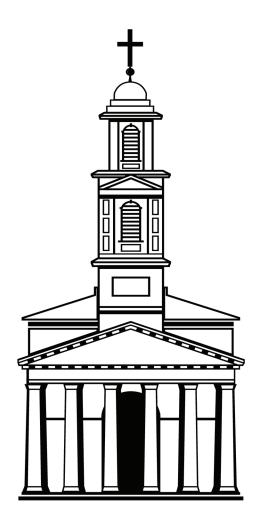
# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024 ♦ Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE . WASHINGTON, DC

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

### Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.

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

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

### **VOLUNTARY**

Three settings of "Christ lag in Todesbanden"

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Georg Böhm (1661–1773)

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

### **HYMN 492**

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

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



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

# THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Priest There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

Please be seated.

Read by William Priest.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

### PSALM 4

Chanted by the choir; setting by George Elvey (1816–1893).

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \* you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \* how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \* when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices \* and put your trust in the LORD.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

You have put gladness in my heart, \* more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \* for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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 200**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

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



Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Gaudeamus pariter*, melody from *Medieval [German or] Bohemian Carol Melody*, 1544; harm. *Songs of Syon*, 1904.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

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 stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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 SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde

# THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Please remain seated until invited to stand as you are able.

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present Ugochukwu Owen Owunwanne and Nicholas Rutherford Schoeneman for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Please stand as you are able.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will with God's help.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Led by Brian Schoeneman.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# THE CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hand upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Ugochukwu with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.** 

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Nicholas with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.** 

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE PEACE

Bishop 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**

Here, O my Lord

Barry Rose (b. 1934)

Sung by the choir.

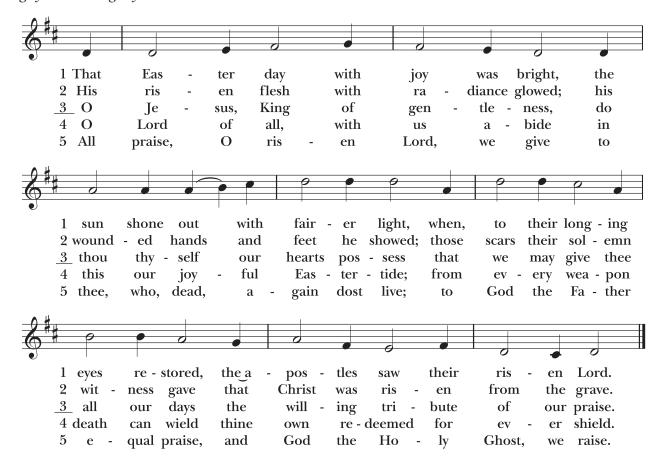
Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face, here faith would touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven. Here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine, nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon; it is enough, enough, my Lord, indeed, my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

—Horatius Bonar (1808–1889)

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



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# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

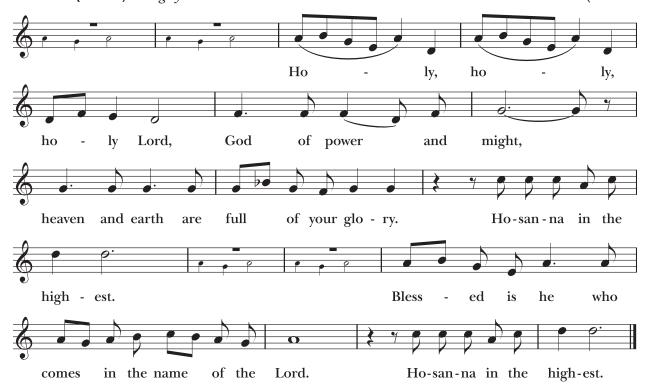
*People* We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Please stand or kneel as you are able. The Bishop 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

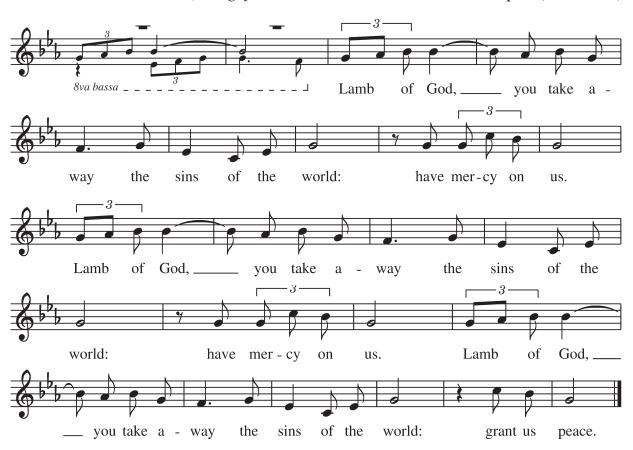
Bishop And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

# FRACTION ANTHEM (S-374) Sung by all.

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)



#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bishop 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.

