from Destruction.”

May 26: Maureen Corrigan, Distinguished Professor of the Practice in Literary Criticism at Georgetown University, offers “The Great American Novelist, F. Scott Fitzgerald.”

The May 26 Speaker Series will take place at 9:30 a.m.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



DIAPER DRIVE RESULTS ARE IN!

Thank you to all who donated to our 2024 spring diaper drive. The results were spectacular! In all, we received 1,007 diapers—1,514 wipes—306 adult products—diaper cream, baby wash, baby lotion, and adult wipes—plus generous donations in cash, by check, or through the Greater DC

Diaper Bank website. Your abundant generosity offers meaningful support to women living in poverty in our region, for whom the high cost of these essential items represents a true financial burden. Thank you!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

Next Sunday, May 26

In one week, we will usher in our summer schedule—moving to two Sunday services until after Labor Day. Here's the weekly lineup:

- 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
- 9:30 a.m. Speaker Series (when scheduled)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and Children's Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Church Tour

Validated parking available Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE

During the summer, we would like to extend our tradition of socializing with a monthly gathering after the 10:30 a.m. service. Since the Plaza is not available as a gathering place, we will meet in the Togo West Parlor. Please sign up to bring a salad, bread, or dessert by contacting Holly Sukenik via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

- May 19 Reception for the Rev. Shawn Evelyn
- June 9 Summer Potluck
- July 7 Summer Potluck

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy at St. John's include:

Sunday, November 3, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, November 2, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, January 11, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 9, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, February 8, at 10 a.m.

BELL TOWER RESTORATION

We are making steady progress on the restoration of our beautiful and historic bell tower. Visit stjohns-dc.org/history/bell-tower to learn more and find out how you can support the work. While you're online, check out our recent Speaker Series presentation about the project, which you can watch at bit.ly/sjc-bell-tower-preservation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHARITABLE GIVING: WHAT'S YOUR PLAN? Wednesday, May 29, 5:30–7 p.m., in Togo West Parlor

Join Lisa Kirchenbauer, Chair of the St. John's Planned Giving & Investment Committee, for a workshop on how to craft a personal charitable giving strategy. We will discuss lifetime and after-death giving opportunities at St. John's, including tax benefits and other considerations. We will also learn about potential changes to income and estate tax rules that might be coming in 2025. Wine and cheese will be served, and parking will be offered to guests by voucher. Interested? RSVP to Charley Griffin or Preston Cherouny via the About: Leadership tab on our website.



FAMILY MEET-UP AT HAINS POINT

Saturday, June 1, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Before the summer heat and travel season gets in full swing, let's hang out and play! Families with infants, toddlers, and elementary-aged children are invited for a fun morning at Hains Point (2301 Ohio Drive, SW). We've reserved Picnic Area B, which is close to restrooms and the playground. We'll pause at 10:30 a.m. to pray together, and coffee and snacks will be provided. Last month we had almost 50 kids and caregivers join in the fun! So save the date, and we hope to see you there.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

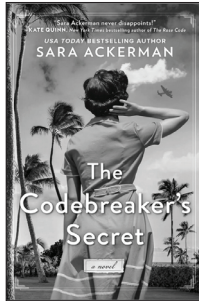
Sunday, June 2, at 11:30 a.m.

The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship will meet for brunch on Sunday, June 2, after the 10:30 a.m. service. All in their 20s and 30s (ish) are invited for food and fellowship. Gather in the sanctuary around 11:30 a.m. For more details, contact us via the online Ministry Directory.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m., via Zoom

Join us to discuss Sara Ackerman's novel *The Codebreaker's Secret*. In this tale, set during World War II and the 1960s, two smart, adventurous women attempt to solve a captivating historical mystery in Hawaii—a secret only a codebreaker can crack. The book group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



COME CELEBRATE PRIDE!

Saturday, June 8

St. John's Pride will join others from around the diocese to march in the Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 8. Mark your calendar and come celebrate Pride with us! All are welcome; full details forthcoming closer to the date. Questions? Interested in learning about our fellowship for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies? Contact leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

GRACE'S TABLE

Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Next Date: June 15

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and

serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. Volunteers purchase and prepare food (including casseroles, rolls, salad, and dessert) and/or serve the guests. Typically, as many as 60 or 70 guests come seeking food and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

LATROBE AND LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIPS: BIG SWING AT THE BALLPARK

Saturday, June 15, at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, June 15, members of St. John's Lafayette and Latrobe fellowships will join with congregants from Episcopal parishes around the diocese to catch a Nationals home game. Tickets are \$45 each. In an effort to be seated in the same area, please contact the leaders of Latrobe via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab on our website by Sunday, May 26, to RSVP and receive info about ticket purchase and payment.

