

St. John's Episcopal Church
Georgetown Parish
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Holy Eucharist

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 15, 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. Sarah Duggin, Associate Rector
The Rev. Gini Gerbasi, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Laura Natta, Rector

Director of Music

Aaron Goen

Reader and Intercessor

Anthony Vernon

Verger

Patti Thorp

Altar Guild

Patti Thorp
Hatam Mummadli

Acolyte

Greg Page

Flowers

Laura Scanlon

Technology

Andy Fiske

Liturgy of the Word**Processional Hymn 412***“Earth and all stars”**Moscow*

1. Earth and all stars, Loud ru-shing pla - nets Sing to the Lord a new song!
 2. Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash-ing cym - bals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 5. Know-ledge and truth, Loud sound ing wis - dom Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain, Loud blo - wingsnow-storms Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum-ming cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Daugh-ter and son, Loud pray - ing mem - bers Sing to the Lord a new song!



God has done mar - ve-lous things. I too sing prais-es with a new song!

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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.

Song of Praise Benedictus es S236 “Glory to you”

John Rutter

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

C.H.H Parry

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than

a thousand in my own room, *

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *

he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold *

from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Hymn 137

"O wondrous type! O vision fair" vv 1, 2, & 3

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Duggin, Associate 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Creator God, Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your generosity, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. Move in us and make us see how to be instruments of love and peace in your Church and throughout the world. Let us pray together as the People of God, saying

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, lead us to reject the dark bitterness of othering all those whom we do not understand. Enlighten all leaders of our nation and world with the wisdom of your diverse creation that together we may build a more just and inclusive society.

God in your loving mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, be present with all those in any kind of need or trouble: For those whom we know and cherish, and for our human family in this city and everywhere. Let us pray together for: **Amy, Carol, Charles, Craig, Dal, David, Ethan, Jan, Jennifer, Jennifer D., John, Juan Carlos, Karen, Katie, Nick, Paula, Reuben, Stephanie, Terry, and Tom.** We pray that addiction, depression, or illness will lift from those afflicted. And we pray for all people affected by violence, war, accidents, or natural disasters.

God in your infinite mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Joy of human hearts, heal our communities, where neglect, violence, greed, and warfare increase the suffering and need of people and other creatures. We remember especially those who serve the common good, and those who serve our country at home and abroad. We pray also for those who have died, especially Kenneth Wiedel, friend of John Wise. In your infinite mercy, wrap your arms around all those whose grief will not let go. Bless all who know loss with your strength and peace.

God in your healing mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you, Comforter of all the earth, for the intentions of the individuals in this community—stated now either silently or aloud, *(A moment of silence is kept)*

God, in your perfect mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a closing collect

Blessing of Newcomers

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

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Please join in singing

Our Fa - ther, which art in hea - ven -
Hal-low-ed be Thy Name. Thy King-dom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is, in hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our
debts, As we for-give our deb - tors. And
lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion; But de - li-ver us from e - vil: For Thine is the
king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - ver.
A - men

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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.**

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so, this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

The Sanctus

James MacMillan



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. Bles - sed is
he, O bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



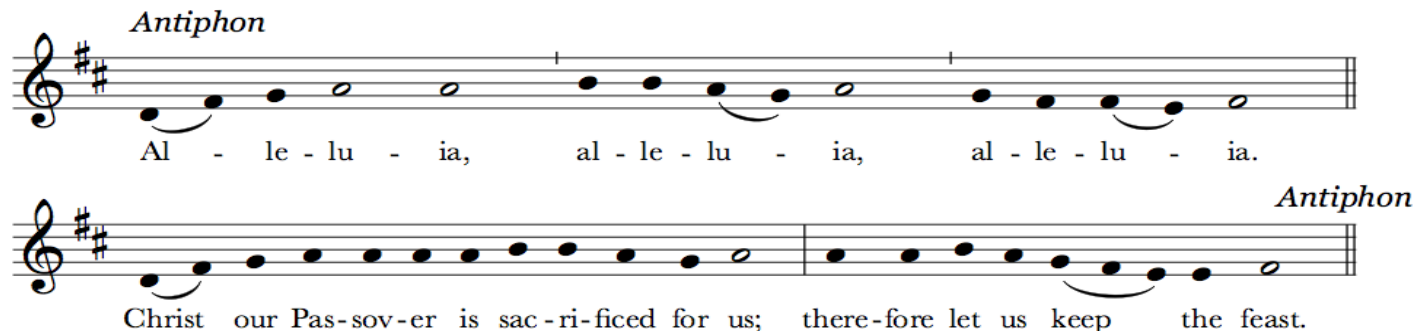
And now as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer S119