Sung by the choir.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heav'n for you, who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as he which hath calleth you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. Love one another with a pure heart fervently. See that ye love one another. Love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

—1 Peter 1:3-5, 15-17, 22-25



Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest



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### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Bishop Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

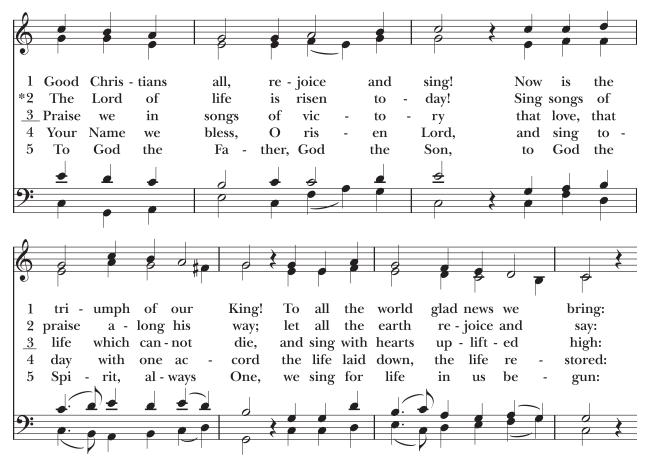
#### THE BLESSING

Bishop 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 205**

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Sung by all, standing as you are able.





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# THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**VOLUNTARY** 

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)



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

and in thanksgiving for the confirmation today of Ugochukwu Owen Owunwanne and Nicholas Rutherford Schoeneman.

# ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Greg Morrison, Crucifer → Walt Ehrlich and Cooper Thesmar, Acolytes
Sylvia Martin Estes and Joanne Hutton, Chalice Bearers
Grant Kraus, Assistant Head Usher
Tony Anikeeff, Doug Estes, RJ Lyerly, and Marc Warren, Ushers
Marty Williams and Sarah Wood, Greeters
Katherine Kyle and Elizabeth Lewis, Flower Guild
Jeremy Sheeler, Livestream Technician

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

# ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

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

# Announcements for the Week of April 14

# TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Our spring diaper drive continues; please see next column.

7:45 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde

8 a.m. Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde

10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish House First Floor)

Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 4)

Church School (Parish House Second Floor)

Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)

Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)

St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Confirmation— Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde

Noon Coffee Hour in Honor of the Bishop and Confirmands (Togo West Parlor) Church Tour (see next column)

# BISHOP'S VISITATION At all three services today

As Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde makes an official visit to each congregation in the dioceses at least once every three years. We are honored to welcome her at our services today.



#### FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

Today, flowers need to be delivered to N. Abingdon Street, Arlington; Wetherburn Court, Centreville, Va.; and Dexter Avenue, Silver Spring.









# TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Today at noon

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

# SPRING DIAPER DRIVE CONTINUES Sundays, April 14, 21, and 28

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

A collection table will be set up every Sunday in April for items of need, including diapers (especially sizes 4 and up and especially 6), Pull-Ups (especially sizes 3T–4T and 4T–5T), wipes, diaper cream, baby wash, baby lotion, adult shampoo and conditioner, adult body wash, and period products, especially pads. You may also arrange to drop off

items at the garage of organizer Holly Sukenik; contact her via the Ministry Directory on our website. Or skip the shopping and make a donation by check payable to the Greater DC Diaper Bank (GDCDB) or by credit card at greaterdcdiaperbank.org.

# **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

April 15-21

No noonday prayer on Monday: Emancipation Day No noonday prayer on Friday: Funeral

# Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

12:10 p.m. Eucharist

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong (Wednesday only)

# **Sunday**—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher

7:45 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and

Children's Chapel

# THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

# Monday, April 15

All Day Parish Office closed for Emancipation Day

### Tuesday, April 16

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

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

# Wednesday, April 17

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong and Reception (see next column)

### Thursday, April 18

Noon Midweek Men's Group (Togo West Parlor; see next column)

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

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

# Friday, April 19

10 a.m. William Hughes Memorial Service

6:30 p.m. Vestry Retreat (Togo West Parlor)

# Saturday, April 20

9 a.m. Vestry Retreat (Togo West Parlor until 2 p.m.)

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

St. John's Pride Retreat (offsite; see below)

10:30 a.m. Grace's Table (offsite; see next page)

Refugee Committee Volunteer Day

(offsite; see next page)

#### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

# Wednesday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong will be sung by the St. John's Choir on the third Wednesday of each month through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Parking validation is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW. A validation ticket can be obtained from an usher before or after the service. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special offering. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.

