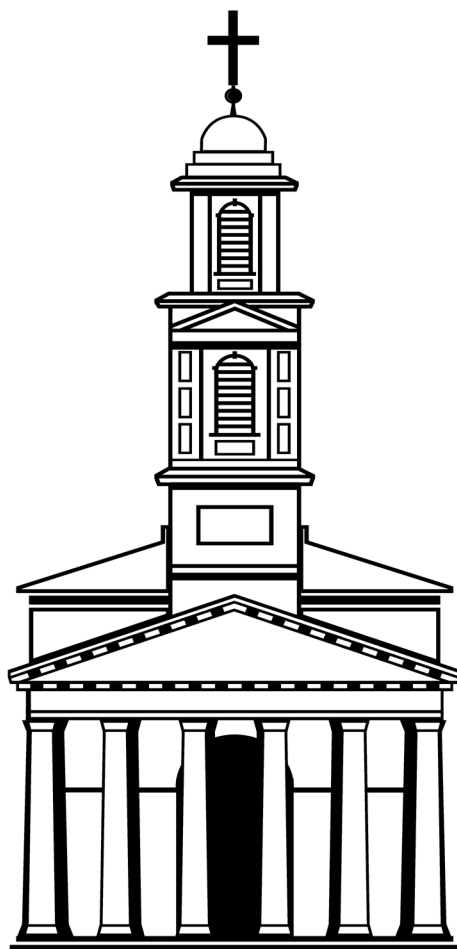


THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (OBSERVED)

August 4, 2024 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 10:30 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 10 a.m. to noon 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

Concerto in D minor, BWV 596

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

I. Allegro

II. Grave – Fugue

III. Largo e spiccato

HYMN 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair

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

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt. Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768); alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947). Descant by permission of the Royal School of Church Music.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

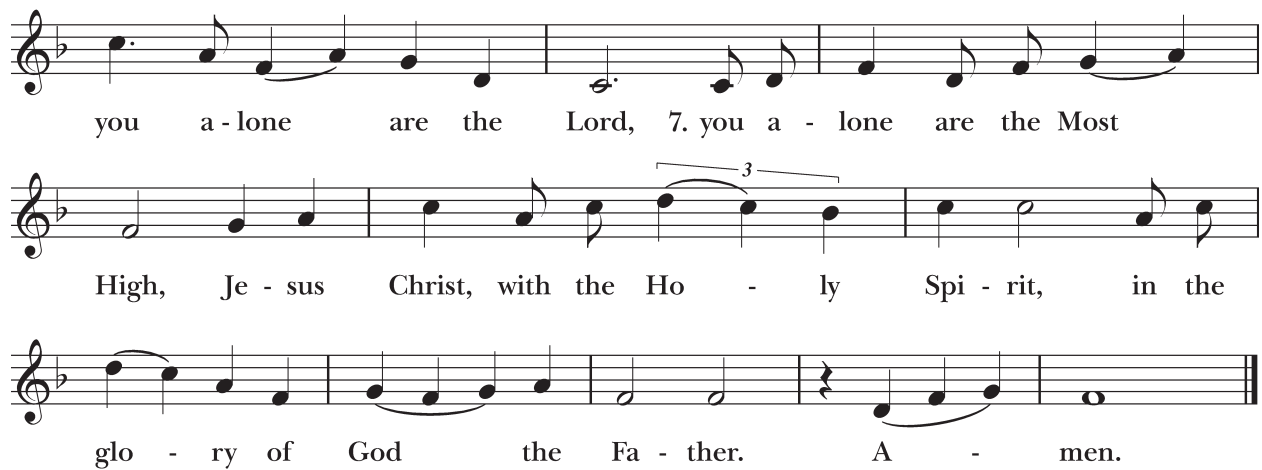
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

GLORIA (S-280) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

Please be seated.

Read by Krista Bradley.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

Led by Brian Schoeneman, said responsively by half verse.

The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
 he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
 they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
 you were a God who forgave them,
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.

