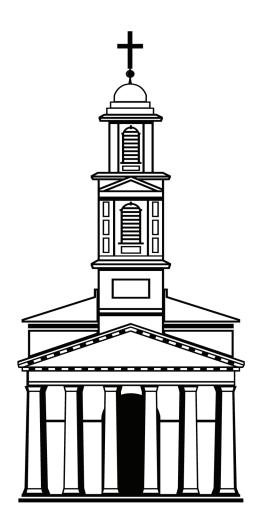
## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024 → Holy Eucharist at 9 and 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** 

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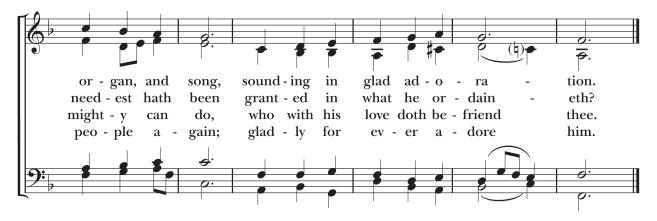
Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)

## **HYMN 390**

Praise to the Lord, the almighty

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





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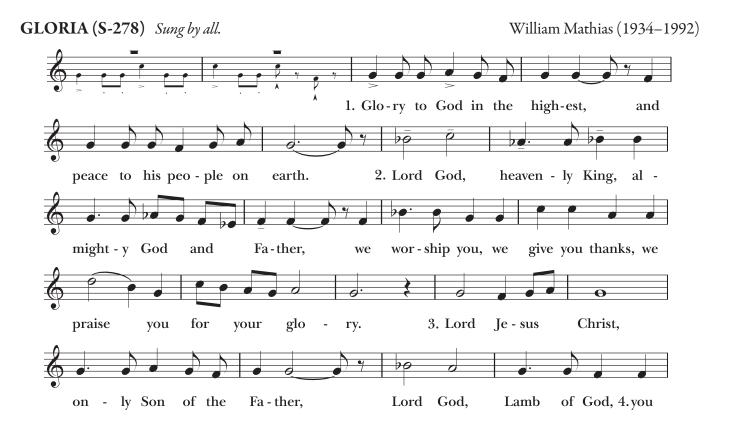
## THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

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

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE FIRST READING

Please be seated.

James 3:13–4:3, 7-8 a 9 a.m. Read by Alex Stolar. 11 a.m. Read by David Gallalee.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

## **PSALM 54**

9 a.m. Led by Amy Whitworth, said responsively by half verse. 11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by Edward John Hopkins (1818–1901)

Save me, O God, by your Name; \* in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; \* give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, \* those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; \*
it is the LORD who sustains my life.

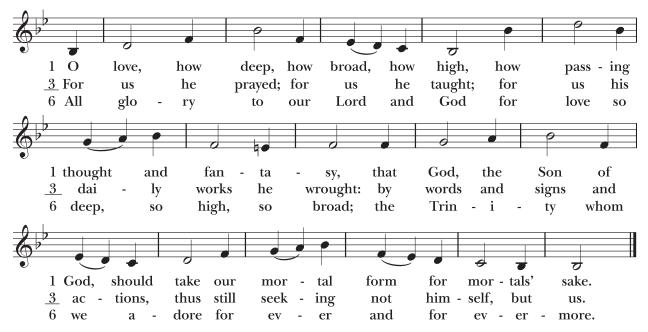
Render evil to those who spy on me; \* in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \* and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, \* and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

(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.

Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 3 will be sung before the Gospel, stanza 6 after.



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 6 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

9 a.m. Led by Holly Sukenik.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Laurie Adams.

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

Silence.

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Intercessor For Joseph, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in

authority. For our nation during this election year, that we will value and uphold the common bond we share as citizens, and that you will empower us at this time to be graceful, loving, and

brave. For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. People

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

*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 church musicians and choirs. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our

Presiding Bishop-elect; and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in the Church. People

*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**

Sung by the choir.

