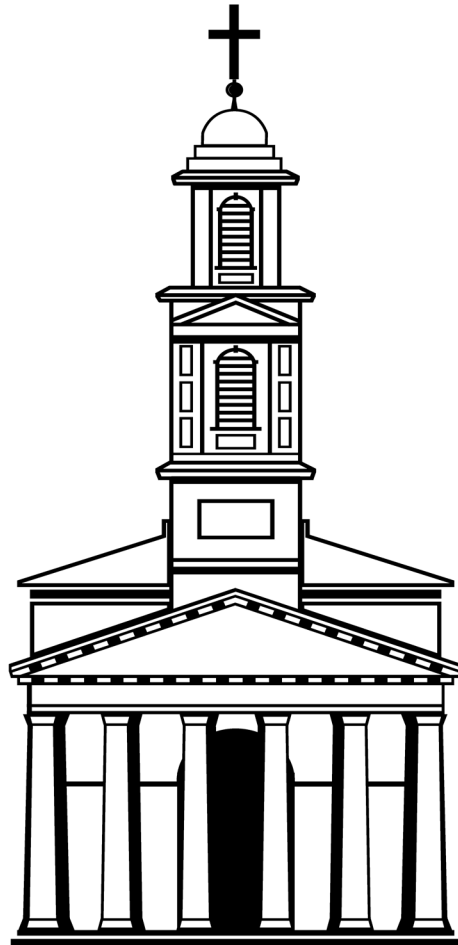


THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 28, 2024 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.



# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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

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

All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.

Nursery care is available from 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.

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## VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Kingsfold*

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

## HYMN 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

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



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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

# THE 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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Betsy Danello.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 145:10-19

*Led by David Trebing, said responsively by half verse.*

All your works praise you, O LORD, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The LORD is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.

The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

*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 51

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting

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



1. We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who  
2. This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the  
3. This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -  
4. In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,  
faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,  
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,  
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.  
ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.  
sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.  
his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

Words: John E. Bowers (1923–2019), alt. Music: *Decatur Place*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921–2003).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these

people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*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 Rev. Robert W. Fisher

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

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

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Led by Jessica Sanchez.*

*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 Our Saviour, Brookland; and Church of Our Saviour and Nuestro Salvador, Hillandale. 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.*

## PRAYER FOR PILGRIMS TRAVELING TO SOUTH AFRICA

*All pilgrims are asked to come forward at the invitation of the priest.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Be with the members of our St. John's community who are preparing to depart for South Africa; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end. Be with those who will receive them as guests and siblings in Christ. We pray that their time together may be a mutual blessing so that they may grow in faith and self-knowledge, returning with fresh inspiration to live into their calling to be your disciples, to love their neighbors, and to work for justice and peace in your name. **Amen.**

## 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

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Maurice Bevan (1921–2006)

*Sung by the choir.*

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow, by false limits of our own,  
and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.



There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
 there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.  
 There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
 there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;  
 and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

—Frederick William Faber (1814–1863)

**HYMN 304**

I come with joy to meet my Lord

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

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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## 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.

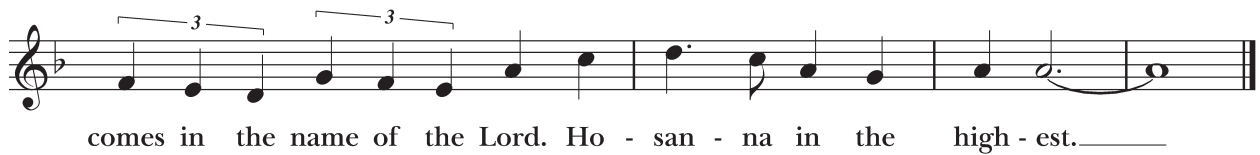
*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

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



*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

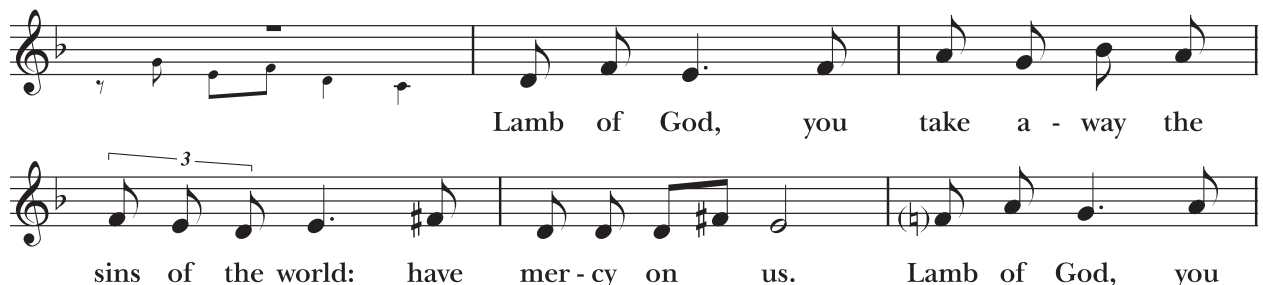
*Priest* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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



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

I sat down under his shadow

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

*Sung by the choir.*

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

—*Song of Solomon 2:3, 4*

## HYMN 309

O Food to pilgrims given

*Sung by all, seated.*

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from  
2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,  
3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,



hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We  
well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We  
hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -  
faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance  
when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.  
give us, and all we need pro - vide.  
hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