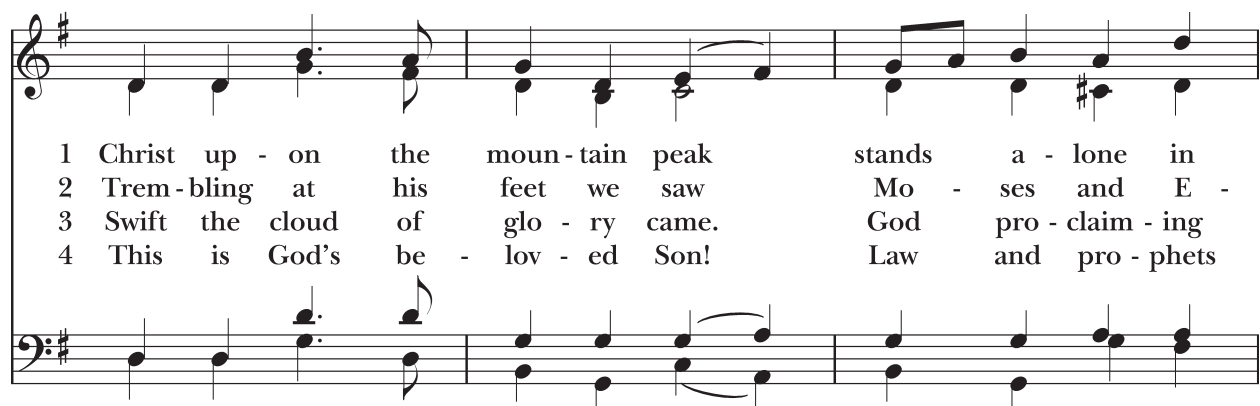
Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
 for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

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 129

Christ upon the mountain peak

Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 2 will be sung before the Gospel, stanzas 3 & 4 after.



1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the Gospel, all sing stanzas 3 & 4 of the gradual hymn.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by David Trebing.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

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 of the Transfiguration, Silver Spring. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. For Joseph, our President, and for 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. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially . . . Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially . . . Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, . . . , that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **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

Christ, whose glory fills the skies T. Frederick Candlyn (1892–1964)

Sung by the choir.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

—Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

HYMN 383 *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt. Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867–1953).

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (S-129) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-163) *Sung by all.*

4

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

3

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



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

O nata lux

Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

Sung by the choir.

*O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis,
nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.*

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

—*Office Hymn for the Feast of the Transfiguration*

HYMN 542

Christ is the world's true Light

Sung by all, seated.

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting:
 cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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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.**

The service continues with the hymn on the next page.

HYMN 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Concerto in D minor, BWV 596

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

IV. Allegro

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

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Paul Barkett, *Crucifer*

Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Diane Spaulding, *Chalice Bearers*

Matt Bode, *Assistant Head Usher*

Linda Chen, Doug Estes, Julia Koster, and Patricia Leslie, *Ushers*

Elena Braithwaite-Williams and John Lucio, *Greeters*

Pat Dalby, *Flower Guild*

Ryan Wagner, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

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

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Announcements for the Week of August 4

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.
Will Morris
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor;
see below)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.
Will Morris
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish House First Floor)
Church Tour (see next column)
Latrobe Young Adult Brunch (Offsite;
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 2nd Street NW, Washington DC; Laurel Leaf Lane, Fairfax, Va; and Dale Drive, Falls Church, VA.

SING WITH THE SUMMER CHOIR

Singers of all stripes are invited to join the Summer Choir which sings for the 10:30 a.m. service through Labor Day weekend. Rehearsal begins each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. **There is no midweek commitment, and you are welcome to sing for as many or as few Sundays as you are able.** This is a great opportunity to explore the choral program at St. John's and to get to know members of the St. John's Choir and Parish Choir who are also on hand to lend their voices. Please contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions or to learn more about the music program at St. John's.



TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at 11:30 a.m.

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 10:30 a.m. service. Today's guide is Richard Busch.



LATROBE YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

Today at 11:30 a.m.

The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship will enjoy brunch after the 10:30 a.m. service. All in their 20s and 30s (ish) are invited for food and fellowship. We will meet by the "Lincoln Pew" at the back of the church around 11:30 a.m. Questions? Contact us via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 5–11

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Nancy James, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
and Children's Chapel

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, August 5

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

Tuesday, August 6

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

STEWARDSHIP 2024

Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2024! As of Wednesday, July 30, we had received 308 pledges, for a total of \$1,132,120. 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: August 17 and September 21

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.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER STATIONS

Sunday, August 25, at 11:30 a.m.

