

-St. John's Episcopal Church
Georgetown Parish
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Be You. Be here. Belong.
Holy Eucharist

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2026
10:00 AM



Welcome to St. John's Church, Georgetown Parish



Please know how glad we are to share this day with you! We hope you will fill out the “Welcome” card that you’ll find in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate so we can send you more information about our vibrant community. Or just scan the QR code to add your name directly to our email list.

Name Badges

Please pick up or make your own name badge as you enter the church. You may leave your badge in the bins in Blake Hall after coffee hour. Childcare is available from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the atrium. Ushers are here to assist you. We are very glad you are here!

**Sunday Service at 10am with Kids “Holy Moly” program 1st and 3rd Sundays
Contemplative Prayer on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel of the Carpenter**

Service Participants

Clergy

The Rev. Gini Gerbasi, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Laura Natta, Rector

Director of Music

Aaron Goen

Verger

John Wise

Acolyte

Greg Page

Reader

Anthony Vernon

Intercessor

Teresa Beal

Altar Guild

Carol Dawson

Technology

Christian Peterson

Flowers

Laura Ivey

Usher

Julie VanSteenwyk

Special Musical Guests:

The Dimitri Nassar Quartet

Scott Strother Trumpet

Dimitri Nassar piano

Mike Graham bass

Nick Costa drums

<https://dimitrinassar.com/bio>

The Liturgy of the Word

Silence

During the season of Lent you are invited to observe some intentional moments of silence before and during the service. Silence can be a time of focused consciousness and community awareness. Children are encouraged to be themselves.

Prelude selections from *The Dimitri Nassar Quartet*

Processional Hymn 401 "The God of Abraham praise"

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Kyrie

1 & 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - son.
Chris - te e - lei - - - son.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Isaiah 56 6-8

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Hymn 707

“Take my life and let it be consecrated”

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.” Then he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, ‘Look there!’ or ‘Look here!’ Do not go; do not set off in pursuit. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so, too, it will be in the days of the Son of Man.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Laura Natta, Rector

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

After each petition, respond in singing

Cantor: Gracious God, You carry us through our days. You know every word on our tongue, every hair on our head. You know the dreams in our hearts, and the weight of our bones. You also know the weariness we bring with us into this space. So with honesty we come before you, both with hearts full of gratitude and with prayers on our lips. Let us pray together as the People of God, saying, God in your mercy,

All: Musical notation for the first response, consisting of a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics 'Hear our prayer.' are written below the notes. The melody is simple, with notes on the treble staff and bass notes on the bass staff.

Intercessor: Gracious God, we thank you for the gifts of this life that bring us joy. For birthday candles and sunrises, for handwritten cards and jobs that we are passionate about. For stories that can make us laugh until we cry, and for friends that feel like family.

Cantor: *God in your joyful mercy,*

All: Musical notation for the second response, identical to the first, consisting of a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics 'Hear our prayer.' are written below the notes.

Intercessor: Gracious Loving God, grant courage to each member of your Church to be your loving hands throughout the world, to do your will as ministers of inclusion, action and peace and to remember that our full humanity is welcome here.

Cantor: *God in your kind mercy,*

All: Musical notation for the third response, identical to the first two, consisting of a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics 'Hear our prayer.' are written below the notes.

Intercessor: Heal the wounds of this nation. Guide us to be present with our neighbors and give us patience to actively listen so we may better understand one another. Grant wisdom to our Leaders. Help us to heal a World in transition.

Cantor: *God in your blessed mercy,*

Musical notation for the phrase "Hear our prayer." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass staff contains a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B3. The lyrics "Hear our prayer." are written below the treble staff.

Intercessor: Creator God, there is so much grief, strife and discord in the World. Guide refugees to safety and fortify the hearts of those who will receive them. Grant courage to those in danger and peace to those who feel lost. Wrap your arms around those whose grief will not let go. Give us wisdom to find ways to better care for your creation.

Cantor: *God in your profound mercy,*

Musical notation for the phrase "Hear our prayer." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass staff contains a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B3. The lyrics "Hear our prayer." are written below the treble staff.

