



# **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

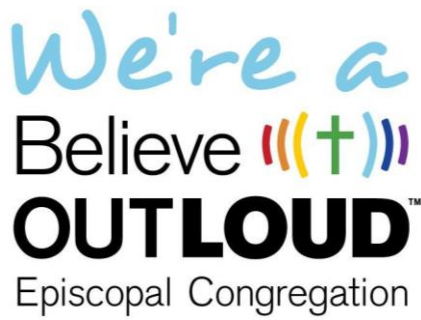
**Holy Eucharist**

**Ministers: The People of St. John's**

**March 17, 2024**

**8:00 am and 10:15 am**

**St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak MI**



## St. John's Welcome Statement

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Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do.

At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here.

*Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016*

### **Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs! Welcome Newcomers!**

**Young Children – *with all their sounds and wiggles* - are very welcome in this church!**

If you are here for the first time, please help us to get to know you by signing our Guest Book (clipboard in the entry of the church) and/or filling out a yellow card found in each pew. Place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We are so pleased that you are here and want to do everything we can to help you make the most of St. John's Episcopal Church and its resources for your spiritual journey.

All are welcome to communion, where we share one bread, one body. To facilitate this, our communion bread is all gluten free. All are welcome to St. John's programs and events.

### **Sunday Morning Schedule at a glance:**

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- 8:00am – **Worship**
- 10:00am – Children age 4 through 5th grade gather at the stairs on second floor in the entry/narthex) and sign in before going up to the third floor for Sunday School. Children are also welcome to stay with family in church if they prefer.
- 10:15am – **Worship**
- 10:00 – 10:45am – **Sunday School** (age 4 through 5th grade) meets on the third floor
- 10:45am – Sunday School children join their families for Communion
- Most Sundays – 11:05am - 12:00 noon – **Youth Group** (grades 6-12) are first to receive Communion, and then leave to meet on the third floor with youth leaders.