Interactive, self-guided prayer stations will be available, focused on helping students, parents, and educators begin the school year well. Come name your hopes and concerns for the year ahead in creative ways. The prayer stations are designed with children in mind and will help adults tap into their own playfulness and imagination. Grab a coffee and explore!

BEING WITH: A COURSE EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

Sign up now for the fall course

This fall, we are excited to offer a 10-week class called Being With (being-with.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. Participants should be present for most sessions for the most meaningful small group experience. The course begins the week of September 22 and runs through December 6 (no class Thanksgiving week). Please contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions, or visit <https://bit.ly/3WhQjiB> to express interest in taking this course.

KICKOFF SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 8

On Sunday, September 8, we will return to our full round of services (spoken at 7:45 a.m., with choir and hymns at 9 and 11 a.m.). Church School will host an open house, and the Adult Bible Study will resume its weekly sessions. The Speaker Series will also resume.

CHURCH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

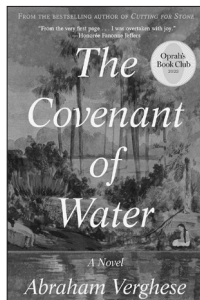
Sunday, September 8, at 10 a.m.

Kids and parents are invited to explore classrooms and meet their teachers between the 9 and 11 a.m. services on Kickoff Sunday. We'll have activities for kids and information about the program year ahead. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, September 12, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom for our first meeting of the fall to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by writer Abraham Verghese. 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.



ST. JOHN'S PRIDE TIKI BOAT RIVER CRUISE

Saturday, September 14, 5–7 p.m.

Those 21+ are invited to join us for a relaxing evening out on the water. Tickets are \$60 each and must be purchased by August 15. For details, including how to buy tickets, or to learn more about our LGBTQIA+ community and allies, contact St. John's Pride leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the Ministry Directory under the Connect tab of our website.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



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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.

THE 2024 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, October 19 & 26

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 19 and 26, 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 our Christian faith, the 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 on Saturday, November 16 at Washington National Cathedral.

SOUTH AFRICA VISIT UNDERWAY

A delegation from St. John's, including the Rev. Rob Fisher, is in South Africa to spend time and build relationships with our friends at Kwasa College. Kwasa supports education and other services for 600 children living in an informal settlement near Johannesburg. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

WELCOME TODAY'S VISITING CLERGY

Today we are pleased to welcome The Rev. Dr. Nancy James as our celebrant. As a priest, Nancy has served in Virginia, DC, and Alaska. She is also a scholar and author who specializes in the 17th-century mystic Madame Jeanne Guyon. Nancy has been leading worship at some of our weekday Eucharists here at St. John's, and we are grateful for her pastoral support.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY HOURS

Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon, through Labor Day

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 10:30 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 the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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

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

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Through the end of summer, we will meet occasionally via Zoom, dates to be determined, with weekly study materials provided by email. We will look at the Galilean Ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark and the broad structure of the Acts of the Apostles, exploring connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For class notes and Zoom login, please be in touch with us via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

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.

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.

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 stjohns-dc.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: Reed Barnes, Yung Chang, and Sara Josey

Friends and family of our parish: Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Francis Collins (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Bruce D'Innocenzo (Jim and Michele Mullins), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), 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), Jan Mains (Ryan Wagner), 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), Janet Rich (Christie Rich), 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), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), 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, 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

From our parish: Tom Korologos, July 26, and Harry Latane Martin, July 16.

Friends and family of our parish: Lou Thesmar, July 28 (Alfred and Hilary Thesmar).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Kathryn Falk Brandus, Claudette Cox, Ellie Demarest, Mona Dooley, Richard Duer, Rhet Hague, Carl Hampe, Anne Harrington, Lilian Johnson, Andree Leonelli, Brittany Prime, Susan Sierck, Allison Smith, and Margo Wiegenstein.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Rachel Bright and Thomas Traxler, Nkem and Uche Onwuamaegbu, Brad and Lily Kosegarten, and Chris and Kaki Tipler.

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)

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,
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.

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