At 9 a.m. How lovely are the messengers

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

—Paraphrase of Romans 10:15

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; And though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.

—1 Corinthians 13:1-4, 7-9, 12-13

## **HYMN 636**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

## 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.

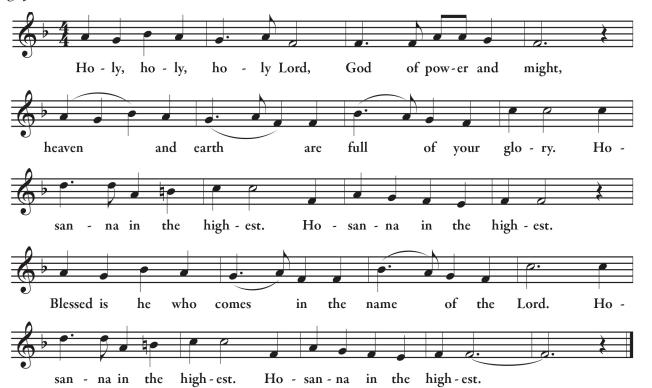
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS (S-125)

From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

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,

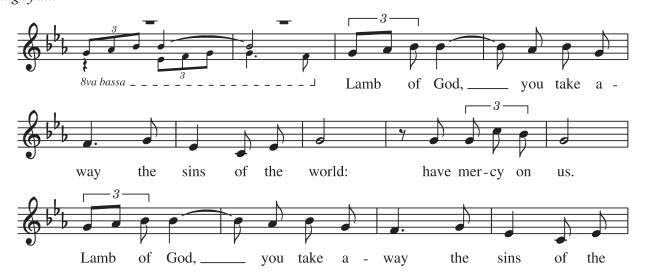
All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

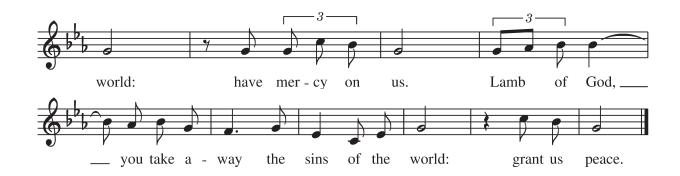
### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## AGNUS DEI (S-374)

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

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**

Verleih uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn

Sung by the choir.

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich, Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten. Es ist doch ja kein andrer nicht, der für uns könnte streiten, denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

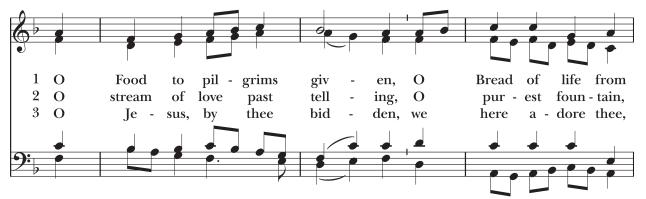
Graciously grant us peace, Lord God, in our time; there is no one else who could fight for us, except you, our God, alone.

*—Martin Luther (1483–1546)* 

## **HYMN 309**

O Food to pilgrims given

Sung by all, seated.





Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, present form of melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517), alt.; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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 492**

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: Finnian, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930). By permission of Oxford University Press

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY** 

Allegro moderato e serioso, Sonata I, Op. 65, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

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

and in memory of Christopher Warren Danello.

## ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Eric Bailey, *Crucifer* \* James Doyle and Jack Reiffer, *Chalice Bearers*Bud Harrell and Richard Young, *Assistant Head Ushers* \* Diane Spaulding, *Usher*Eleanor Odom and Peter Odom, *Greeters* \* Paul Barkett and Anne Harrington, *Flower Guild* 

#### ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Finley Buchanan, Crucifer \* Walt Ehrlich and Cooper Thesmar, Acolytes

Sylvia Martin Estes and Debby Hailey, Chalice Bearers

Anthony Pegues, Assistant Head Usher

Tony Anikeeff, Livy More, Michele Mullins, and Bill Wright, Ushers

Elena Braithwaite-Williams and Croline Faris, Greeters \* Paul Barkett and Anne Harrington, Flower Guild

Jeremy Skog, 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.

