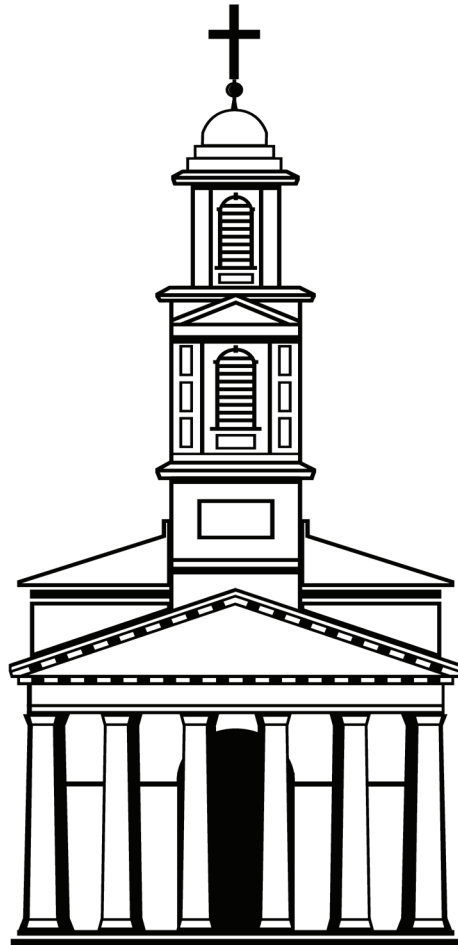


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 7, 2024 ♦ Baptism and Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



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 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

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

VOLUNTARY

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4, verse 3


J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN 206


O sons and daughters, let us sing

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


Antiphon (at the beginning)




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

PSALM 133

Chanted by the choir; setting by William Crotch (1775–1847).

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

GRADUAL HYMN 209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

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

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

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

Priest The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents We present Ella Elizabeth Sanchez to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Priest Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Priest Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents and Godparents I do.

Priest Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents and Godparents I do.

Priest Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents and Godparents I do.

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?
People **We will.**

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

Please stand as you are able.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

People **I will with God's help.**

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

People **I will with God's help.**

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

People **I will with God's help.**

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

People **I will with God's help.**

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

People **I will with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Led by Andrew Clarke.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Please be seated.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The priest continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the priest, who then pours water upon her, saying

Priest Ella, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Priest Ella, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

Priest Let us pray.

All Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

WELCOMING HYMN 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Standing as you are able. The choir sings the verses; the people sing the refrain.

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
 God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal lines. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The". The music is in a minor key and 4/4 time.

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
 Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
 When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.
All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

Rise up, my love, my fair one

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Sung by the choir.

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear upon the earth.
The time of the singing of birds is come.
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

—*Song of Songs 2:10-13*

HYMN 204

Now the green blade riseth

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Refrain
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

