THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 21, 2024 + Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



SAINT JºHN'S CHURCH

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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, 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

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King

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



Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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.**





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PriestThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PriestLet us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Laura Herzog.

1 John 3:16-24 11 a.m. Read by Krista Bradley.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

9 a.m. Led by Richard Greene, said responsively by half verse. 11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

(11 a.m. only) 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 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

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



Words: Hymns for the Young, ca. 1830, alt. Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody, from The European Magazine and London Review, 1792.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Please remain standing as you are able.

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise 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

Please stand as you are able.

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

Silence.

9 a.m. Led by Frank Klotz. 11 a.m. Led by Chris Siddall.

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 People	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 St. Mark's Church, DC; and St. Mark's Church, Fairland. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; 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 People	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; Who put their trust in you.
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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

My eyes for beauty pine,

to heav'n I turn my face.

my soul for Goddës grace:

No other care nor hope is mine,

One splendour thence is shed

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

Sung by the choir.

My eyes for beauty pine

Elizabeth Coxhead (b. 1987) Thomas Coxhead (b. 1993)

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace: No other care nor hope is mine, to heav'n I turn my face.

And every gentle heart, that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

-Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

My Shepherd will supply my need



HYMN 664





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: Resignation, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

William Mathias



SANCTUS (S-128) Sung by all.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-374) Sung by all.







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

The King of love my shepherd is

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Sung by the choir.

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living waters flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth: and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and gently on his shoulder laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

—Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877)



Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*, melody att. Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758), alt.; harm. Johann Löhner (1645-1705), after chorale ver. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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.**

The service continues with the hymn on the next page.

HYMN 523

Sung by all, standing as you are able.





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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 Psalm 19 (The heavens declare the glory of God) Ben

Benedetto Marcello (1686–1739)

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

and in celebration of Alex, Desirée, William, and Natalie Stolar.

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE TODAY

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer* James Doyle and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers* Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher* Martha Ellison and Anne Stewart, *Ushers* Eleanor Odom and Peter Odom, *Greeters* Joanne Hutton, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE TODAY

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer* + Lizzie Rigby and Powe Rigby, *Acolytes* Tony Anikeeff and Debby Hailey, *Chalice Bearers* Nora Rigby, *Assistant Head Usher* Linda Chen, David Gallalee, Michele Mullins, and Hap Rigby, *Ushers* Larry Bradley and Christine Davies, *Greeters* Joanne Hutton, *Flower Guild* Matthew Taylor, *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 April 21

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Our spring diaper drive continues; please see next page.

- 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—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
 - 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish House First Floor)
 Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 4)
 Church School (Parish House Second Floor)
 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 (Parish House Lower Level)

Parish Lunch (Parish House Lower Level; see next column)

Baptismal Reunion Lunch (Togo West Parlor)

Church Tour (see next column)

College Admissions: A Roadmap (Parish House Third Floor; 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.

No flower deliveries are needed this week; please check again next Sunday.

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH Today at noon: Hosted by the Sisters at St. John's

Sunday lunch at St. John's is a longtime tradition in which every member and every visitor can participate. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones—a time for fellowship and for hearing another's story. The lunch is held most Sundays in the Parish House. Contributions of \$5 for adults and young people 13 and over and \$2 for children under 13 are requested to help defray the costs of the lunch. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.



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.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: A ROADMAP Today at noon

Learn how the college admissions landscape has been shifting, especially since the pandemic began in 2020. Independent educational consultants Emily Lucio and Becky Claster will provide an overview of recent trends and guidance on what colleges are looking for, how to research schools and develop your college list, and what to do now to be well prepared for the application process.



SPRING DIAPER DRIVE CONTINUES Sundays, April 21 and 28

When members of the St. John's Book Group read *Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding, and Ending U.S. Poverty,* most were surprised by the disproportionate economic impact on women who need disposable diapers and period products. That's why we are again sponsoring a spring donation drive: It's a simple way to reduce poverty right here in our own DMV communities.

A collection table will be set up every Sunday in April for items of need, including diapers (especially sizes 4 and up and especially 6), Pull-Ups (especially sizes 3T-4T and 4T-5T), wipes, diaper cream, baby wash, baby lotion, adult shampoo and conditioner, adult body wash, and period products, especially pads. You may also arrange to drop off items at the garage of organizer Holly Sukenik; contact her via the Ministry Directory on our website. Or skip the shopping and make a donation by check payable to the Greater DC Diaper Bank (GDCDB) or by credit card at greaterdcdiaperbank.org.