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# Announcements for the Week of September 22

## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher 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 2)
    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 FisherChildren's Chapel (children begin in church)
  - Noon Coffee Hour (Parish House Lower Level)

    "Welcome Back" Parish Potluck (Parish
    House Lower Level; see next column)

    Chalice Bearer Training (Sanctuary)

    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 Cumberland Street, NW; and Kalorama Circle, NW.

#### **SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH**

## "Welcome Back" potluck today at noon in the dining room on the lower level of the Parish House

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 Kevin Cordova-Brookey.

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

## **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

September 23-September 29

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

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Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and Children's Chapel (includes special music; see page 4)



Our 11 a.m. service next Sunday will feature the work of living composers Grayston Ives and Cecilia McDowall, shown above.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

## Monday, September 23

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

## Tuesday, September 24

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

## Wednesday, September 25

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

## Thursday, September 26

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals (Parish House Fourth Floor)

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth Floor)

## **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.



September 22: Carroll Doherty, Director of Political Research at the Pew Research Center, will talk with us about the state of the presidential race.



September 29: Ann Compton, longtime ABC News White House Correspondent and parishioner at St. John's, will talk about her career in journalism and her thoughts on the current state of media and politics.



October 6: Scott Sklar, Founder and President of The Stella Group, a clean energy technology optimization and strategic policy firm, will share his work on clean and sustainable energy.



October 13: Maureen Corrigan, Distinguished Professor of Literary Criticism at Georgetown University and one of the nation's foremost F. Scott Fitzgerald experts, will speak about the great American novelist's life and work.

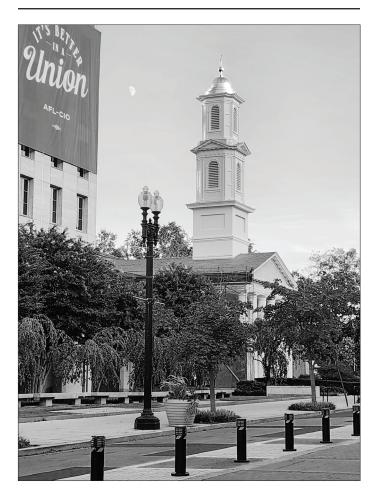


October 27: The Rev. Christine Dunn, Director of Community Engagement for Lutheran Social Services of the Northern Capital Area, will speak about who our refugee neighbors are and will highlight volunteer opportunities and ways to advocate for refugees.

November 3: Vice Admiral Frank "Trey" Whitworth, Director of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, will talk about the work of the agency and the role it plays in keeping the nation safe.

**December 8: George Musgrove**, a University of Maryland professor of history whose teaching and scholarship focus on African-American politics, will give a talk entitled "Black Protest Politics in the 1980s and 1990s."

## **NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**



#### **BELL TOWER NEWS**

We are filled with gratitude to announce that we have hit our fundraising goal for the Bell Tower Campaign!

Additional gifts are still welcome, and all who make a gift or pledge before Monday, September 30, will be recognized on our permanent donor plaque, which will be mounted inside the tower.

Visit stjohns-dc.org/history/bell-tower to make a direct gift. Or, to make a pledge of a forthcoming gift, please complete the form found at bit.ly/sjc-bell-tower-pledge. Questions? Contact Preston Cherouny via the About: Leadership tab of our website or by calling the Parish Office.

On Sunday, October 20, at 12:30 p.m. we will have a rededication ceremony, which will include fabulous music, prayer, special guests, and a catered reception to follow. A limited number of hand-cut 1822 nails from the tower will be available for those who would like to take one home from the event, first come, first served.

## BEING WITH: A COURSE EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

Last chance to sign up—Zoom class begins Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m.



