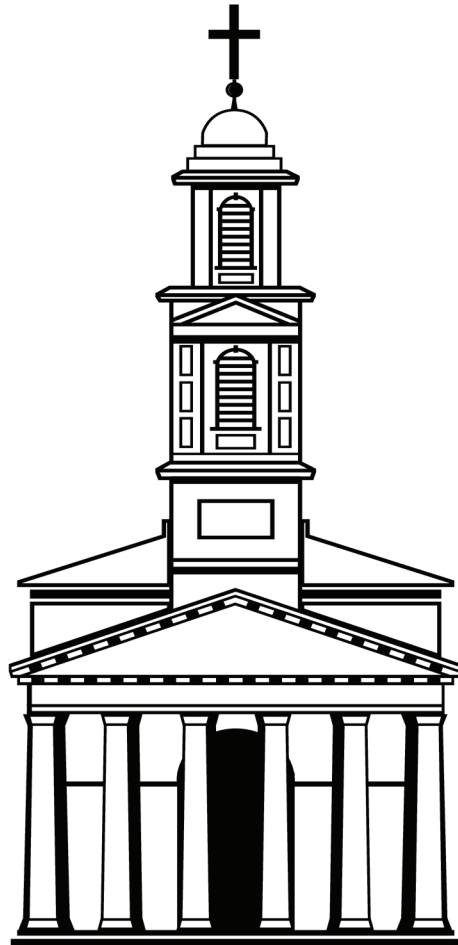


THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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and viewpoints grounded in love. Whoever you are, we welcome you.*

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

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

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

*The hymns for this service were sung at the state funeral of Desmond Tutu on January 1, 2022, at St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town.*

*The special music for this service is offered in memory of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and is made possible by gifts from Abbott McCartney and Sigi Block, and Richard Price and Yung Chang.*

**VOLUNTARY**

Prelude on "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" Andrew-John Bethke (b. 1980)  
Homage to Louis Vierne

K'A Mura Fela Sowande  
"Let us prepare, ye band of Christians, to meet above" (1905–1987)

**HYMN 690**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

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

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 thee, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

## 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)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*Sung by all.*

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  
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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Krista Bradley.*

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

*Led by Elizabeth Morrison, said responsively by half verse.*

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
**do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**

For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
**and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
**dwelt in the land and feed on its riches.**

Take delight in the LORD, \*  
**and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  
**and he will bring it to pass.**

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
**and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The LORD will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him.

*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 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

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

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un-der-stand.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

## THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton

## 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 Kevin Cordova-Brookey.*

*Standing or kneeling as you are able.*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray 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 St. David's Church, DC; and for the life and ministry of Desmond Tutu. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Donald, our President; for the leaders of Congress and the nations; for the Supreme Court; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**



*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

*Priest* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* 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

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically. A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sung by the choir.*

Cantata “Ubuntu”

Franco Prinsloo (b. 1987)

World Premiere

Commissioned by St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square,  
in honor of Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town.

*See page 16 for text and program notes.*

# HYMN 445

Praise to the Holiest in the height

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

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was  
3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in  
4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and  
5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most  
2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am  
3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -  
4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his  
5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.  
3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;  
4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.  
5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: *Gerontius*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

## 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.**

*The priest continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People* **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

*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

A Prayer of Desmond Tutu

James Whitbourn (1963–2024)

*Sung by the choir.*

Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness.  
Life is stronger than death. Victory is ours through him who loved us.

—Desmond Tutu (1931–2021)

# HYMN 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

*Sung by all, seated.*



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
he will give to all the faith - ful  
that the powers of hell may va - nish  
“Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
his own self for heaven - ly food.  
as the dark - ness clears a way.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

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

*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 LEVAS 189** *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

Great is thy faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Toccata for Madiba

Surendran Reddy (1962–2010)



## Cantata “Ubuntu”

Franco Prinsloo (b. 1987)

### NOTES FROM THE COMPOSER

*Cantata “Ubuntu”* is a work that pays homage to the legacy of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a global champion of justice, peace, and reconciliation. Commissioned by St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square—famously known as the “Church of the Presidents”—this composition reflects the church’s deep connection to national reflection and moral discourse. St. John’s, standing at the heart of Washington, D.C., has served as a beacon of hope and sanctuary in times of political and social turmoil, notably during the George Floyd protests of May 2020.