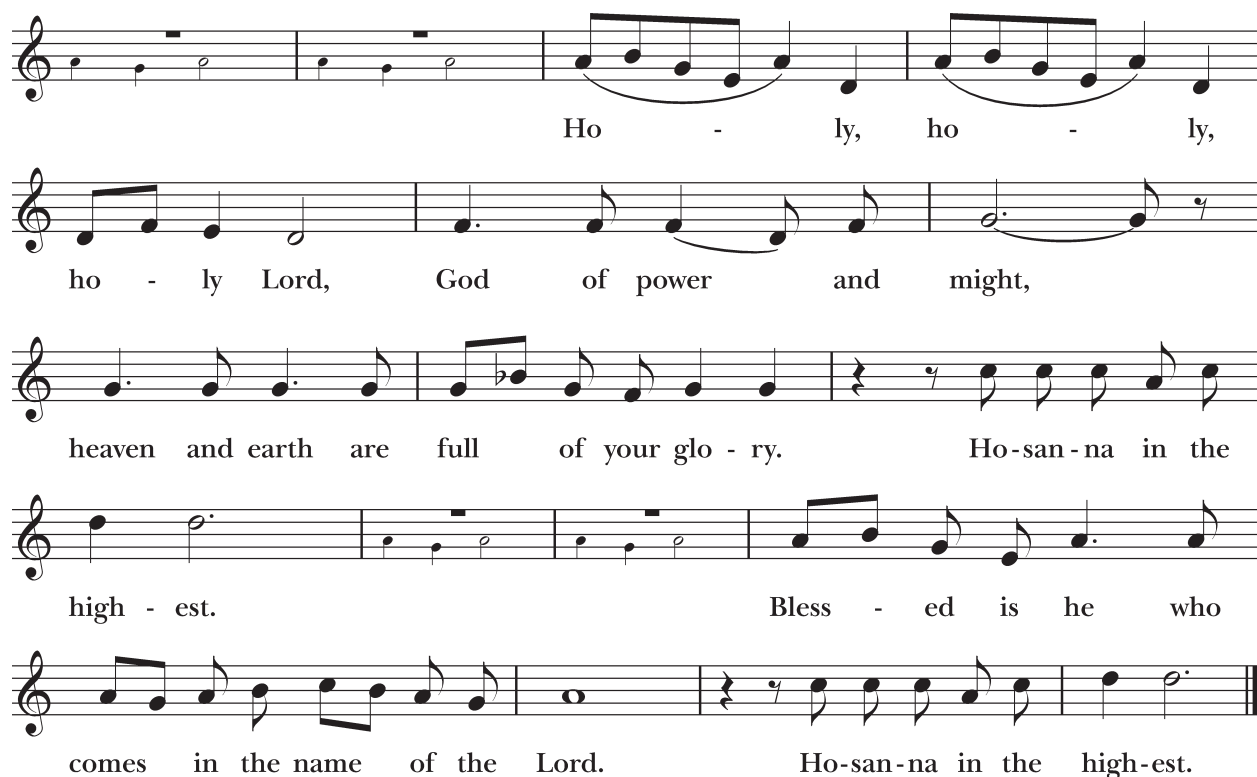
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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-128) *Sung by all.*

William Mathias (1934–1992)



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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-374) *Sung by all.*

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)



8va bassa - - - - - 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

Sicut cervus

G.P. da Palestrina (1525–1594)

Sung by the choir.

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.*

As the hart longs for the flowing streams,
so longs my soul for thee, O God.

—*Psalm 42:1*

HYMN 318 *Sung by all, seated.*

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
 3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
 an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
 thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

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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 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (1932–2020), alt. Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in C major, BWV 564

J.S. Bach

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

and in thanksgiving for the baptism today of Ella Elizabeth Sanchez,
and in thanksgiving for Harper Grace Odom.

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Finley Buchanan, *Crucifer* ♦ Gus Tierney and Lily Venzke, *Acolytes*

Paul Barkett and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*

Jeff Agnew, *Assistant Head Usher*

John Herzog, RJ Lyerly, Livy More, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*

John Lucio and Sarah Wood, *Greeters*

Sherill Mason and Nicole Kleman Neufeld, *Flower Guild*

Everett Haugh, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

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

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Announcements for the Week of April 7

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 7:45 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 8 a.m. Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish House First Floor)
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)
Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Baptism—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- Noon Coffee Hour (Parish House Lower Level)
Parish Lunch (Parish House Lower Level; see next column)

FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

Today, flowers need to be delivered to Chain Bridge Road, McLean; Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Va.; and Heming Avenue, Springfield.

SPRING DIAPER DRIVE

Sundays, April 7, 14, 21, and 28

When members of the St. John's Book Group read *Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding, and Ending U.S. Poverty*, most were surprised by the disproportionate economic impact on women who need disposable diapers and period

products. That's why we are again sponsoring a spring donation drive: It's a simple way to reduce poverty right here in our own DMV communities.