This fall, we are again excited to offer a 10-week class called Being With (beingwith.org), developed by the Rev. Sam Wells and his colleagues at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London. Participants may choose between online and in-person learning groups and will spend

time exploring the core ideas and practices of a Christian life. Each session lasts 90 minutes, and participants should be present for most sessions for the most meaningful small-group experience. Class starts this week and runs through December 4 (no class Thanksgiving week). Please contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions, or visit bit.ly/3WhQjiB to express interest.

#### **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.

## ECO JUSTICE FORUM & REPORT FROM WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK (WIN)

If you care about equitable access to clean energy, healthy homes and green jobs in DC, please join us for a public advocacy forum sponsored by WIN on Thursday, September 26, at 7 p.m. For details and to sign up, visit bit.ly/win-9-26. Also of note, in the coming weeks, WIN and a consortium of DMV environmental organizations will release a related citizen's science study of the concerning levels of residential indoor air pollution caused

by gas stoves in homes in the area. St. John's parishioner Robin Pennington is one of the report's key data analysts, and Sarah Wood helped conduct the research. Contact St. John's WIN leadership via the Ministry Directory on the Connect tab of our website for details.

## **SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH**

## Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, and ministries to sign up to host at least once between October 6 and the end of May. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt.

Not sure what's involved? Want to claim an open date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

September 22 "Welcome Back" Potluck

October 6 RJ Lyerly

October 13 St. John's Pride

October 20 Bell Tower Reception

October 27 No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon

November 3 The Sisters at St. John's

November 10

November 17 New Members Reception

November 24

December 1 No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend

December 8

December 15 Greeters

December 22 No Lunch

December 29 No Lunch

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## SPECIAL MUSIC DURING WORSHIP Sunday, September 29, at 11 a.m.

Join us for worship on Sunday, September 29, at 11 a.m. when the combined choirs will offer sacred music by two living British composers (see page 2). Cecilia McDowall's *Jubilate Deo* was premiered at the Platinum Jubilee for Queen Elizabeth II in 2022. It brings the joyful text of Psalm 100 to life with dancing vocal melodies and organ flourishes. Grayston Ives' *Missa Brevis* similarly sets the traditional Latin text of the Eucharist in a rhythmic manner, capturing both the solemnity and the spirit of the Eucharist.

## TEA WITH THE SISTERS AT ST. JOHN'S Sunday, September 29, at noon

Women of all ages are invited to join the Sisters at St. John's for tea (hot and cold) served with small sandwiches and desserts. The Sisters gather socially throughout the year for fellowship and giving activities, in addition to offering an annual retreat and supporting one another in times of need. Come meet our members and learn more about this group! RSVP by Wednesday, September 25, via the online Ministry Directory on the Connect tab of our website.

## LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP Trivia Night: Wednesday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m.

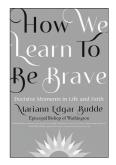
The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. For more, contact Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

## LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP Thursday, October 3, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

The Lafayette Fellowship is excited to kick off autumn with dinner at the home of the Rev. Rob Fisher and Sarah Wood. Come for food, cocktails/mocktails, and conversation. The Lafayette Fellowship is a group of adults, primarily in their 40s and 50s, looking for community. Our events offer the time and space to build friendships, expand our hearts and minds, and have fun. We look forward to welcoming current and new members! For planning purposes, please RSVP to co-chairs Hilary West and Christine Davies via the Ministry Directory on the Connect tab of our website.

## ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP Thursday, October 3, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde. Bishop Mariann explores times when people are called to push past fear and act with courage and strength.



The book is heralded as perfect for those seeking answers in uncertain times. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us online at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Sunday, October 6, at 9 a.m.

Humans of all ages and pets of all varieties are welcome! The Blessing of the Animals will take place during the 9 a.m. service. Leashed or crated pets are invited into the sanctuary for worship that will last less than an hour. The Blessing of the Animals is often held in early October to coincide with the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), the patron saint of animals and the environment.

## CHORAL EVENSONG Wednesday, October 16, 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 is sung by the St. John's Choir on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. 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.

