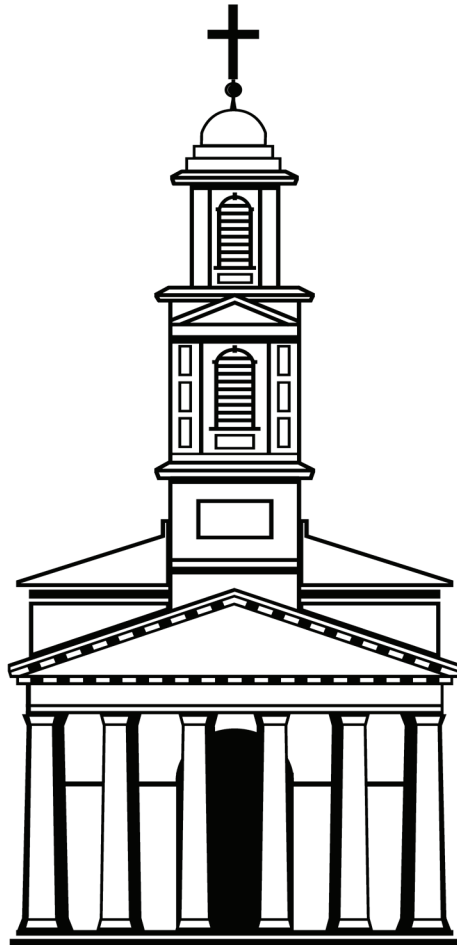


THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1, 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

## “A Pleasant Thought” and “Cantilena”

Florence B. Price  
(1887–1953)

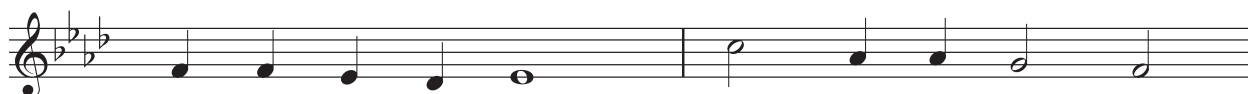
### HYMN 541

Come, labor on

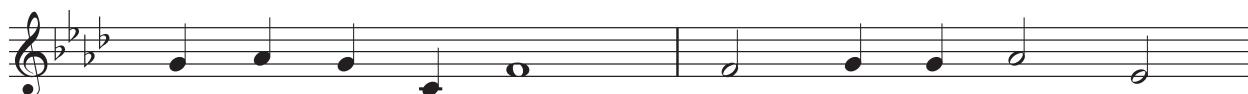
*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able as the procession enters.*



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle  
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is  
3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y  
4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing  
5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us  
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to  
3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but  
4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the  
5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant  
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our  
3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents  
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its  
5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, “Go work to - day.”  
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.  
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.  
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws night.  
5 with the set - ting sun, “Ser - vants, well done.”

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt. Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

## 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 - mighty 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  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

James 1:17-27

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Clark Ervin.*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 15

*Led by Chase Rynd, said responsively by half verse.*

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**

There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**

In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
**but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
**and does not take back his word.**

He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

*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 707**

Take my life, and let it be

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

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*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.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 2 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 Richard Greene.*

*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 campus ministries and the National Association of Episcopal Schools; and for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage. 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

I will arise

arr. Alice Parker (1925–2023)

*Sung by the choir.*

I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount. I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.

I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

—*Traditional*

HYMN 372

Praise to the living God!

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

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

## 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

Ave verum corpus

W.A. Mozart (1756–1791)

*Sung by the choir.*

*Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.*

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

—14th-century eucharistic hymn

## HYMN 656 *Sung by all, seated.*

Blest are the pure in heart

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

## 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 409

The spacious firmament on high

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

1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,  
2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - vail,  
3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,  
the moon takes up the won - drous tale,  
move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,  
and night - ly to the lis - tening earth  
What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig i - nal pro - claim.  
 re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:  
 a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day  
 whilst all the stars that round her burn,  
 In rea - son's ear they all re - joice,

does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;  
 and all the plan - ets in their turn,  
 and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;

and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land  
 con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll  
 for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,

the work of an al - might - y hand.  
 and spread the truth from pole to pole.  
 "The hand that made us is di - vine."

Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6. Music: *Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); adapt. *Dulcimer, or New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1950, alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Allegro from Concerto in A Minor, BWV 593

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

and in memory of Rota Lee.

### ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Greg Morrison, *Crucifer*

Matt Bode and Debby Hailey, *Chalice Bearers*

Nora Rigby, *Assistant Head Usher*

Brian Cordova-Brookey and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*

Kim Kennedy and John Schutz, *Greeters*

Lara Kanitra, *Flower Guild*

Matthew Taylor, *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 September 1

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 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 below)

### 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 29th Street, NW; Blagden Avenue, NW; Connecticut Avenue, NW; and Macarthur Boulevard, NW.



### TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at 11:30 a.m.

For more than 200 years our church has served as a place of worship for a growing and everchanging city and country. Its structure is a lasting testament to Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who, because of his training in both architecture and engineering, is considered by the American Institute of Architects as our country's first architect. If you are interested in an in-person tour of St. John's Church, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 10:30 a.m. service. Today's guide is Richard Busch.

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*September 2–September 8*

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*No noonday service on Monday: Labor Day*

**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. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon  
and Children's Chapel

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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**Monday, September 2—Labor Day**

All Day Parish Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 3**

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

**Wednesday, September 4**

6:30 p.m. Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship  
(Togo West Parlor; see below)

**Thursday, September 5**

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

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

**LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

**Wednesday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m.**

Celebrate the return of the program year with a service of Evening Prayer followed by a wine tasting in Togo West Parlor. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged

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

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## KICKOFF SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK!

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### SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Regular service times will resume with services at 8, 9, and 11 a.m. The first Speaker Series will be held at 10 a.m., as will open houses for children and youth.

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon  
Parish Choir Rehearsal

8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

10 a.m. Speaker Series (in the Sanctuary;  
see next column)  
Coffee Hour  
Church School Open House (see below)  
Youth Group Open House (see below)  
Adult Bible Study  
St. John's Choir Rehearsal

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Children's Chapel  
Noon Coffee Hour and Reception

### CHURCH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AT 10 A.M.

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

### YOUTH GROUP OPEN HOUSE AT 10 A.M.

On Kickoff Sunday, all middle and high school youth and their parents are invited to the Parish House second floor to catch up, meet our new youth minister, and hear more about upcoming programming. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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## SPEAKER SERIES

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



**September 8:** The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will update us on the work of the department and the state of homeland security today. (*Location: Sanctuary*)

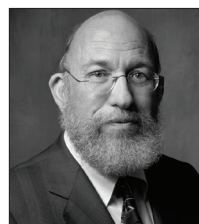


*September 15: No speaker (Ministry Fair)*

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



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



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

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

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

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

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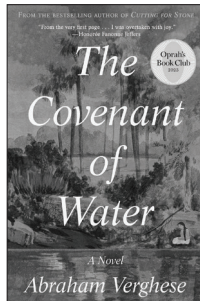
## COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

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### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, September 12, at 7 p.m.**

Join us via Zoom for our first meeting of the fall to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by writer Abraham Verghese. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us online at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL SERVICE

**Sunday, September 15, at 11 a.m.**

A professional string ensemble will join the combined choirs as we continue our celebration of the new program year. Among the offerings will be a work by composer Jessica French called "Strengthen for Service" in honor of our annual commissioning of the choirs.

### PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

**Sunday, September 15, after the 9 and 11 a.m. services**

Are you looking for ways to get involved in our church community? Look no further than our annual Ministry Fair, where you'll have the opportunity to explore ministries and find the perfect fit. Whether you're passionate about our church community, participating in worship, reaching out to the wider community, or helping with Christian education and formation, there's a ministry for you! Representatives from each ministry will be available to answer any questions. Come learn about ministry goals and activities, as well as the time commitment and training required. Mark your calendars, or contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website to learn more.