During these protests, a fire was started in the parish house of St. John’s Church, and in response, a mural of Archbishop Desmond Tutu was painted on the church’s barricaded doors by local artist Levi Robinson. This image stood as a powerful symbol of *ubuntu*—the profound interconnectedness of all people—a principle at the core of Tutu’s teachings. *Ubuntu*, a concept from Tutu’s native South Africa, expresses the idea that “I am because we are” and calls for peace, love, and justice as integral parts of our shared humanity.

In the wake of the mural, *Cantata “Ubuntu”* emerges as a reflection of Tutu’s life and message, blending South African sacred traditions with Latin and Western influences. It draws inspiration from the re-setting of an old 19th-century Xhosa hymn text, along with Biblical and sacred texts, uniting cultures and languages in a harmonious whole.



### Movement I: Chant

*Nkos' iZwi lakho aliyikudlula;  
Liyadlul' iZulu, uyak' ukhangela umhlaba.  
Liyakanyisela Abasemnyameni;  
Sincede sibone, Nguwe u-Kanyiso.*

—*Xhosa Hymnal (1945), Hymn 239, stanzas 1 and 3*

Your word will never pass away;  
heaven and earth will pass.  
You shine a light for those in darkness;  
help us to see, for you are the light.

### Movement II: Antiphon

*Estote autem invicem benigni, misericordes, donantes  
invicem, sicut et Deus in Christo donavit nobis.*

—*Ephesians 4:32*

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving  
each other, just as God in Christ forgave you.

### Movement III: Chorale

Guide me in your truth and teach me, O Lord,  
for you are God my Savior.  
Guide me in your truth and teach me, O Lord;  
my hope is in you all day long.  
Hold me in your love and bless me, O Lord,  
for you are peace and mercy.  
Hold me in your arms and bless me, O Lord;  
with you my heart is ever strong.  
Lead me in your light and keep me, O Lord,  
for you are truth and honor.  
Guide me in your truth and teach me, O Lord;  
my hope is in you. Amen.

—*Adapted from Psalm 25 by Franco Prinsloo*

### Movement IV: Recitativo

*Caritas patiens est, benigna est. Caritas non aemulatur,  
non agit perperam, non inflatur, non est ambitiosa,  
non querit quae sua sunt, non irritatur, non cogitat malum  
non gaudet super iniquitate, congaudet autem veritati.*

*Luthwala iinto zonke; lukholwa ziinto zonke;  
luthemba iinto zonke; lunyamezela iinto zonke.*

—*1 Corinthians 13:4-6*

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy,  
it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.  
It does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.

### Movement V: Finale

Guide me in your truth and teach me, O Lord,  
for you are God my Savior,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me, O Lord;  
my hope is in you all day. Amen.  
*Nkos' iZwi lakho aliyikudlula.*

Your word will never pass away.



### FINAL THOUGHTS FROM THE COMPOSER

*Cantata “Ubuntu”* reflects the values shared by St. John’s Church and Archbishop Tutu: justice, peace, and unity. The church, having been a place of refuge and a symbol of resilience during times of protest and division, serves as an ideal setting for this composition. The connection between the mural of Desmond Tutu, painted on the church’s barricaded doors, and the message of *ubuntu*—that all lives are interconnected—is reflected in the music, which brings together different cultures and sacred traditions in a harmonious whole.

By setting Tutu’s native Xhosa prayers, Latin scripture, and English chorale texts to music, this composition encapsulates his belief that all humanity is bound together by love and hope. As Tutu himself said, “Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.” This work stands as a musical manifestation of that enduring message.

### ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Franco Prinsloo, an internationally acclaimed composer and conductor hailing from Pretoria, South Africa, has garnered acclaim for his award-winning contributions to contemporary classical music globally. In addition to his various creative pursuits, Prinsloo is the founder and conductor of the Vox Chamber Choir, an internationally acclaimed ensemble based in Pretoria, South Africa. Dedicated to bringing his music to life, this choir is committed to producing professional recordings and performances of Prinsloo’s choral works and further developing South African choral music within the broader classical music scene nationally and internationally. In 2019, Prinsloo earned the prestigious ImpACT Award for Young Professionals from the Arts & Culture Trust ([act.org.za](http://act.org.za)) in recognition of his outstanding composition skills. Further solidifying his status in the artistic community, he was honoured in 2023 with the Medal of Honour for Art by the South African Academy of Science and Art.



### **BUILDING UP THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: THE ENDURING LEGACY OF DESMOND TUTU**

Desmond Tutu began his ministry amidst South Africa's struggle against apartheid, a system of legalized racial segregation. He rose through the ranks of the Anglican Church in South Africa, being elected in 1976 as Bishop of Lesotho, and in 1985 as Bishop of Johannesburg. In 1986 he was consecrated Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

The idea of *ubuntu*, that "I am because we are," was central to his ministry. He observed that "we can be human only in fellowship, in community, in *koinonia*, in peace." And he noted that a "person who is compassionate and gentle, who treats others as what they are, human beings, has *ubuntu*."

Tutu was awarded the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize "for his role as a unifying figure in the non-violent campaign to resolve the problem of apartheid in South Africa," and at his funeral in 2021, he was eulogized by South Africa's President as "our moral compass and national conscience."

Archbishop Tutu was also a voice for justice and peace here in Washington, D.C. He became close friends with Bishop John T. Walker, the sixth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. In 1985 Bishop Walker was arrested outside the South African Embassy along with 77 other apartheid protesters, about half of them Episcopal priests. Archbishop Tutu later supported Bishop Walker by becoming Honorary Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys in Anacostia.

St. John's partnership with Kwasa College, a pre-primary and primary school in South Africa, was inspired by the conviction of Archbishop Tutu and Bishop Walker that the Episcopal Diocese of Washington could help to build up the beloved community in South Africa. Our longstanding Kwasa partnership continues to be a central focus of St. John's outreach ministry, providing regular opportunities for cultural exchange. This past summer, a group of parishioners traveled to South Africa to meet with students and teachers at Kwasa College. Together, they planted trees on the school campus in memory of Archbishop Tutu and Bishop Walker.

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

and in memory of Francisco Castillo-Roquiél and Isabel Lao-Matarín.

**ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE**

Paul Barkett, *Crucifer* ♦ Walker Crochet and Cooper Thesmar, *Acolytes*

Laurie Adams, Debby Hailey, and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*

Hap Rigby, *Assistant Head Usher*

John Herzog, James Longley, and RJ Lyerly, *Ushers*

Larry Bradley and Sarah Wood, *Greeters*

Katherine Kyle and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*

Jeremy Skog, *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 February 23

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### TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

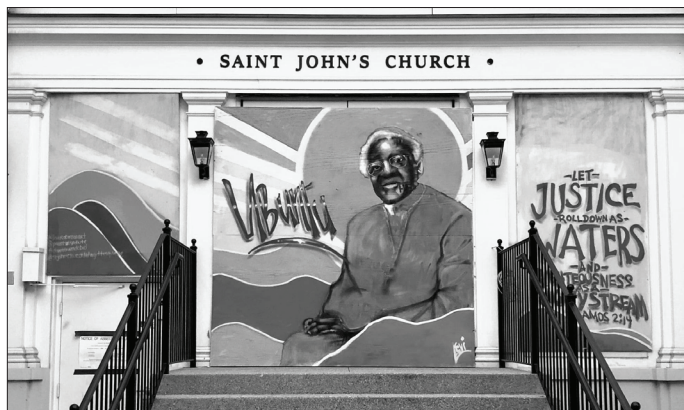
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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton  
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.  
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 2)  
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)  
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)  
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Parish Lunch (Parish House; see next page)  
Church Tour (see next page)

### 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: Loughboro Road, NW; Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; and Battery Lane, Bethesda.**



### CELEBRATING DESMOND TUTU'S LEGACY Today at 11 a.m.

Today we celebrate the legacy of Archbishop Desmond Tutu during a service that includes special music and a **sermon by the Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton**, recently retired Bishop of Maryland. Archbishop Tutu was formerly primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient for his leadership in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, and a good friend of the Episcopal Church in Washington.