A collection table will be set up every Sunday in April for items of need, including diapers (especially sizes 4 and up and especially 6), Pull-Ups (especially sizes 3T-4T and 4T-5T), wipes, diaper cream, baby wash, baby lotion, adult shampoo and conditioner, adult body wash, and period products, especially pads. You may also arrange to drop off items at the garage of organizer Holly Sukenik; contact her via the Ministry Directory on our website. Or skip the shopping and make a donation by check payable to the Greater DC Diaper Bank (GDCDB) or by credit card at greaterdcdiaperbank.org.

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon: Hosted by St. John's Pride

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.



ST. JOHN'S PRIDE (*LGBTQ+ Fellowship*)

Are you interested in getting involved or learning more? Please contact leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory—or come to our parish lunch today.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 8–14

Monday and Friday

12:10 p.m. Noonday Prayer

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

12:10 p.m. Eucharist

Sunday—The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Preacher

7:45 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

BISHOP MARIANN TO VISIT

Sunday, April 14

In her role as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde makes an official visitation to each of the diocese's congregations at least once every three years. We at St. John's, Lafayette Square, are honored to welcome her on April 14, when she will preach at all three services. Join us for a very special day!



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

6:30 p.m. Latrobe Fellowship (see next column)

Thursday, April 11

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

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

Saturday, April 13

9:30 a.m. Anacostia River Cleanup and Boat Tour
(see below)

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

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Latrobe will meet on Wednesday, April 10, for a service of Compline followed by dinner in Togo West Parlor. Both non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages will be available, and two Latrobers will present on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land last October. The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We usually gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. For more information, contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn using the About: Leadership tab on our website.



ANACOSTIA RIVERKEEPER®

RIVER CLEANUP AND BOAT TOUR

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for a unique opportunity to explore the riches of the Anacostia waterway as part of an Earth Week trash collection project with Anacostia Riverkeeper. Come with your family, partner, or friend to help clean our riverbanks—all supplies will be provided—and stay for an hour-long boat ride through some surprisingly beautiful and natural (as well as urban) areas. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners. All are welcome: individuals and families, adults and youth. Questions? Contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn via our website. Sign up at bit.ly/sjc-river-cleanup-2024.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

BAPTISMS

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

Sunday, May 19, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, November 3, at 9 a.m.

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

ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's—or just to learn a bit more about the church? If so, consider taking our two-day Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year. This class will next meet on two summer Saturdays, dates TBD, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, will lead the sessions. All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime parishioner. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church. To express interest or learn more, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Our parish community is a diffuse one, extending across the Metropolitan DC area. When emergencies arise, we are often unable to respond in the neighborly fashion modeled in our gospels, not knowing one another's family and community connections. Please call our office to add an emergency contact for yourself or your family, to be used by clergy in case of urgencies. There is no obligation to share this information with us, but it would allow us to reach out to someone should the need arise. For questions or to update your information, contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn using the About: Leadership tab on our website.

PARISH LUNCH SEEKING HOSTS

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

April 7 St. John's Pride (*LGBTQ+ Fellowship*)

April 14

April 21 *No Lunch: Baptismal Reunion*

April 28 New Members Reception

May 5

May 12 *No Lunch: Mother's Day*

May 19 Sisters at St. John's

May 26

SPEAKER SERIES

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



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

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

STEWARDSHIP 2024

Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2024! As of Wednesday, April 3, we had received 295 pledges, for a total of \$1,105,820. By making a pledge, you are helping ensure that the vestry and rector will be able to plan for another great year of ministry, music, outreach, and fellowship. We welcome all pledges, large and small—and, of course, if you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will make a big difference as we grow our programs to better serve our diverse parish community. If you haven't already, you can register your pledge by returning a completed card (blank cards are found in the narthex) or by filling in an online pledge form at stjohns-dc.org/give. Thank you!