Intercessor: Gracious God, aid all those in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. Let us pray together for: **Amy, Carol, Charles, Craig, Dal, David, Ethan, Jan, Jennifer, Jennifer D., John, Juan Carlos, Karen, Katie, Nick, Paula, Reuben, Sara, Stephanie, Terry, and Tom.** We pray that all those who are struggling with addiction, depression or illness will find relief. And we pray for all those in this country and around the world who have been impacted by violence, war, accidents, or natural disaster.

Cantor: *God in your infinite mercy,*

Musical notation for the phrase "Hear our prayer." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics "Hear our prayer." are written below the treble staff.

All:

Intercessor: We pray for those serving abroad and their families, and for all who have been wounded or held hostage. We pray for those who have died. We pray for all who know loss and mourn loved ones.

Cantor: *God in your healing mercy,*

Musical notation for the phrase "Hear our prayer." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics "Hear our prayer." are written below the treble staff.

All:

Intercessor: We pray for the intentions of the individuals in this community – stated now - either silently or aloud.

Cantor: *God, in your perfect mercy,*

Musical notation for the phrase "Hear our prayer." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics "Hear our prayer." are written below the treble staff.

All:

The Celebrant adds a closing collect

The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in

oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

The Absolution

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence



We appreciate your support! Please consider making an offering using the QR Code to support St. John's ministries.

Offertory Anthem

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

Doxology 143 v5

O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who
art in three - fold Name a - dored, from age to age the on - ly Lord.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessings and thanks belong to you, promising God. You made the sands of the desert and the stars in the sky, and in Abraham you called a people to be a great nation in whom all the families of the earth would find a blessing.

In Jesus you raised up a new Abraham to be a blessing to all the people. In his death and resurrection, sin died and eternal life was born. And so we look forward to the fulfillment of your promise, rejoicing with you, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, singing your unending praise.

The Sanctus

William Bradley Roberts

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.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Faithful God, in Jesus you fulfilled all righteousness. In him you turn our duty into joy, and our sorrow into dancing. You give us new birth through water and the Spirit. Send down your Holy Spirit now, that your people may become a blessing to you and all the world, and that the bread of sustenance and the wine of celebration may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me:"

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me:"

Great is the mystery of faith.

Celebrant and People

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

Generous God, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son; look now upon the places where your people are perishing, where they are being condemned, where they are being born under the shadow of disease and destruction and despair. Infuse your church with Spirit and truth, walk with your beloved people the Jews as they seek security, companionship, and freedom in your world, and fill your saints with the hope of eternal life, that all may come to praise your name, and every grain of sand and star in the sky be stirred with the wonders of your grace, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A - men.

And now as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer S119

Fraction Anthem S163

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Celebrant says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and all are welcome at God's table.

Communion of the People

All those who seek a closer relationship with God in Christ are welcome to receive communion at St. John's. Communion bread will be distributed at the chancel steps. If you would like to receive wine, please sip from the cup. Please do not dip the bread in the cup. The communion minister will wipe the cup and turn it for the next person. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of communion, please cross your hands over your chest.

Voluntary

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant:

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Down by the Riverside



1. Gon - na lay down my sword and shield,
2. Gon - na put on my long white robe, Down by the riv - er - side,
3. Gon - na meet my lov - ing sa - vior



Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side, Gon - na lay down my
Gon - na put on my
Gon - na meet my lov - ing



sword and shield,
long white robe, Down by the riv - er - side, To stu - dy war no more.
sa - vior



I ain't gon na stu - dy war no more, Ain't gon - na



stu - dy war no more, Ain't gon - na stu - dy war no more.



I ain't gon - na stu - dy war no more, Ain't gon - na stu - dy war no



more, Ain't gon - na stu - dy war no more.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Pastoral care available. If you or a loved one needs prayer or assistance, our clergy and Stephen Ministry are ready to help. If you are feeling worried or hopeless, or are sick, and you would like to receive communion, a visit by a clergy member or Stephen Minister can be scheduled. To arrange an in-house or virtual visit, please contact the parish office at 202-338-1796.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Sowing Seeds of Love: A Lenten Project from St. John's, Georgetown

Joy holds. Hope energizes. Love heals. For a while now, St. John's, Georgetown has been exploring what it means to love. What does love in action look like? What are the skills of loving? What conditions make loving our neighbors easier? How does love spread? These aren't abstract questions meant to distract us from hard times. They're the kinds of questions that help us become a source of healing in a world that desperately needs it.