## PRELUDE

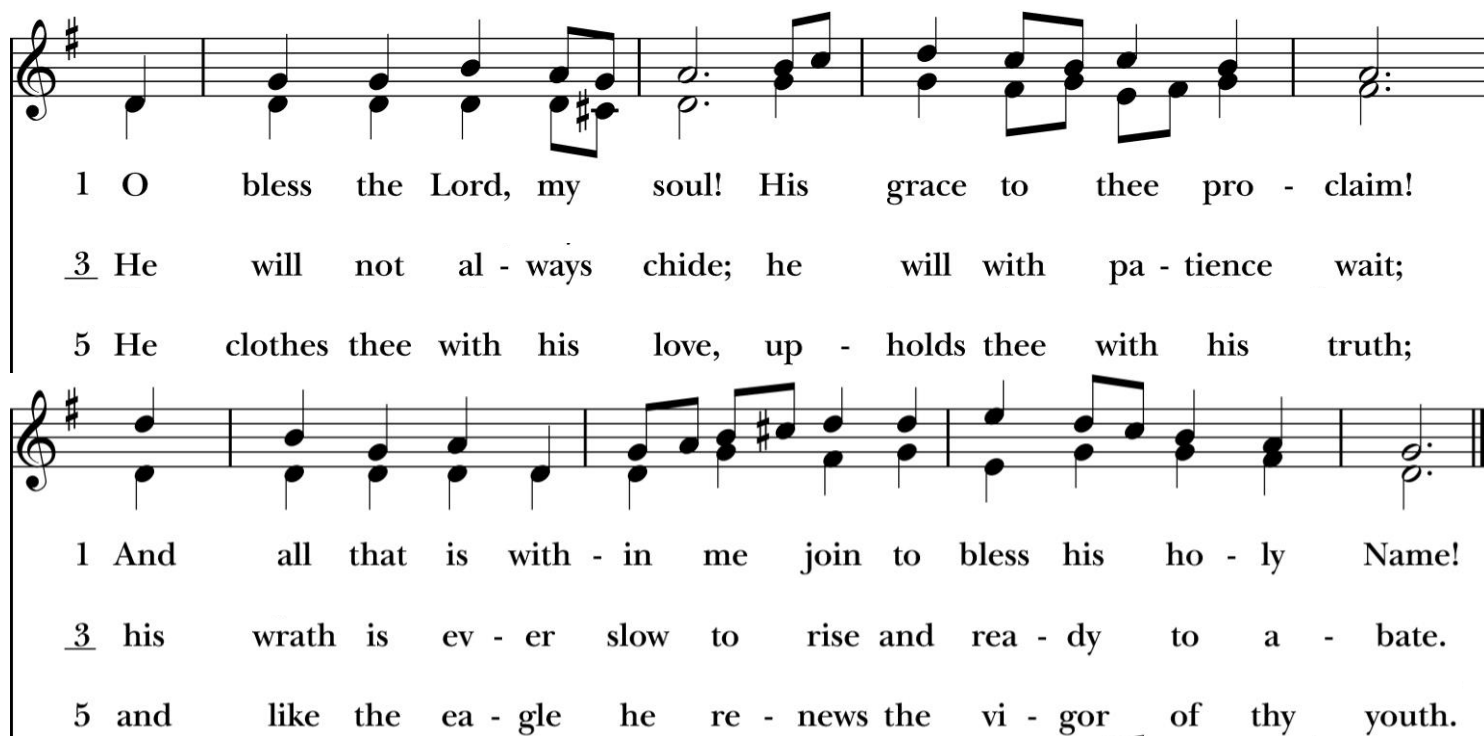
### THE WORD OF GOD

*At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.*

## OPENING HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

O bless the Lord, my soul

The Hymnal 1982, 411, vv. 1, 3, 5, 6



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!

3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;

5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!

3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.

5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

## LENTEN ACCLAMATION

*Presider* †Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* God's mercy endures for ever.

## CONFESSION

*Presider* 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.”

*.Clergy* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*The people stand or kneel.*

*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.***

## ABSOLUTION

*The people stand to receive the absolution.*

*Presider* As far as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s mercy and loving response to those who are humble and who seek forgiveness.  
†Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

## KYRIE (*Spoken at 8:00am*)

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## Kyrie eleison (*Sung at 10:15am*)

The Hymnal 1982, S86

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e  
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Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

*Translation: Lord have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

## Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Lector*        The word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

## THE SECOND LESSON

## Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN

### Oh Lord hear my prayer

Taizé

1. O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I  
2. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my

1. call an - swer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O  
2. hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the

1. Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O  
2. Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life. The

*Fine*

\*This tune is sung to words 1. or 2.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

*Gospeller* The †Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.



Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Clergy*        God made Christ a high priest for our salvation; let us earnestly offer prayers and supplications to God through his Son.

*Leader*

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie our Bishop, Beth and Gerardo our clergy, the lay people of St. John’s in our many ministries, and for the people of God in every place.

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, and their families; especially Barbara, Greg, Gloria, Carolyn, Janet, Allyson, Elaine, Sandor, Kathy, Jeffernell, Trudy, Gayle, Bob, Jo Anne, Sue, Emma, Scout, Nancy, Kevin, and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. We pray for all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

In thanksgiving for the stewardship of this congregation, and especially for all those worshipping with us for the first time.

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

For those who †rest in Christ, and for those whose witness has strengthened and encouraged us, especially those we now name; \_\_\_\_\_; and for those who have died who are known to you alone.

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

We pray for our families and friends, our caregivers and care receivers. We pray for those facing momentous decisions and for all those in transition. We pray for our enemies. May we strive to love one another as God loves us.