The service includes the **world premiere of a newly commissioned work of sacred choral music** titled *Cantata "Ubuntu"* and composed by award-winning South African composer Franco Prinsloo. The **Speaker Series** presentation preceding today's 11 a.m. service includes a Q&A with the composer, joining us live via video from South Africa.

The cantata reflects the values shared by St. John's Church and Archbishop Tutu: justice, peace, and unity. It draws inspiration from the painting of Archbishop Tutu that protected St. John's historic Parish House after the protests around the murder of George Floyd in 2020, shown above. Plans are underway for the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture to accession several of the paintings that protected our buildings. The painting of Archbishop Tutu is on display at St. John's today as we premiere the musical work that it inspired.

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**PLEDGING AT ST. JOHN'S:** *As of Wednesday, February 26, we had received 288 pledges totalling \$1,128,125.*

Thank you to all who have already pledged to support the mission and ministry of St. John's. We treasure pledges of any size, big or small. If you still need to make a pledge for 2025, pick up a pledge card from the front desk or in the narthex of the church, or visit [stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge](https://stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) to complete a form online. Thank you for your generosity!

## PARISH LUNCH

**Today at noon | Hosted by Laurie Adams, Matthew Bode, and David and Liz Gallalee**

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.



## TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

**Today at noon**

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

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*February 24 through March 2*

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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. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Baptism and Sermon

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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, February 24

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

### Tuesday, February 25

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

### Wednesday, February 26

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 27

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, March 1

10 a.m. Pre-Baptismal Class (Togo West Parlor)

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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.



**February 23:** Franco Prinsloo, an award-winning South African composer, will join us live on screen to discuss his newest piece, commissioned by St. John's, to be premiered at today's 11 a.m. service.

**March 2:** Adam Rothman, Professor of History at Georgetown University and Director of Georgetown's Center for the Study of Slavery and Its Legacies, will talk about his work.

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### THREE-PART LENTEN SERIES ON PRAYER

**March 9:** The Rev. Professor Sarah Coakley—"What *is* prayer and what does the New Testament teach on it? Rethinking the challenges and difficulties of prayer this Lent."

**March 16:** The Rev. Professor Sarah Coakley—"Early monastic prayer in the desert: Constant prayer, silence, and distractions—A practical guide."

**March 23:** The Rev. Martin L. Smith—"Being emotionally honest in prayer: Who does God want to be for us as we pray?"

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## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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### N STREET VILLAGE SUPPLY DRIVE

**Now through March 30**

The Sisters at St. John's are partnering with N Street Village, a local group that supports D.C. women experiencing homelessness by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. We are collecting a variety of necessities, including travel sizes of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, lotion, and deodorant, as well as cleaning supplies, dishwashing soap, paper towels, toilet paper, women's underwear (sizes 7, 8, 11, and 12), and adult incontinence items (M-XXL). To donate, please bring any of the above items to church with you and leave them in the basket by the reception area in the Parish House. Or skip the hassle and order supplies via the online wish list found at [bit.ly/sisters-supplies-2024](https://bit.ly/sisters-supplies-2024).