Step up to the plate and join us!
A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK
SATURDAY | JUNE 15 | 4:05 PM
Get your tickets today!

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY HOURS

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

(10 a.m. to noon beginning May 26)

Infants and children are welcome at all worship services. Nursery care is also available most Sundays for infants and children up to age three. The nursery meets in the Godly Play Classroom #2 on the second floor of the Parish House.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House. The Godly Play class is for children in pre-K through first grade, while kids in second through fifth grade gather in the Spark class. For information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May

All middle and high school youth are invited to the second floor of the Parish House for an exploration of life and faith with their peers. For information, contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship (10:30 a.m. in summer)

Children from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the later service. Children gather by the pulpit during the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song, homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children, and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship, September through May

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during the 11 a.m. service from September through May by serving as torch bearers or crucifers and by helping set the altar for communion. To learn more, contact us via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

REMINDERS

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service (10:30 a.m. in summer) is broadcast and available for replay on our website, as are occasional other special services and events.

CURIOUS ABOUT ST. JOHN'S?

Read our annual report! It's a great way to learn about our ministries, volunteers, leaders, and the impact of this faith community. Check it out at bit.ly/sjc-annual-report-2023.

... THEN JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP AND MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS

Want to get more involved at St. John's? Check out our ministries at www.stjohns-dc.org and contact leaders online via our Ministry Directory for more details or to sign up.

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

To listen to past sermons or speaker series, visit our website or scan this QR code. You can also locate past sermons by searching for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your device.



ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

If you want to make an offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, you may do so on our website or by scanning the QR code on the right. In the "Fund" drop-down menu, select the fund to which you wish to donate.



FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House are made possible by gifts from our community and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, a wedding, an anniversary, a graduation, or another special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the Church.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m., from September through May (Summer schedule noted below)

During the program year, this group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. From May 26 through the end of summer, we will meet occasionally via Zoom, dates to be determined, with weekly study materials provided by email. We are studying the Galilean Ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark and the broad structure of the Acts of the Apostles, exploring connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For class notes and Zoom login information, connect with us via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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. **Contact Pastoral Care through the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at stjohndc.org.** Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other 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. For family and friends who are not members of the congregation, we list in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers.

Our prayers are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Sara Josey.

Friends and family of our parish: Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Brett Bowman (Jack Reiffer), Diane Chrisman (Jack Reiffer), Francis Collins (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Bruce D'Innocenzo (Jim and Michele Mullins), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Patricia George (Kelle George), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Lynne Kessler (Mary and Carl Raether), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Jan Mains (Ryan Wagner), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), JaVonté Odom (GeeGee Bryant), Janet Rich (Christie Rich), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John & Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson

(Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Lou Thesmar (Alfred and Hilary Thesmar), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Jerome Wiggins (GeeGee Bryant), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Carol Bradley (Larry and Krista Bradley) and Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

From our parish: Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Jack Kinsey, Barney Malloy, Marcella Odom, and Becky Schergens.

Friends and family of our parish: Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Pat Morris (Will Morris), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Jim Garland, Zaria Griffin, Vivian Hanniford, Charlotte Hantson, Susan Heil, Francis Hortenstine, Caroline Huettner, McKenzie Jeffers, Nancy Klotz, Katherine Montgomery, Greg Morrison, Charlie Rawlings, James Reilly, Harker Rhodes, Henry Singer, Ali Ulin, Susan Wild, and Paul Zehfuss.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

David Abernethy and Beth Lewis, Jeannette and Matt Berlin, Coleman and Judy Campbell Bird, Paul and Kathryn Brandus, Susan George and Emmanuel Lagera, Joanne and Powell Hutton, Bill and Sara Josey, Carter and Fran Keithley, and Henrik and Jennifer Weng.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy) and Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris).

Contact Pastoral Care at Connect: Ministry Directory on our website to add, remove, or change a status on the prayer list.

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

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Krista Rimple Bradley, Kaye Edwards,

Casey Evans, Wendy J. Fibison, David Gallalee,

Fruzsina Harsanyi, Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,

Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,

Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

Sara McGanity, *Treasurer*

Nora Haugh, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Head Greeters

Eleanor and Peter Odom

Worship and Program Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell, *Associate
for Children and Family Ministries*

The Rev. Shawn Evelyn, *Associate for Parish Life*

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest
for Engaging Local Communities*

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

Staff

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

Lisa Koehler, *Program Associate and
Executive Assistant to the Rector*

David Evans, *Program Associate for Website
and Digital Content Management*

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant and David Gamboa, *Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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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