—*Toby Stock, Chair of Stewardship*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHORAL EVENSONG

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

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

MIDWEEK MEN'S GROUP

Thursday, April 18, at noon

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

GRACE'S TABLE

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

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

REFUGEE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER DAY

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

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

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: A ROADMAP

Sunday, April 21, at noon

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

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

Join the Lafayette Fellowship for a special conversation at the National Cathedral entitled "Principles & Politics: An Evening with Liz Cheney and Jon Meacham." The event will feature how America's leaders can put their principles first and how all of us can find better ways to be in relationship

with one another. To join us, purchase a General Seating ticket (\$25) at bit.ly/sjc-lafayette-april-24 and then contact Hilary West via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org. We will determine a pre-event meet-up location at the Cathedral in hopes of all sitting together.



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

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



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

Calling all families with infants, toddlers, and elementary aged kids! Come spend the morning building community

and playing on the epic Beauvoir Playground (3500 Woodley Road, NW). We'll pause at 10:30 a.m. for brief, kid-friendly prayer. Weekend parking is plentiful on the cathedral grounds. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website for more information.

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

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

MIDWEEK MUSIC: SEASON FINALE **Wednesday, May 1, at 12:15 p.m.**

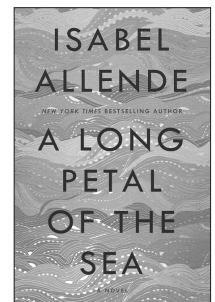
Our 2023–2024 Midweek Music concert series concludes with a fan favorite, the U.S. Army Chorus, which provides musical support for the leadership of the United States and inspirational engagement with the American people. Midweek Music performances take place during the lunch hour on the first Wednesday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

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

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

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

Join us via Zoom to discuss *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende. Set in the late 1930s amid the Spanish Civil War, this novel follows a young pregnant widow and an army doctor who are forced to flee Spain and unite in a marriage neither of them wants in order to survive. The book group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY HOURS

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

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

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.

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

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

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

JOIN THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP, MAKE NEW FRIENDS

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

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

To listen to past sermons or speaker series, visit our website or scan the QR code on the right. You can also find past sermons by searching for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your device.



ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

If you want to make an offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, you may do so on our website or by scanning the QR code on the right. In the "Fund" drop-down menu, select the fund to which you wish to donate.



FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House are made possible by gifts from our community and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, a wedding, an anniversary, a graduation, or another special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the Church.

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. **Contact Pastoral Care through the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at 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.

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Catherine Stewart Morefield.

Friends and family of our parish: Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Brett Bowman (Jack Reiffer), Ed Bruce (Kaye Edwards), Bruce D'Innocenzo (Jim and Michele Mullins), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), John Fitzgerald (GeeGee Bryant), Patricia George (Kelle George), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Lynne Kessler (Mary and Carl Raether), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Barbara and John McGraw (Mary and Carl Raether), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), JaVonté Odom (GeeGee Bryant), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy

Fibison), Alan Schutz (John & Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Lou Thesmar (Alfred and Hilary Thesmar), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Jerome Wiggins (GeeGee Bryant), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

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

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

THOSE IN OUR PARISH BEING BAPTIZED TODAY

Ella Elizabeth Sanchez.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

John Cherry, Lauren Crawford, Ellie Eversole, Chris Gorud, Kristie Hansen, Carolyn Harris, Daniel Honeycutt, Hugh Kieve, Samuel Lancaster, Rita Louise Leonelli, Haley Lyerly, Nathan Miller, Chloe Neufeld, Dixie Noonan, Lincoln Oster, Nick Robischon, and Chase W. Rynd.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Brady and Sarah Demarest, Everett and Nora Haugh, Carl and Mary Raether, and Annie and Will Simonds.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

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

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

WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

Vestry

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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

Sara McGanity, *Treasurer*

Jeremy Skog, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Head Greeters

Eleanor and Peter Odom

Worship and Program Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, *Associate
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The Rev. Shawn Evelyn, *Associate for Parish Life*

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*
Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

Staff

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

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

David Evans, *Hospitality, Administration,
and Program Assistant*

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant and David Gamboa, *Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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