Celebrant and People

Fraction Anthem S154

David Hurd



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.

Communion Motet

Lord's Prayer - trad. Aramaic

PRIEST	CONGREGATION
	
A - bun d'bashmayo ne - th - qa - da - sh sh'-mokh, ti - the ma - l' - ku - thokh, Our Father in heaven hal - low - ed be - thy name, may it come your king - dom,	
	
ne - h' - we se - b' - yo - nokh, ay - ka - no d' ba - sh' - ma - yo, may be done your will, just as it is in heav'n,	
	
a - f' ba - r - 'o ha - b' - lan la - h - mo d' - su - n' - qo - nan so on earth and give us bread of our needs	
	
yow - mo - no, wa - sh' - bu - q' lan haw - bay - n wa - h' - to - hayn ay - day by day, and for - give us our sins and our debts,	
	
- ka - no do - f' h' - nan shba - qan l' ha - yo - bayn just as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.	
	
lo ta' - lan l' - ne - s - yu - no, e - lo fa - so lan Don't lead us in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver - us	
	
me - n' bi - sho me - tul d'di - lokh hi ma - l' - ku - tho w' - from e - vil be - cause yours is the king - dom, the	
	
- ha - y lo w' - the - sh - bu - h' - to, l - 'o - la - m' 'o - l' - min a - min. pow - er, the glo - ry, for e - ver and for e - ver, a - men.	

This setting of the Lord's Prayer is in Syriac, the daughter language of Aramaic. As it's commonly accepted that Jesus spoke Aramaic, the language you hear may resemble what he said very closely.

Communion Anthem 490

"I want to walk as a child of the light"

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant:

Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you. Be gentle with yourself and with one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God. Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a whisper. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"Alleluia, song of gladness"

Rhuddlan

1. Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2. Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3. Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4. There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty,
Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them e - ver raised by choirs on high;
Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther, all thy chil - dren sing with thee,
Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
At the last to keep thine Eas - ter with thy faith - ful saints on high;

In the house of God a - bi - ding thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 But by Ba - by - lon's sad wa - ters mour - ning ex - iles now are we.
 For the so - lemn time is co - ming when our tears for sin must flow.
 There to thee for e - ver sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Words: Latin, 11th cent.: tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66), alt.
 Music: *Rhuddlan*, Welsh melody

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Acclamations" from Suite Médiévale

Jean Langlais

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18, 2026, at 7pm. Come “get your ash on!” with us in a special service celebrating Justice and our part as followers of Christ Jesus in creating a more just society. Far more than a somber day, this is our chance to hold this day and the next 40 days of Lent with intention to heal, to love, and to minister to the world as Jesus did.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING is on March 1st and will be directly after a 10am *JAZZ* Service! Be hip, be cool, and be ready to get jazzed up about hearing where we’re at and where we’re headed as a Parish.

COMPLINE – Every THURSDAY during Lent at 7pm. February 26th through March 26th. 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.

“Thank you!” to GRATE PATROL Team - Garrett, Lidia, Laura, and Carol assembled 110 meals! Thanks also to ALL of the sandwich makers! Your time and generosity really makes a difference!



WE NEED YOU!

