THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 14, 2024  •  Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.

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SAINT JOHN’S CHURCH
LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

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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**
“Cantilena” and “Hour of Peace” Florence B. Price (1887–1953)

**HYMN 117**
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

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

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon ad - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart’s a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon ad - dorn - ing,
THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People  And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA (S-280)

Sung by all.

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING  1 Samuel 3:1-10

Please be seated.  9 a.m. Read by Alex Stolar.  11 a.m. Read by Holly Sukenik.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD,
and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

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

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17  9 a.m. Led by Richard Young, said responsively by half verse.
11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876).

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.
HYMN 529

In Christ there is no East or West

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

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, what’er your race may be!
all Christ-ly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,
Words: John Oxenham, (1852-1941), alt.
Music (McKEE, CM): Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote. Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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 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

9 a.m. Led by Richard Greene.

11 a.m. Led by Sandra Hackworth.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Silence.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the communities of St. John’s and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for St. Peter’s Church, Pooleville; Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes, DC; St. Timothy’s Parish, DC; and St. Timothy’s Child Development Center, DC. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all clergy and other ministers, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Joseph, our President, for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

* In particular, Kwasa College in the Diocese of the Highveld.
Intercessor  For this city of Washington, for every city and community, and for those who live in them. For those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week . . . ; and for those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For those who are in assisted living . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for refugees and migrants throughout the world, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People  Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor  In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People  To thee, O Lord our God.

Priest  Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Priest  Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All  Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest  Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.
THE PEACE

Priest   The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People   And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I will arise arr. Alice Parker (1925–2023)

Sung by the choir.

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

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

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

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

—Traditional
HYMN LEVAS I

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1. Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
   Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

2. Stony the road we trod, Bit-ter the chast’ning rod;
   Felt in the days when hope un-born had died;

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
   Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

1. High as the listening skies, Let our rejoicing rise;
   Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet;

2. High as the listening skies, Let our rejoicing rise;
   Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet;

3. High as the listening skies, Let our rejoicing rise;
   Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet;

1. Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
   Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

2. Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
   Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

3. Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
   Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
2. We have come over away that with tears has been watered;
3. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun Of our new
2. We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered; Out from the gloomy past, Till now we
3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee, Shaded beneath Thy hand, May we forget

1. day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.
2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
3. ever stand, True to our God, true to our native land.

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

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 away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you
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  Bright star  Margaret Bonds (1913–1972)

*Sung by the choir.*

Bright star, glistening star, shining on that holy night,
guiding shepherds in their flight to Bethlehem.

Bright star, guiding star, leading to a blessed abode,
three wise men on camels rode to Bethlehem;

Bright star, glimmering star, floating in your cobalt sea,
won’t you light the way for me as you did them in Bethlehem?

Sweet star, holy star, won’t you shine as bright today,
bright as when the Christ child lay in his manger in the hay in Bethlehem.

—*Janice Lovoos* (1903–2007)
Precious Lord, take my hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
   I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

2. When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
   When my life is almost gone;

3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
   And the day is past and gone;

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1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light,
   Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.

2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall,
   Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall.

3. At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand,
   At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand.

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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 497

How bright appears the Morning Star

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beams
2 Though circled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3 Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply; with praise, ye sinners,

from afar; the host of heaven rejoices;
pitying eye upon his helpless creature;
fill the sky, for this his Incarnation.
O righteous Branch, O Jesse’s Rod! Thou Son of Man and whole creation’s Head and Lord, by highest ser a -
In car nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic es:
phim adored, assumed our very na ture;
Con quer or, till all know thy sal va tion.

Je sus, Je sus! Ho ly, ho ly, yet most low ly,
Je sus, grant us, through thy mer it, to in her it
A men, a men! Al le lu ia, al le lu ia!

draw thou near us; great Em manuel, come and hear us.
thy sal va tion; hear, O hear our sup pli ca tion.
Praise be giv en ev er more, by earth and heav en.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY A Solemn Procession Robert A. Harris (b. 1938)

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

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE TODAY
Jack Reiffer, Crucifer ♦ Autumn Brown and Diane Spaulding, Chalice Bearers
Robyne Johnston, Assistant Head Usher ♦ Patricia Leslie and Anne Stewart, Ushers
Becca Brown and Susan Valaskovic, Greeters
Sarah Agnew and Becca Brown, Flower Guild

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE TODAY
Matt Bode, Crucifer ♦ Gloria Burkhardt and Zoe Fisher, Acolytes
Doug Estes and Debby Hailey, Chalice Bearers
Nora Rigby, Assistant Head Usher
Brian Cordova-Brookey, Joe Daniels, Hap Rigby, and Karen Zachary, Ushers
Elena Braithwaite-Williams and Marty Williams, Greeters
Sarah Agnew and Becca Brown, Flower Guild
Jeremy Sheeler, Livestream Technician

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

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN’S?

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