### CHORAL EVENSONG

**Wednesday, September 18, at 5:30 p.m.**

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong is sung by the St. John's Choir on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Parking validation is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW.

A validation ticket can be obtained from an usher before or after the service. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special offering. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.



### GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming Dates: September 21 and October 19*

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.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, September 21, 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, September 16, to [bit.ly/PNO-0921](http://bit.ly/PNO-0921). Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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

**Classes begin the week of September 22**

*For full details, including how to sign up, see page 5.*

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### CHORISTER PROGRAM

Do you know a child who loves to sing? The St. John's Chorister Program offers children and youth exceptional choral training, music theory education, and leadership development. Choristers become part of a vibrant community of singers dedicated to offering sacred music of the highest quality.

**The St. Cecilia Choir** is a preparatory program for children in grades 3–6. Using the curriculum of the Royal School of Church Music in America, participants learn the fundamentals of vocal production and music theory and rehearse weekly on Thursday evenings. This is a preparatory, education-focused program, but does include opportunities to sing for worship on specific occasions throughout the year. Membership is open to all.

**The Advanced Choristers** are young singers with unchanged voices who have passed the dark blue RSCM examination or demonstrated equivalent skill and experience as choral singers. They receive ongoing training in music theory and regular private voice lessons. The group rehearses twice weekly, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and sings regularly for worship services and special events throughout the year. Membership is by audition.

To learn more about our choirs, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### NURSERY HOURS

**Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon, through September 1**  
*8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting September 8*

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 through September 1**  
*During 11 a.m. worship starting September 8*

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**  
*Open House: September 8. Classes begin September 15*

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**  
*Open House: September 8. Classes begin September 15*

All middle and high school youth are invited to the second floor of the Parish House for an exploration of life and faith with their peers. Questions? Contact Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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

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

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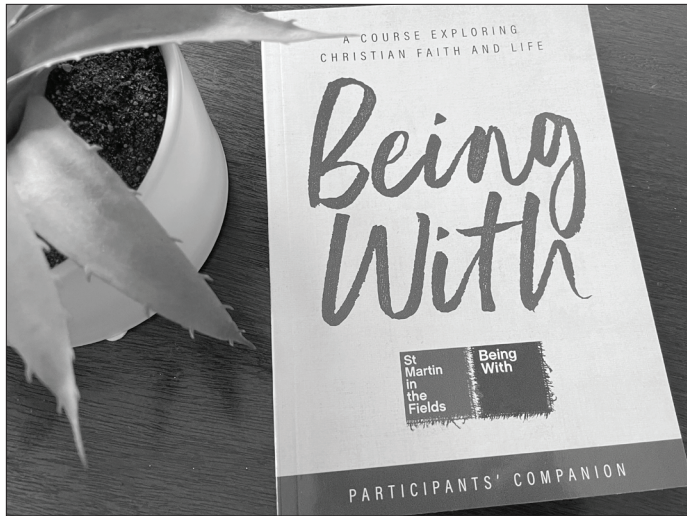
## FORMATION FOR ADULTS

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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays at 10 a.m., beginning September 8**

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



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

**Sign up now—Classes begin the week of September 22**

This fall, we are again 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, and 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 Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions, or visit [bit.ly/3WhQjiB](http://bit.ly/3WhQjiB) to express interest in taking this course.

## **THE 2024 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS** **Saturdays, October 19 & 26**

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? If so, please join the two-day Fall Adult Inquirers' Class, led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, on Saturdays, October 19 and 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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## **NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

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### **DEDICATIONS FOR SPECIAL MUSIC**

Parishioners are invited to sponsor extra musicians for Music Festival Services and other special events in the life of the parish. These generous contributions enhance our worship life and allow us to present occasional larger-scale musical works. Sponsorship is recognized by a dedication on the title page of the bulletin for the given service, and partial sponsorships are encouraged. Upcoming services available for sponsorship include:

#### **Fall Music Festival (September 15)**

Sponsor a professional string ensemble to join the combined choirs as we continue our celebration of the new program year. *Sponsorship: \$1,500*

#### **Newly Commissioned Work for St. John's**

Contribute to a newly commissioned work of choral music by the award-winning South African composer, Franco Prinsloo. The work is being composed in honor of late archbishop Desmond Tutu and will be premiered at St. John's this fall as we celebrate our ongoing partnership with Kwasa College in the Diocese of the Highveld. *Sponsorship: \$2,000*

#### **Special Music for All Saints' Day (November 3)**

Sponsor trumpeters for a service on All Saints' Sunday. *Sponsorship: \$600*

#### **Fauré *Requiem* for All Souls' Day (November 3)**

Sponsor a chamber orchestra and choir to offer a performance of Gabriel Fauré's beloved *Requiem* on the Sunday evening after All Souls' Day. The service will include the reading of the parish necrology and will be sung in honor of the 100th anniversary of the death of the composer. *Sponsorship: \$3,500*

#### **Festival Strings for Christmas Eve (December 24)**

Sponsor the string ensemble that enhances the beauty of our Christmas Eve music. *Sponsorship: \$3,000*

### **SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH**

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

Sunday lunch at St. John's is a longtime tradition in which every member and every visitor can participate. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new

ones—a time for fellowship and for hearing another’s story. The lunch is held most Sundays in the Parish House. Contributions of \$5 for adults and young people 13 and over and \$2 for children under 13 are requested to help defray the costs of the lunch. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.

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

Not sure what’s involved? Want to claim an open date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

**September 22** “Welcome Back” Potluck: Please let Holly Sukenik know what you can bring to share and whether you are able to help set up, serve, or clean up.

**October 6**

October 13 St. John’s Pride

October 20 Bell Tower Reception

October 27 *No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon*

November 3 The Sisters at St. John’s

**November 10**

November 17 New Members Reception

**November 24**

December 1 *No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend*

**December 8**

**December 15**

December 22 *No Lunch*

December 29 *No Lunch*

**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.*

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## REMINDERS

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### LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



### MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN’S

A pledge is a commitment of financial support over the course of a year, to be paid weekly, monthly, or on another schedule. By making a pledge to St. John’s, you enable us to plan for the work we will undertake in mission and ministry. It’s easy to make a pledge commitment online using this QR code or by visiting the Give tab on our website.



### 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.

### 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.

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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:** Yung Chang, Erika Emery, Andy McKinnon, and David Springer.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Gary Bettis (Debby Hailey), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Francis Collins (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Bruce D’Innocenzo (Jim and Michele Mullins), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Ryan Hyde (Pete and Katherine Kyle), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Melinda Leslie (Patricia Leslie), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Luke Morrison (Elizabeth and Greg Morrison), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Ian Paton (Frances Tyler), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Patsy Swain (Margo

Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL**

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

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

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

### **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 IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING**

#### **A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

Bill Bode, Rachel Bright, Joe Creech, Stephen Faris, Adrienne Gaziano, Paul Holder, John Peters Irelan, Claire Kim, Frank Klotz, Alexander Weng, Sebastian Weng, Barney Malloy, Ellen McPeake, Joseph Mitchell, Sarah Platts, Beverly Roberts, Nancy Roe, Zain Sadqi, Courtney Severin, Harry Simonds, William Stolar, Natalie Stolar, Genevieve Tipler, Cal Trepagnier, Edwin U, Suzanne Whitmore, and Elena Williams.

### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING**

#### **AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK**

Susan and Timothy Heil, and Amy and Trey Whitworth.

### **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.

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### Vestry

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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

Casey Evans, *Treasurer*

Nora Haugh, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

### Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

### Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

### Head Greeters

Eleanor and Peter Odom

### Worship and Program Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*  
*for Engaging Local Communities*

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and Young Adults*

### Staff

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

Lisa Koehler, *Program Associate and*  
*Executive Assistant to the Rector*

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and John Queen,  
*Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

## ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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