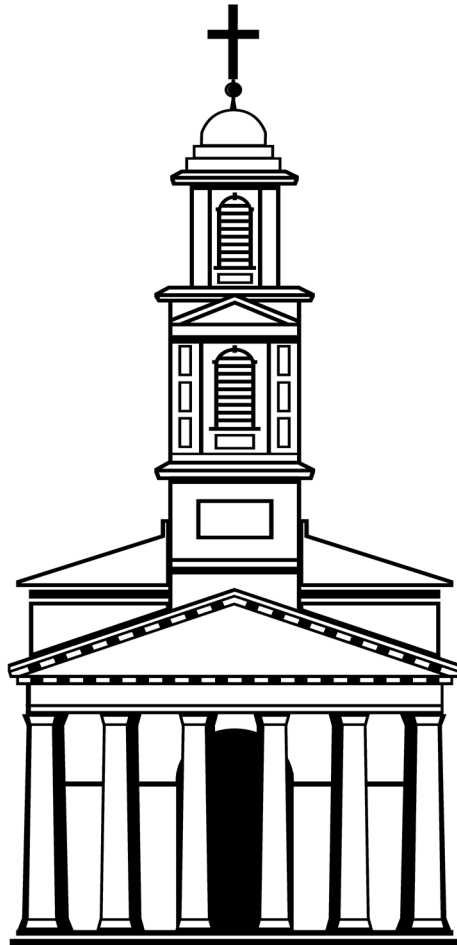


THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 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

Prelude in G major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

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



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



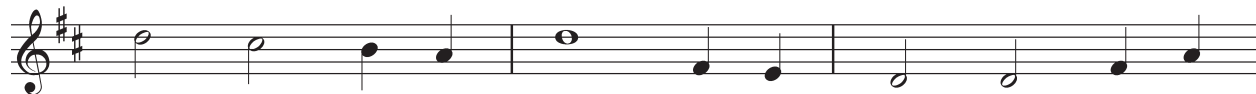
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

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,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-15

Please be seated.

Read by Mark Dennis.

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

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

PSALM 85:8-13

Led by Holly Sukenik, said responsively by half verse.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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 382

King of glory, King of peace

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



1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;



and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.



Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;



thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: *General Seminary*, David Charles Walker (b. 1938). Copyright © 1976, David Charles Walker.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 3 of the gradual hymn.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

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 Brian Cordova-Brookey.

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 St. Mary Magdalene, Wheaton; and for those who are being ordained at the diocesan ordination service on July 18. 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

Sung by the choir.

My eyes for beauty pine

Elizabeth Coxhead (b. 1987)

Thomas Coxhead (b. 1993)

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

One splendour thence is shed
from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'tis Love, 'tis heav'nly Love.

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

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

—Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

HYMN 380

From all that dwell below the skies

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

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._____

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

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.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

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

Lord God of our ancestors in faith; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Thee we adore

T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892–1964)

Sung by the choir.

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail. Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on thee, and thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleansing flood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

—*Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225–1274), translated*

HYMN LEVAS 152 *Sung by all, seated.*

Let us break bread together on our knees

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees).
2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, Oh— Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh—

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*. Arr. Copyright © 1992 Carl Haywood.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

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

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

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

THE BLESSING

Priest Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 347 *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace



1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we ——— be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace ——— and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

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

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

The Rev. Dr. Nancy James, *Celebrant*
Stewart Jeffries, *Crucifer*
Laurie Adams and Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, *Chalice Bearers*
Nora Rigby, *Assistant Head Usher*
Martha Ellison, James Longley, Hap Rigby, and Tim Stuart, *Ushers*
Kim Kennedy and John Schutz, *Greeters*
Becca Brown Todd, Allie Raether, & Lara Kanitra, *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.

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Announcements for the Week of July 14

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Final day of our Refugee Supply Drive; see next page.

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 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. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
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 Boxwood Rd., Bethesda, MD.

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 Kevin Cordova-Brookey.



LATROBE YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH Today and Sunday, August 4, 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. Today, meet the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell by the "Lincoln Pew" at the back of the church around 11:30 a.m. or join us at the Blackfinn Ameripub (1620 I Street, NW). Questions? Contact us via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

REFUGEE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Refugee Committee is hosting a backpack and school supply drive for 6th- through 12th-grade refugee youth through Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA). Please help welcome refugee students to our area by donating new school supplies!