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

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

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

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

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

## THE BLESSING

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

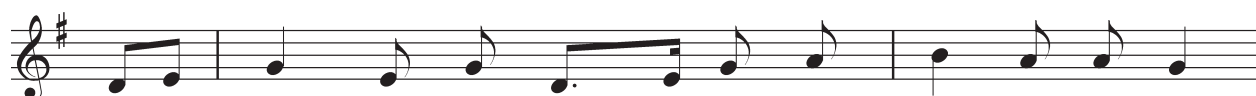
## HYMN 636

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

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



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Finale from *Symphony No. 1*

Elfrida Andrée (1841-1929)

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

**ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE**

Rachel Pepper, *Crucifer*  
Laurie Adams and Matt Bode, *Chalice Bearers*  
Anthony Pegues, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Joe Daniels, David Gallalee, Diane Spaulding, and Bill Wright, *Ushers*  
Christine Davies and Nora Haugh, *Greeters*  
Lara Kanitra & Zachary Schutz, *Flower Guild*  
Ryan Wagner, *Livestream Technician*

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

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**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 28

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Rob Fisher
- 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.  
Rob Fisher  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish House First Floor)  
Backpack Filling (Location; see below)

### HELP FILLING BACKPACKS

Today at 11:30 a.m.

Please join the Refugee Committee directly after the 10:30 am service to fill backpacks with school supplies for refugee youth! We welcome volunteers of any ages to join us. Thank you to everyone who has donated and offered their support to our drive this year!

### 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.



### 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 MacArthur Blvd. NW, Washington DC; Oak St. and Key Bridge Blvd., Arlington, VA; and 62nd St., Bethesda, MD.**

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*July 29 through August 4*

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**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

**Sunday**—The Rev. Will Morris, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, July 29

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

### Tuesday, July 30

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

### Thursday, August 1

7 p.m. St. John's Book Group (via Zoom; see below)

### Saturday, August 3

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

## 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](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



## LATROBE YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

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. We will meet by the "Lincoln Pew" at the back of the church around 11:30 a.m. Questions? Contact us via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

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## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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### SOUTH AFRICA PILGRIMS DEPART

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



### 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.**

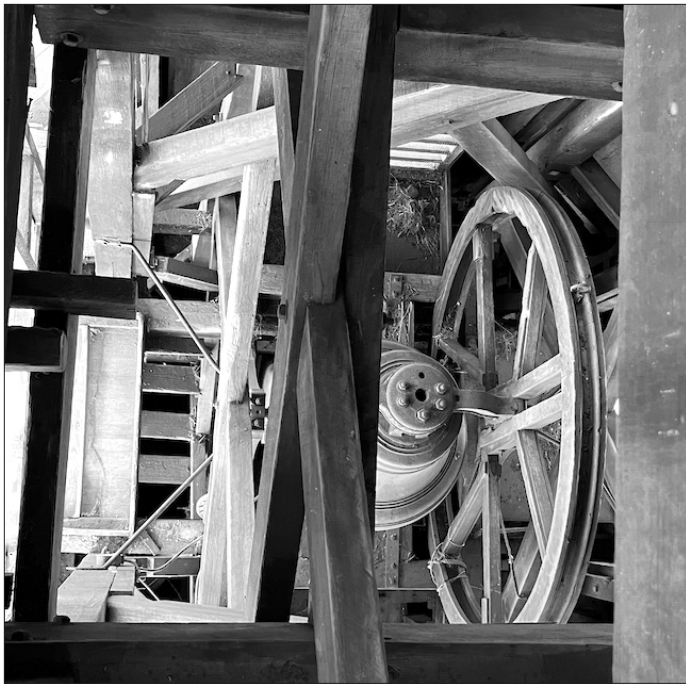
*Class: Saturday, November 2, at 10 a.m.*

**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.*



## 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](http://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](http://bit.ly/sjc-bell-tower-preservation).

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### GRACE'S TABLE

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

**Upcoming Dates: August 17 and September 21**

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

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

**Sign up now for the fall course**

This fall, we are excited to offer a 10-week class called Being With ([being-with.org](http://being-with.org)), developed by the Rev. Sam Wells and his colleagues at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London. Participants may choose between online and in-person learning groups and will spend time exploring the core ideas and practices of a Christian life. Each session lasts 90 minutes. Participants should be present for most sessions for the most meaningful small group experience. The course begins the week of September 22 and runs through December 6 (no class Thanksgiving week). Please contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions, or visit <https://bit.ly/3WhQjiB> to express interest in taking this course.



## 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.

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### 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](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

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## REMINDERS

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### 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](http://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](http://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.

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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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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 stjohndc.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.

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**Our prayers are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:**

### **THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING**

**From our parish:** Reed Barnes 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), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Jan Mains (Ryan Wagner), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Luke Morrison (Elizabeth and Greg Morrison), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Ian Paton (Frances Tyler), Janet Rich (Christie Rich), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John & 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 THE HOSPITAL**

**From our parish:** Yung Chang

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE**

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

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING**

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

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

### **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Friends and family of our parish:** The Rev. Thomas Bowers, July 13 (Kay Edwards).

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

Lourdes Arriaga, Kathleen Benner, Stephanie Delong, Margaret Depue, Steve Faris, Myles Jeffers, William Mackey, Allie Raether Ganijan, Emma Neville, Nate Rawlings, Laurance Redway, Maria Reyes, Toby Stock, Aja Thomas, Isabel Tierney, and Andrea Winchell.

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

Gary and Pat Dalby and David and Mary Kroese.

### **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).

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

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# 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](http://www.stjohns-dc.org))** has up-to-date information about the church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

## **Vestry**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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

Casey Evans, *Treasurer*

Nora Haugh, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

## **Head Usher**

James H. Czerwonky

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## **Head Greeters**

Eleanor and Peter Odom

## **Worship and Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah 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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