# MIDWEEK MEN'S GROUP Thursday, April 18, at noon

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

# ST. JOHN'S PRIDE SPRING RETREAT Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. John's Pride (LGBTQ+ Fellowship) will hold its spring retreat next Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will spend a day packed with organizing our vision and impacts, storytelling, Bible study, community service planning, and brunch! Location and details will be forthcoming. Questions? Contact leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the online Ministry Directory at stjohnsdc.org/connect/directory.

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

# Saturday, April 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

# REFUGEE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER DAY Saturday, April 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join the Refugee Committee at the Lutheran Social Services Resource Center (5710A General Washington Drive, Alexandria) to sort donations, stock shelves, pack orders for clients, and do light cleaning and inventory. The Resource Center is a hub for donations for refugee families and also hosts cultural orientations and group gatherings for recently resettled refugees. Volunteers of all ages and abilities welcome! If you can attend, please contact us via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

# **NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

# RECOGNIZING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS Sunday, May 5

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

# SAVE THE DATE FOR A FOND FAREWELL Sunday, May 19

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

#### **BAPTISMS**

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

Sunday, May 19, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, November 3, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, January 12, at 9 a.m.

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

# **ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS**

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's—or just to learn a bit more about the church? If so, consider taking our two-day Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year. This class will next meet on Saturdays, May 11 and 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, will lead the sessions. 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 express interest or learn more, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

#### PARISH LUNCH SEEKING ONE MORE HOST

The parish lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve a meal. We encourage individuals, families, groups, and ministries to sign up to host just once between now and the end of May. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. Not sure what's involved? Want to claim the open date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

April 14 Reception for Bishop and Confirmands

April 21 No Lunch: Baptismal Reunion

April 28 New Members Reception

May 5 Bishop Walker School

May 12 No Lunch: Mother's Day

May 19 Sisters at St. John's

**May 26** 

# **SPEAKER SERIES**

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



April 14: Speaker Series Panel on St. John's Bell Tower Restoration Project. Learn about the ongoing restoration and find out how you can support the work. For more about the project, visit stjohns-dc.org/history/bell-tower.



April 21: Nancy Stoner, President of the Potomac Riverkeeper Network, will speak about local water quality, what Riverkeeper groups are doing to address it, and how you can help protect, defend, and enjoy the Potomac River.

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

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

# STEWARDSHIP 2024

Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2024! As of Wednesday, April 10, we had received 298 pledges, for a total of \$1,107,620. By making a pledge, you are helping ensure that the vestry and rector will be able to plan for another great year of ministry, music, outreach, and fellowship. We welcome all pledges, large and small—and, of course, if you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will make a big difference as we grow our programs to better serve our diverse parish community. If you haven't already, you can register your pledge by returning a completed card (blank cards are found in the narthex) or by filling in an online pledge form at stjohns-dc.org/give. Thank you!

—Toby Stock, Chair of Stewardship

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: A ROADMAP Sunday, April 21, at noon

Learn how the college admissions landscape has been shifting, especially since the pandemic began in 2020. Independent educational consultants Emily Lucio and Becky Claster will provide an overview of recent trends and guidance on what colleges are looking for, how to research schools and develop your college list, and what to do now to be well prepared for the application process. An RSVP is strongly suggested. To RSVP or for more information, please contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn via our website.

# LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

Join the Lafayette Fellowship for a special conversation at the National Cathedral entitled "Principles & Politics: An Evening with Liz Cheney and Jon Meacham." The event will feature how America's leaders can put their principles first and how all of us can find better ways to be in relationship with one another. To join us, purchase a General Seating ticket (\$25) at bit.ly/sjc-lafayette-april-24 and then contact Hilary West via the online Ministry Directory at stjohnsdc.org. We will determine a pre-event meet-up location at the Cathedral in hopes of all sitting together.



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

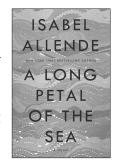
The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. For more information, contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn using the About: Leadership tab on our website.

# WIN UNIVERSITY: POLITICAL EDUCATION Final Session: Thursday, May 2, 6:30–8 p.m.

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

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

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



a marriage neither of them wants in order to survive. The book group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

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

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

# PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, May 11, 5-7:30 p.m.

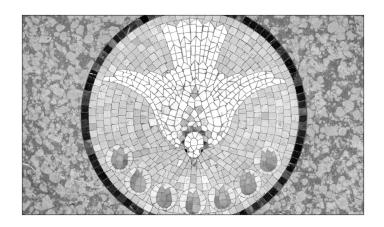
Kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza while parents and caregivers enjoy an evening out. RSVP by Monday, May 6, using the online form found at bit.ly/PNO-0511. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

# SPECIAL CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERING

"There's something about Mary"