#### **GRACE'S TABLE**

## Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. *Upcoming Dates: October 19 and November 16*

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 using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

## FALL FAMILY MEET-UP Saturday, October 19, 5–6:30 p.m.

Join in an evening of fall fun at the church. We'll have chili and sandwiches for supper, and games and crafts to help build community among kids and caregivers. RSVP by Tuesday, October 15, to the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## THE 2024 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS New Dates: Saturdays, October 26 and November 2

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? If so, please join the two-day Fall Adult Inquirers' Class, led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, on Saturdays, October 26 and November 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime parishioner. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, our Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church. To register, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Those who participate or who have completed another inquirers' class are invited to celebrate with a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, November 16.

## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### **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.

## 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 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. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## **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. Questions? Contact Eric Bailey 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, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. To learn more, contact us via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

#### **CHORISTER PROGRAM**

Do you know a child who loves to sing? The St. John's Chorister Program offers children and youth exceptional choral training, music theory education, and leadership development. We have a preparatory choir for children in grades 3–6, and an advanced (auditioned) program for young singers with unchanged voices. Choristers become part of a vibrant community of singers dedicated to offering sacred music of the highest quality. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## **REMINDERS**



## JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Did you miss last week's Ministry Fair? Do you want to get more involved at St. John's? Find a ministry group at www.stjohns-dc.org, and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

## MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

A pledge is a commitment of financial support over the course of a year, to be paid weekly, monthly, or on another schedule. By making a



pledge to St. John's, you enable us to plan for the work we undertake in mission and ministry. It's easy to make a pledge commitment online using this QR code or by visiting the Give tab on our website.

#### LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



#### 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.

#### ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

If you want to make a monetary 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.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. During the final months of this church year, the class is studying the end of the Galilean Ministry of Jesus, the Way of the Cross, and the episodes before Christ's Passion. For class notes and Zoom login information, please connect with leader Jack Reiffer at 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 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

From our parish: Yung Chang, Andy McKinnon, and David Springer.

Friends and family of our parish: Cathy Ballman (Laura Ballman), Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Brett Bowman (Jack Reiffer), Francis Collins (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Ryan Hyde (Pete and Katherine Kyle), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Melinda Leslie (Patricia Leslie), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Luke Morrison (Elizabeth and Greg Morrison), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Ian Paton (Frances Tyler), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

#### THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL

Friends and family of our parish: Marquis Hailstork (GeeGee Bryant).

#### THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Carol Bradley (Larry and Krista Bradley), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Pam Murray (James and Pat Czerwonky).

#### THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

Friends and family of our parish: Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), 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: Esme Greenridge, September 17 (Wande Johnson).

## THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Elizabeth Avery, Sigi Block, Clayton Depue, Shawn Evelyn, Caroline Faris, Art Fisher, Juliet Folger, Samuel Greene, John Hailey, Kristy Highsmith, Lydia Hornbaker, Mason Jeffers, Elizabeth Johnston, Christine Kennedy, Margot Kieve, Jett Lyerly, Ivy Mason, Michael Mengel, Denzel Ramirez, Glenn Reichardt, Lucy Smith, and Jocelyn Tichenor.

## THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Katherine and Nicholas Davidson, Anne and Cliff Elmore, John and Zachary Schutz, Bob and Tammi Hoback, Nancy and Randall Roe, Andree and Joseph Leonelli, and Andrew and Laurel Tierney.

### THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Anna Broadbent-Evelyn (Shawn Evelyn), and Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris).

## **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, Wendy J. Fibison, David Gallalee, Fruzsina Harsanyi, Elizabeth Cavert Morrison, Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer, Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members* 

Casey Evans, *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 Akes-Cardwell, Associate Rector
The Rev. William Morris, Assisting Priest
for Engaging Local Communities
Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist
Lyn Loewi, Associate Organist
Eric Bailey, Minister for Youth and Young Adults

## Staff

Preston Cherouny, Chief Operating Officer
Charley Griffin, Operations Manager
Lisa Koehler, Program Associate and
Executive Assistant to the Rector
Javier Obregon, Sexton
GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and John Queen,
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.

## Parish House

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