SERVICE SCHEDULE April 22–28

Monday and Friday

12:10 p.m. Noonday Prayer

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

12:10 p.m. Eucharist

Sunday—The Rev. Shawn Evelyn, Preacher

- 7:45 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
 - 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and Children's Chapel

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth Floor)

Thursday, April 25

7 p.m. Roedean Girls Choir Concert (see below)

Saturday, April 27

9:30 a.m. Family Meetup (offsite; see next page)10 a.m. Food Not Bombs (Parish House Kitchen)



ROEDEAN GIRLS CHOIR CONCERT Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m.

St. John's will host a special performance by the Roedean Girls Choir from Johannesburg, South Africa on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. In its 104-year history, the Roedean Girls Choir has recorded numerous secular and sacred albums and has performed worldwide. The choir has been at the forefront of promoting indigenous South African music and performs regularly for local and foreign dignitaries in South Africa and on tour. While this concert is open to the public free of charge, an offering will be gathered in support of Kwasa College, our companion school in the Anglican Diocese of Highveld, South Africa.

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FAMILY MEETUP: BEAUVOIR PLAYGROUND Saturday, April 27, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Calling all families with infants, toddlers, and elementary aged kids! Come spend the morning building community and playing on the epic Beauvoir Playground (3500 Woodley Road, NW). We'll pause at 10:30 a.m. for brief, kid-friendly prayer. Weekend parking is plentiful on the cathedral grounds. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website for more information.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

SPRING NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Sunday, April 28, at 9 and 11 a.m.

St. John's will recognize new members of our community during worship on Sunday, April 28, at 9 and 11 a.m., and at a welcome reception at noon. Please come show your support for our growing community and, if you have not already, say hello and get to know someone new.

RECOGNIZING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS Submit names by Sunday, April 28

Each spring, St. John's recognizes parishioners who will soon be graduating from high school. This year, we will recognize all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 5, at the 11 a.m. service. If you have (or are) a youth graduating from high school this year, please let us know by contacting the Rev. Shawn Evelyn via our website by Sunday, April 28.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A FOND FAREWELL Sunday, May 19



After two years at St. John's, the Rev. Shawn Evelyn and his family will be moving later this spring. His final Sunday with us will be May 19. Please mark your calendar and help us give them a festive send-off. Details to follow.

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, May 19, at 9 a.m. Class: Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m.

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.



ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's—or just to learn a bit more about the church? If so, consider taking our two-day Adult Inquirers' Class. This class will meet on Saturdays, May 11 and 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's. All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime parishioner. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church. To express interest or learn more, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website.



ST. JOHN'S PRIDE

Interested in learning more about our fellowship for LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies? Contact leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE

Upcoming hosts are listed below. Questions? Contact Holly Sukenik via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

April 21	Sisters at St. John's
April 28	New Members Reception
May 5	Bishop Walker School
<i>May 12</i>	No Lunch: Mother's Day
May 19	Reception for the Rev. Shawn Evelyn
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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. **DID YOU KNOW?** Setting up automatic pledge payments on Realm is easy and convenient—but in order for us to know that you have made a pledge, we still need you to visit the "Make a pledge" link on the website or turn in a pledge card. This will help us record your pledge promptly and accurately. Thank you for your support of the ministry of St. John's!

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.



April 21: Nancy Stoner, President of the Potomac Riverkeeper Network, will speak about local water quality, what Riverkeeper groups are doing to address it, and how you can help protect, defend, and enjoy the Potomac River. Formerly an environmental lawyer with the Department of Justice, and former Acting Administrator of Water at the EPA, Nancy also co-directed a program to promote sound water resource management at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

May 5: Mark Hudson, Executive Director of Tudor Place Historic House and Garden in Washington, DC, will give a talk entitled "America's Story Lives Here." Tudor Place is a cultural anchor in Georgetown that traces stories of slavery and freedom through six generations of descendants of Martha Washington and the enslaved and free people who worked at Tudor Place.

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."

STEWARDSHIP 2024

Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2024! As of Wednesday, April 17, we had received 298 pledges, for a total of \$1,107,620. By making a pledge, you are helping ensure that the vestry and rector will be able to plan for another great year of ministry, music, outreach, and fellowship. We welcome all pledges, large and small—and, of course, if you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will make a big difference as we grow our programs to better serve our diverse parish community. If you haven't already, you can register your pledge by returning a completed card (blank cards are found in the narthex) or by filling in an online pledge form at stjohns-dc.org/give. Thank you!