Sunday, May 12, at 10 a.m., for all ages

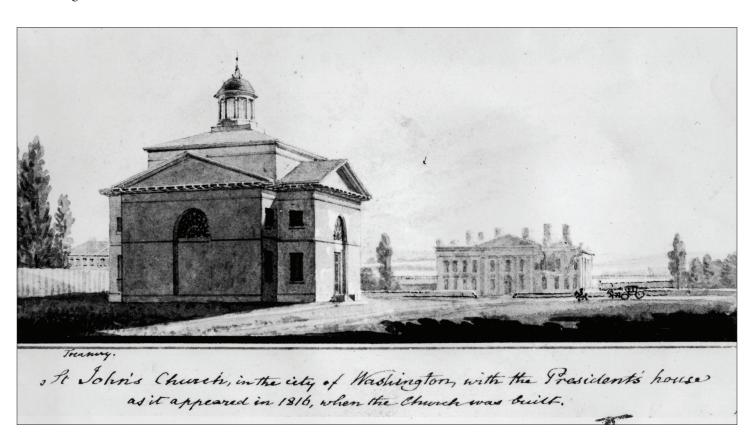
Spend Mother's Day learning about Jesus' mom in this offering for kids and their caregivers. We will hear stories of Mary in scripture, make a craft, and celebrate moms and mother figures in our own lives.



### PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, MAY 19

Plan to wear red and and celebrate this major feast day

On the Day of Pentecost, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and the birth of the early church. At St. John's, we will commemorate the day with baptisms at the 9 a.m. service and a Music Festival Service at 11 a.m. We will also offer thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Shawn Evelyn on this, his final Sunday at St. John's. Cake will be offered after the 9 and 11 a.m. services. During the education hour, all ages are invited to participate in an intergenerational activity: Come make your own windsock from recycled materials to take home as a reminder of the Holy Spirit's movement in your life. This activity will be offered between the 9 and 11 a.m. services in the dining room and will take the place of Church School.



# 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.

# CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.

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

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

Sundays, 10-10:50 a.m.

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

### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

# Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

Children from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the 11 a.m. service. Children gather by the pulpit during the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song, homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children, and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### JOIN THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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

# **REMINDERS**

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

#### LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

# JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP, MAKE NEW FRIENDS

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

#### LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

To listen to past sermons or speaker series, visit our website or scan the QR code on the right. You can also find 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: Catherine Stewart Morefield.

Friends and family of our parish: Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Brett Bowman (Jack Reiffer), Ed Bruce (Kaye Edwards), Bruce D'Innocenzo (Jim and Michele Mullins), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Patricia George (Kelle George), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Lynne Kessler (Mary and Carl Raether), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Barbara and John McGraw (Mary and Carl Raether), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), JaVonté Odom (GeeGee Bryant), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John & Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Lou Thesmar (Alfred and Hilary Thesmar), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Jerome Wiggins (GeeGee Bryant), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

#### THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

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

#### THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

#### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Friends and family of our parish: John Fitzgerald, April 6 (GeeGee Bryant); and Jason Jones, April 5 (Christina Wilson).

#### THOSE IN OUR PARISH BEING CONFIRMED TODAY

Ugochukwu Owen Owunwanne and Nicholas Rutherford Schoeneman.

# THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Lee Alexander Azzarello, Judy Campbell Bird, Andrea Charters, Grace Wood Corcoran, Martha Ellison, Lilly Elmore, David Evans, Elizabeth Field, Christopher Gardner, Anne Harrell, Caleb Hays, Bill Josey, Mauricio Lovelace, Shawn Maher, Leah Proffitt, Will Simonds, Cecily Stewart, and Sarah Wood.

# THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Emorie Broemel and Phil Swartzfager, Paul Bledsoe and Celia Boddington, and Chuck and Lilibet Hagel.

#### THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

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

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

### **WELCOME!**

At St. John's Church, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

**St. John's was organized in 1815** to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

**If you are visiting**, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

**St. John's website (www.stjohns-dc.org)** has up-to-date information about the church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

### Vestry

Nora Rigby, Senior Warden Alfred Thesmar, Junior Warden

Tony Anikeeff, Krista Rimple Bradley, Kaye Edwards, Casey Evans, Wendy J. Fibison, David Gallalee, Fruzsina Harsanyi, Elizabeth Cavert Morrison, Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer, Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members* 

Sara McGanity, *Treasurer*Jeremy Skog, *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
for Children and Family Ministries
The Rev. Shawn Evelyn, Associate for Parish Life
The Rev. William Morris, Assisting Priest
for Engaging Local Communities
Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist
Lyn Loewi, Associate Organist

#### Staff

Preston Cherouny, Chief Operating Officer
Charley Griffin, Operations Manager
Lisa Koehler, Program Associate and
Executive Assistant to the Rector
David Evans, Hospitality, Administration,
and Program Assistant
Javier Obregon, Sexton
GeeGee Bryant and David Gamboa, Assistant Sextons
Anne Stone, Publications

### ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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