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

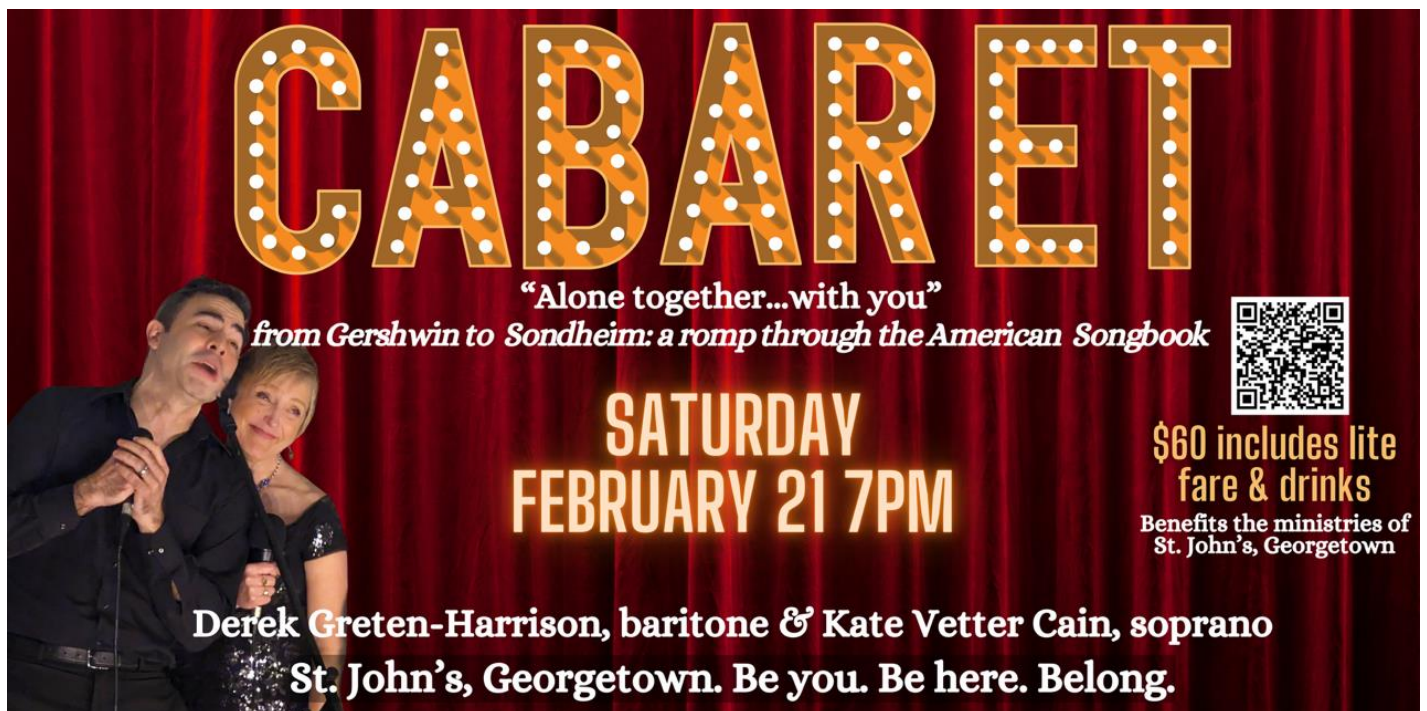
We need volunteers each week for:

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

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#/>

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CABARET

“Alone together...with you”
from Gershwin to Sondheim: a romp through the American Songbook

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 21 7PM**

Derek Greten-Harrison, baritone & Kate Vetter Cain, soprano
St. John's, Georgetown. Be you. Be here. Belong.

\$60 includes lite fare & drinks
Benefits the ministries of St. John's, Georgetown



Heat up an evening with libations, laughs and love!

The stars will come out again on **Saturday, 2/21/2026 at 7pm (doors open at 6)**, when our very own Kate Vetter Cain and Derek Greten-Harrison will bring us their new show,

“Alone Together with You” accompanied again by Director of Music, Aaron Goen.

Delightful sips will be paired with a tasty feast of appetizers from Georgetown Restaurants!

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/alonetogetherwithyou/event/alonetogetherwithyou/>

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.

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.







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