Over the last two years, we've learned a few things. Love in action shows up as justice, kindness, humility, and compassion. Joy and hope – whether in a community or a single human heart – create the conditions where love can flourish. Turning our attention to joy, we learned that joy holds: it holds space, holds people close, holds meaning, promise, and power. And we learned something about hope: it energizes, and it's contagious, resilient, and powerful, often terrifying those whose power is built on fear.

So this Lent, rooted in joy and hope, St. John's Georgetown will sow seeds of love – seeds we believe can help heal our hearts, our communities, and our country. Each day we'll share stories (on Instagram, Facebook, Bluesky, and our website) of good things breaking out in the world around us. And because joy and hope are contagious and build resilience, these tangible examples of justice, kindness, and compassion can inspire *more* acts of love and help others hold on through difficult times.

We are inviting **you** to contribute to this important project. We'll start posting on February 18 and post each day until Palm Sunday (March 29). Send in a video (2 minutes max), captioned photo, audio file, poem, a short paragraph, or whatever helps us see or hear the goodness that you have found in the world. Send your files to SowingSeeds@stjohnsgeorgetown.org. Feel free to send more than one! If you need help, email Gini (@stjohnsgeorgetown.org).

Together we can sow seeds of love that can grow and spread, and foster genuine healing – in our own hearts, our community, and the world.

**PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO STOP AND
THINK ABOUT HOPE - THEN SHARE IT!**

UPCOMING SERVICES

MARCH 15 - SOUND OF MUSIC SUNDAY!

Sound of Music Sunday — March 15



A celebration of courage, community, and a few of our favorite things

On March 15 at 10:00 a.m., join us for a joyful *Sound of Music Sunday*—a worship service celebrating bravery, belonging, and the courage to SING OUT!. Our choir and Theme Sunday team will help bring a light storyline to life, complete with yodeling and other surprises inspired by Maria and the Von Trapp Family Singers.

After the service, stay for a Sound-of-Music-themed coffee hour (perhaps even *schnitzel with noodles...*). You're invited to wear your favorite costumes, from curtain-clothes to alpine flair, or anything that sparks joy. Together we'll offer our own heartfelt "Do-Re-Mi" as a community grounded in love and welcome!

COMPLINE Thursday March 5th (and every Thursday in Lent) at 7pm. The final service in the Book of Hours, Compline, is also known as Night Prayer. This ancient practice first came about in the 6th Century in the Rule of St. Benedict. Come immerse yourself in this brief but poignant moment of candlelit peace, chant and reflection. Come and take a breath.

Lenten Coffee Hours - Get your soup on!

Help us welcome and nourish one another by supporting our Lenten coffee hours! We invite anyone to contribute food for the spread, especially warm soups/chilis and bread. Please use the following Sign-Up to indicate what you will bring: Any questions? Please contact Parish Life Committee chair Andrea Kramer at ac_kramer@yahoo.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADAF23A75-62464580-lenten>



Easter Flowers



Easter is a wonderful time to remember those who have gone before us or celebrate the joys in our lives. You can use the QR code to submit your Easter flower dedications. Dedications are due to the office by Palm Sunday, March 29.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EABAC28A6F94-62468535-easter>



Worship Opportunities

Want to get more involved in Sunday worship? It's easy—just sign up!

We need volunteers each week for:

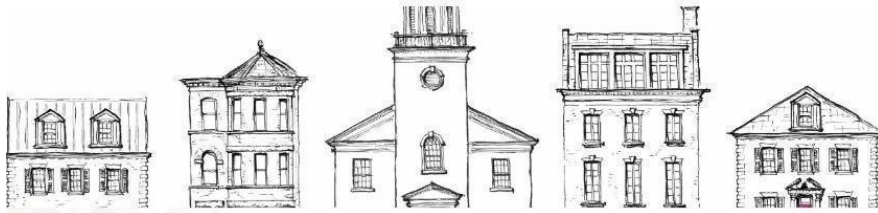
- Flower Guild
- Lesson and prayer readers
- Ushers
- Host Minister/Greeter (make announcements, invite all to coffee hour)
- Acolytes
- Altar Guild (assist clergy before services)

Training is available, but if you've attended before, you'll likely already know what to do.