We are looking for backpacks; three-ring binders (2- to 3-inch), binder dividers with tabs, packs of college-ruled paper, packs of graph paper, composition books, one-subject spiral notebooks, two-pocket folders; pencil boxes or pouches; #2 pencils, crayons, boxes of colored pencils, markers, highlighters; black, blue, and red pens; erasers, glue sticks, scissors, dry erase boards (8.5x11), dry erase markers; flash drives, hand sanitizer, earphones, mini staplers and staples, and 12-inch rulers.

On Sundays we will collect new supplies under the portico of the church facade before and after the 10:30 a.m. service. **On weekdays**, you may place donations in the box inside the H Street church entrance. You can also donate through the **Amazon Wish List** at bit.ly/sjc-school-supplies-2024. Questions? Contact Lacy Broemel through our website.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 15–21

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

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Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
5 p.m.—Evensong (see next column)

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Will Morris, 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, July 15

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

Tuesday, July 16

11 a.m. Staff Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

Thursday, July 18

5 p.m. RSCM Evensong (see below)

Saturday, July 20

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

10:30 a.m. Grace's Table (Offsite; see below)



ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC (RSCM) EVENSONG

Thursday, July 18, at 5 p.m.

Join us for a special service of Choral Evensong sung by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) DC Residency Choir. The choir will include musicians from around the country who are gathered in DC for a week of study, rehearsal, and liturgy. The conductor of the choir is Dr. Maggie Burk of Carthage College, and the guest organist is Dr. Katie Webb from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, OR. Please mark your calendars and join us in welcoming this wonderful group of church musicians to St. John's.

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: July 20 and August 17

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, August 1, at 7 p.m., via Zoom

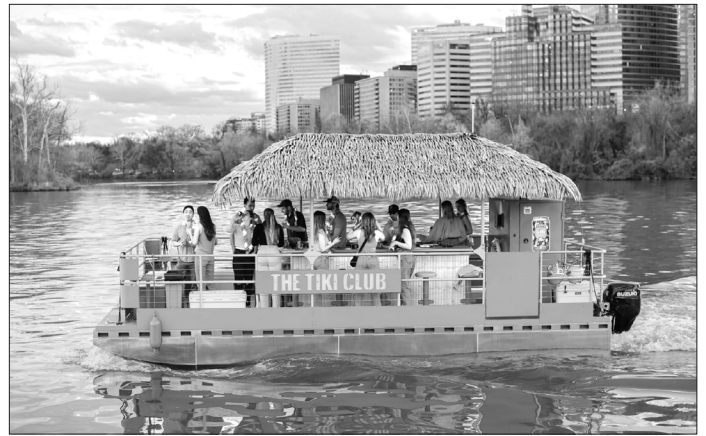
St. John's Book Group is taking a brief hiatus this summer. Our next meeting will take place virtually on Thursday, August 1, at 7 p.m. to share individual recommendations for great books. On Thursday, September 12, we will gather to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



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!



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



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.



GOT A KID GOING TO OVERNIGHT CAMP?

Mail can be especially meaningful when they're away. If they would appreciate a postcard from the church, sign them up at bit.ly/sjc-camp-2024. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.



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.

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: Yung Chang, Kay Gilley, 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), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Lynne Kessler (Mary and Carl Raether), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Jan Mains (Ryan Wagner), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Ian Paton (Frances Tyler), Janet Rich (Christie Rich), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John & Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Lou Thesmar (Alfred and Hilary Thesmar), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), 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) Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Kathleen Wallman (Richard Metzger).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING
A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

Jeff Agnew, Garry Dalby, Justin Dean, Anna Demarest, Gustavus Johnson, Bill Kaye, Catherine Koch, John Lucio, Catherine Morefield, KayAnn Schoeneman, Brian Schoeneman, Riley Temple, and Devin Urness.

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING
AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK**

Robert Chrystal and Christopher Jones, John and Laura Herzog, Margy Slattery and Toby Stock, and Charlotte & Blount Stewart.

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

Sara McGanity, *Treasurer*

Nora Haugh, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Head Greeters

Eleanor and Peter Odom

Worship and Program Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell, *Associate 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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