### LIVESTREAM MINISTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

St. John's streams one Sunday service a week, the monthly choral evensong, Christmas and Holy Week services, and very occasional parish-wide events. The livestream offering has become particularly meaningful to parishioners unable to attend due to illness or travel, as well as to anyone anywhere seeking to learn more about St. John's. If you are curious about this ministry or want to join our volunteers, visit the livestream desk any Sunday after services or contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### UPDATE FROM THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Changes instituted on January 24 are affecting resettlement agencies across the country, including our partners Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA) and Episcopal Migration Ministries. The best way to show your support of these agencies and the refugees whom they serve is by making a financial gift via [lssnca.org](https://lssnca.org) or [episcopalmigrationministries.org](https://episcopalmigrationministries.org). To join our Refugee Committee and learn about other opportunities to engage through St. John's, please contact Lacy Broemel via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](https://stjohns-dc.org).

### 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 (see page 5), 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, March 2, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, April 27, at 11 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m.*

### SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

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

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, or ministries to host at least once per program year. 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](https://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

February 23	Laurie Adams, Matthew Bode, David and Liz Gallalee
March 2	Mardi Gras: Margo Wiegenstein, Susan Cardwell, and Being With
<b>March 9</b>	
March 16	St. John's Book Group
March 23	Vestry Tex Mex
March 30	Care of Creation

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April 6 Sisters at St. John's  
 April 13 *No Lunch: Palm Sunday*  
 April 20 *No Lunch: Easter Day*  
 April 27 Kwasa  
 May 4 New Members Reception  
 May 11 *No Lunch: Mothers Day*  
 May 18  
 May 25 *No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend*  
 June 1  
 June 8 Pentecost Party



**LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONAL SERIES:  
“PATHWAYS THROUGH LENT”**

“Pathways through Lent” is a daily email giving you Bible readings, a prayer, and a reflection to help with your Lenten practices. If you were on the distribution list for Pathways last year, you will automatically receive these again this year; if you would like to be added to the distribution, you may subscribe at [bit.ly/sjc-pathways](http://bit.ly/sjc-pathways).

Pathways will be published in the morning on all weekdays, starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and running through Good Friday, April 18. For Saturdays and Sundays during Lent, we encourage you to read the “Reflection” that our clergy send to remind us of the Sunday services, and, of course, to participate in worship either in person or via livestream at [bit.ly/sjc-livestream](http://bit.ly/sjc-livestream).

**DISCOVER THE PRACTICE OF SILENT PRAYER  
Tuesday evenings in Lent, 5:15–6 p.m.**

Join us on the evenings of March 11, 18, and 25, and April 1 and 8, for an opportunity to discover a simple practice of silent prayer in community, for which the Sunday Speaker Series discussions will provide initial teaching and encouragement. Full details to follow. Sign up at [bit.ly/silent-prayer-lent-2025](http://bit.ly/silent-prayer-lent-2025).

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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**Lent begins on  
Ash Wednesday, March 5**

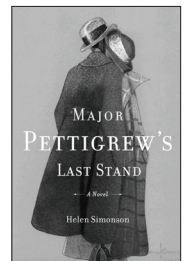
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Ashes  
 12 noon Choral Holy Eucharist and Ashes  
 7 p.m. Choral Holy Eucharist and Ashes

**Ashes to Go  
(in front of the Church on 16th Street)**

8:30–9:30 a.m. | 4–6:30 p.m.

**ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP  
Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m.**

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Set in England, the story depicts a retired officer who finds an unexpected romance with a Pakistani widow, challenging the prejudices of their small village. The book explores the risks one takes when pursuing happiness in the face of family obligation and tradition. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, please contact leader Janet Edmond via the online directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



**WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT  
Friday, March 7, through Sunday, March 9**

The Sisters at St. John's annual retreat, this year entitled “Wilderness Blessings,” will be held at the A. Felix DuPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Led by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, it will feature the poetry of Pádraig Ó Tuama, Jan Richardson, and Cole Arthur Riley, three contemporary poets who explore liturgy, faith, and the power of story. Space is limited and fills quickly, so please complete the online registration at [bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2025-register](http://bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2025-register) and submit your payment to secure your spot. The cost (\$400) includes housing and meals. For those in need of financial assistance, scholarships are available; contact the Rev. Rob Fisher with your request. Questions? Reach out to leader Emily Lucio via



the online Ministry Directory—and remember that your payment (not your email) secures your place at the retreat. Full information, including details about the venue and payment, can be found at [bit.ly/sjc-wilderness-blessings](http://bit.ly/sjc-wilderness-blessings).