Tech-savvy? Rev. Laura needs help with the Sunday broadcast. Training provided; most controls are preset. Questions? Contact Patti Thorp (verger) at 919-491-4481 or thorppatti@gmail.com, or sign up at our Sign-up Genius page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EABAC28A6F94-54060798-11am#/>

SAVE THE DATE! Georgetown House Tour 2026 is April 18th!

This year's *Patron's Party* is on **4/15 at 6:30pm**. New this year: a cocktail *Forum* here in Blake Hall with renowned designer Barry Dixon on **4/16, 5:30–7:30pm**.



The *House Tour* runs **4/18, 11am–5pm**. Mark your calendar and consider volunteering—we need baked goods, Docents, House Captains, and more to support North America's longest-running house tour since 1931! Questions? Contact Judy Ryan, judy.ryan2@verizon.net or Rev. Laura Natta.

Holy Week & Easter at St. John's

This year's Holy Week will look at Jesus' last week through the lens of our own time to show us that state-sanctioned and religiously supported violence is not just a thing of the past.

Holy Tuesday | March 31 | 7:00pm

Experience the Liturgy of the Empty Hands in solidarity with those who, out of fear of being unlawfully deported, are afraid to leave their homes. We will help fill some of those empty hands by collecting groceries and diapers for Justicia Alementaria.

Maundy Thursday | April 2 | 7:00pm - *Location To Be Announced*

Join us for a community meal and time of reflection and prayer on the night of the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the first Eucharist.

Good Friday | April 3 | 7:00pm

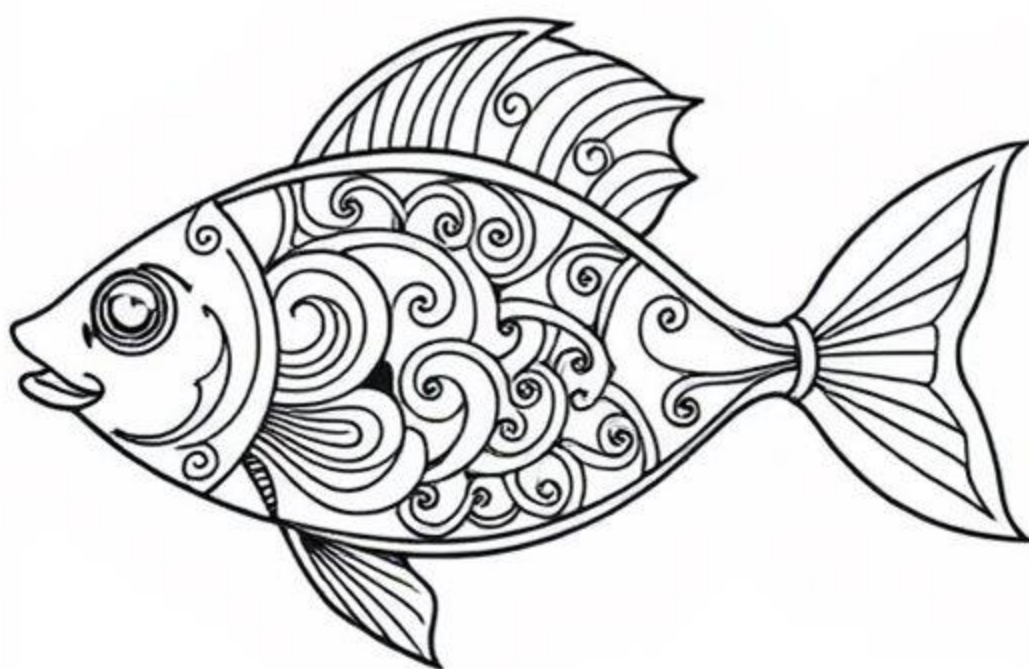
Remember the sacrificial love of Christ in this annual liturgy with the St. John's Choir.

The Great Vigil of Easter | Saturday April 4 | 7:30pm

Join us in proclaiming the joy of the resurrection in this first service of Easter! This year our shared Easter Vigil service will be hosted here at St. John's and we will be baptizing Meghan Klingler

Easter Sunday | April 5 | 10:00am

The celebration continues with these festive services with the St. John's choir. Join us at 10:00 am for a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt!





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