—Toby Stock, Chair of Stewardship

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



FINAL MIDWEEK MUSIC OF THE SEASON Wednesday, May 1, at 12:15 p.m.

Our 2023–2024 Midweek Music concert series concludes with a fan favorite, the U.S. Army Chorus, which provides musical support for the leadership of the United States and inspirational engagement with the American people. Midweek Music performances take place during the lunch hour on the first Wednesday of each month from October through May and are open to the public free of charge.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m.

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 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. For more information, contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn using the About: Leadership tab on our website.



WIN UNIVERSITY: Political Education

Final Session: Thursday, May 2, 6:30-8 p.m.

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) concludes its political education series with dinner and a presentation on climate and healthy housing. This session will take place at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (222 M Street, SW). To register, visit bit.ly/win-series-spring-24. Questions? Contact Sarah Wood via our online Ministry Directory.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende. Set in the late 1930s amid the Spanish Civil War, this novel follows a young pregnant widow and an army doctor who are forced to flee Spain and unite in



a marriage neither of them wants in order to survive. 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.

DAY OF RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING Sunday, May 5, at 11 a.m.

St. John's has many traditions of honoring its members for their accomplishments or various acts of service. Sunday, May 5, during our 11 a.m. service we will recognize and offer thanksgiving for our high school seniors, acolytes, and Christian education teachers. We ask all involved in these groups to be present as you are able—and all others to join us for this parish-wide celebration.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, May 11, 5–7:30 p.m.

Kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza while parents and caregivers enjoy an evening out. RSVP by Monday, May 6, using the online form found at bit.ly/PNO-0511. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

SPECIAL CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERING "There's something about Mary" Sunday, May 12, at 10 a.m., for all ages

Spend Mother's Day learning about Jesus' mom in this offering for kids and their caregivers. We will hear stories of Mary in scripture, make a craft, and celebrate moms and mother figures in our own lives.

GRACE'S TABLE

Saturday, May 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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.

PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, MAY 19

Plan to wear red and and celebrate this major feast day

On the Day of Pentecost, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and the birth of the early church. At St. John's, we will commemorate the day with baptisms at the 9 a.m. service and special music at 11 a.m. We will also offer thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Shawn Evelyn on this, his final Sunday at St. John's. Cake will be offered after the 9 and 11 a.m. services. 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.



FINAL CHORAL EVENSONG OF THE SEASON Wednesday, May 22, at 5:30 p.m.

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 Wednesday of each month through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Parking validation is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW. A validation ticket can be obtained from an usher before or after the service. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special offering. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.

MIDWEEK MEN'S GROUP Thursday, May 23, at noon

This lectionary-based Bible study for men of all ages is convened by parishioner Carter Keithley, who holds a master's degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month for a brown-bag lunch with fellowship and a wide-ranging, scripture-based conversation. Questions? Contact us via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 26

On Sunday, May 26, we usher in our summer schedule moving to two Sunday services (spoken at 7:45 a.m., with music at 10:30 a.m.) until after Labor Day. Nursery care will be available each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The Speaker Series, when scheduled, will start at 9:30 a.m. We will continue to offer Children's Chapel at the later service throughout the summer.

NURSERY HOURS

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

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.

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.

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

Children from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the 11 a.m. 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.

JOIN THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Sundays at 10 a.m.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. The group is studying the structure, audience, and themes of the Gospels of Mark and John. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For class notes and Zoom login information, connect with us via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service and monthly Evensong are broadcast and available for replay on our website, as are occasional other special services and events.

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP, MAKE 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.

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 stjohnsdc.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

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), 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), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Barbara and John McGraw (Mary and Carl Raether), 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), 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 WHO HAVE DIED

Friends and family of our parish: Ruth H. Adams, April 7 (Eric Blair-Joannou).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Jeanne Arnold, Maggie Coppinger, Thea Crouch, Lafawn Davis, Cathy Feig, Everett Haugh, Cliftine Jones, Emily Lucio, Aidan Maher, Earl Matthews, Katherine Seifert, Catherine Stolar, Paul Szczepanik, and Betsy Clark Van Orman.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Casey and Le Evans, and Caroline and Stephen Faris.

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*

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