### **LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP**

**Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Lafayette Fellowship offers activities for adults at St. John's who seek to build community with one another, typically gathering on the second Tuesday of the month for an evening activity. Join us on Tuesday, March 11, for a rescheduled gathering with the Rev. Will Morris for a discussion of his unique faith journey and how to approach the intersection of the spiritual and the secular in all of our lives. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Togo West Parlor, and a light dinner will be served. RSVP to [bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events](http://bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events). Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

### **LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

**Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us on March 12 for "Faith and Film," when we will watch *The Philadelphia Eleven* in honor of women's history month. Food and beverages will be provided. 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.

### **GRACE'S TABLE**

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

*Upcoming Dates: March 15 and April 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 using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Wednesday, March 19, 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 and Choristers on the third Wednesday of most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Validated parking is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Ask an usher for a validation ticket before or after the service. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us! The service will also be available via livestream on our website.

### **THE 2025 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS**

**Saturdays, April 5 and 12**

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church? Are you curious to learn more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's? Consider joining the Spring Adult Inquirers' Class led by the Rev. Rob Fisher. The class will meet on Saturdays, April 5 and 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and all are welcome—newcomers and longtime parishioners alike. To register, contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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## **FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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### **NURSERY HOURS**

**Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Infants and children are welcome at all worship services. Nursery care is also available most Sundays for infants and children up to age three. The nursery meets in the Godly Play Classroom #2 on the second floor of the Parish House.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

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

## **YOUTH GROUP**

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

All middle and high school youth are invited most Sundays 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.

## **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

**Sundays during 11 a.m. worship**

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

## **THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

**Sundays during 11 a.m. worship**

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).

## **CHORISTER PROGRAM**

The St. John's Chorister Program offers children and youth exceptional choral training, music theory education, and leadership development. We have a preparatory choir for children in grades 3–6, and an advanced (auditioned) program for young singers with unchanged voices. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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# **REMINDERS**

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## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**Sundays at 10 a.m.**

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday

lectionary lessons and sermons. We are focusing this year on the structure, audience, and themes of the Gospel of Luke. For class notes and Zoom login information, please connect with leader Jack Reiffer via our online Ministry Directory found at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

## **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.

## **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 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 a monetary 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.



## **JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP**

Explore our many ministry groups 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.

## **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.



## **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 evensongs and 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 [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).** Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other names added to the prayer list will be reviewed twice a year to help keep prayer requests current. If you would like a name to be on the prayer list for a specific 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:** Margo Arnold, Andy McKinnon, LaFleur Paysour, Diane Spaulding, David Springer, and Richard Young.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll (GeeGee Bryant), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Justin Fyala (Jack Reiffer), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark Hallett (Livy More), 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), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller),

Diane Scanlon (Wendy Fibison), Jim Scarantino and family (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Matt Skinner (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), 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), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

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

**From our parish:** Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Barbie Harper, 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), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

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

**Friends and family of our parish:** Ann (Frances Tyler), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Ian Paton (Frances Tyler).

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

Krista Bradley, Jamil Bussie, Pat Czerwonky, Christine Davies, Mike DuMond, Callie Ervin, Kenneth Faunteroy, Ben Garland, Zealan Hoover, Tonya Kirchner, Alma Paty, Molly Raab, Charlotte Rhodes, Wiley Simonds, Blount Stewart III, Everett Ward, Tripp Whitbeck, and Kris Zeller.

### **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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# 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 Leadership & Members

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Brian Cordova-Brookey,  
Kaye Edwards, Casey Evans, Debby Hailey,  
Fruzsina Harsanyi, Julia Koster,  
Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,  
Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,  
Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

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Anya Kleymenova, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky

**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

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Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## Worship & Program Staff

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

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

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Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

The Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and*  
*Young Adults*

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Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

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*Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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## 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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