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Presider* O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; help us to put our whole trust in you as we look to Christ, the great High Priest and shepherd of our souls; who together with the Holy Spirit is alive and reigns now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## **THE PEACE**

*Presider* Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

And may the peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*The peace is exchanged among the people.*

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's. Gifts of pledges and offerings may be placed in collection baskets or at the basins at the steps of the altar as you come up for communion.*



*Give online:* [stjohnsroyaloak.org](http://stjohnsroyaloak.org) and click on GIVE

*Text:* Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256

*Mail:* St. John's, 26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067

OR scan this code to be directed to the giving page.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

**God so loved the world**

**John Stainer**

*Eucharistic ministers join the clergy to prepare for Eucharist.*

*10:15am - At the Presentation Hymn, all stand. The ushers present our gifts at the altar.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN

**From all that dwell below the skies**

**The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3**

Musical notation for the Presentation Hymn, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider continues*

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have taken us by the hand,  
and offered yourself to us in a sacred covenant.

Your son has drawn all people to himself;  
and has become the source of eternal salvation  
for all who live in obedience to the new law you have written on our hearts.

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

*Presider and People (spoken at 8:00am)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

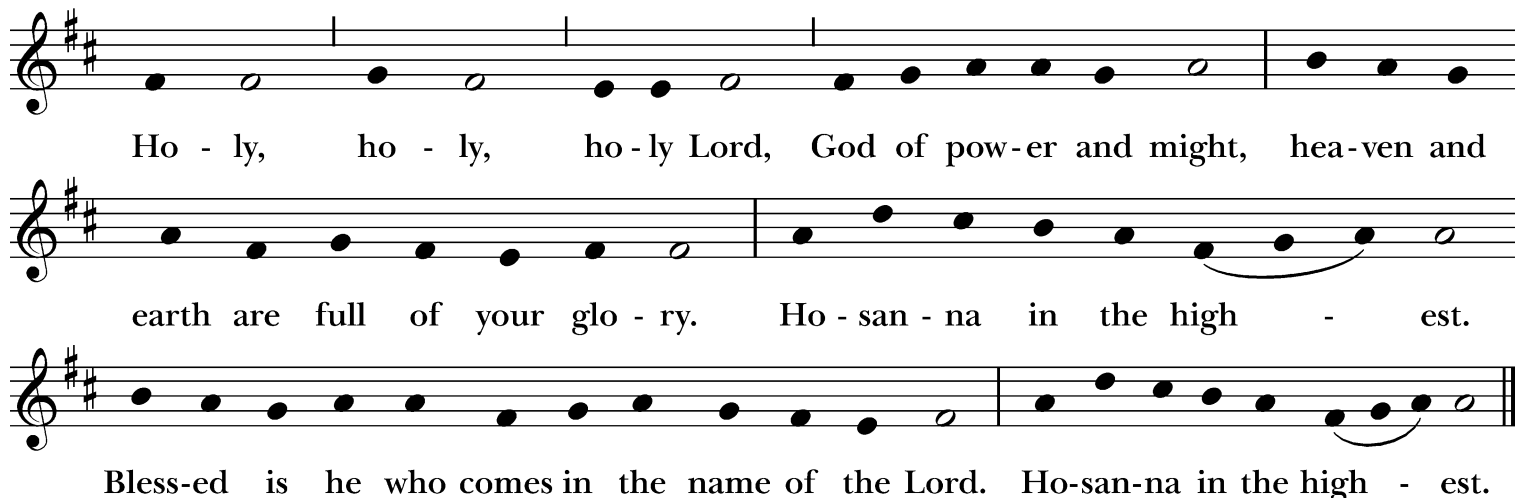
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**†Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Holy Holy Holy *(at 10:15am)*

The Hymnal 1982, S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** (*spoken at 8:00am*)

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world

*People* **Grant us your peace.**

# FRACTION ANTHEM *(sung at 10:15am)* Lamb of God Gather, 231



*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Holy Gifts for Holy People.**

*This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed to receive communion. The wafers are gluten free.*

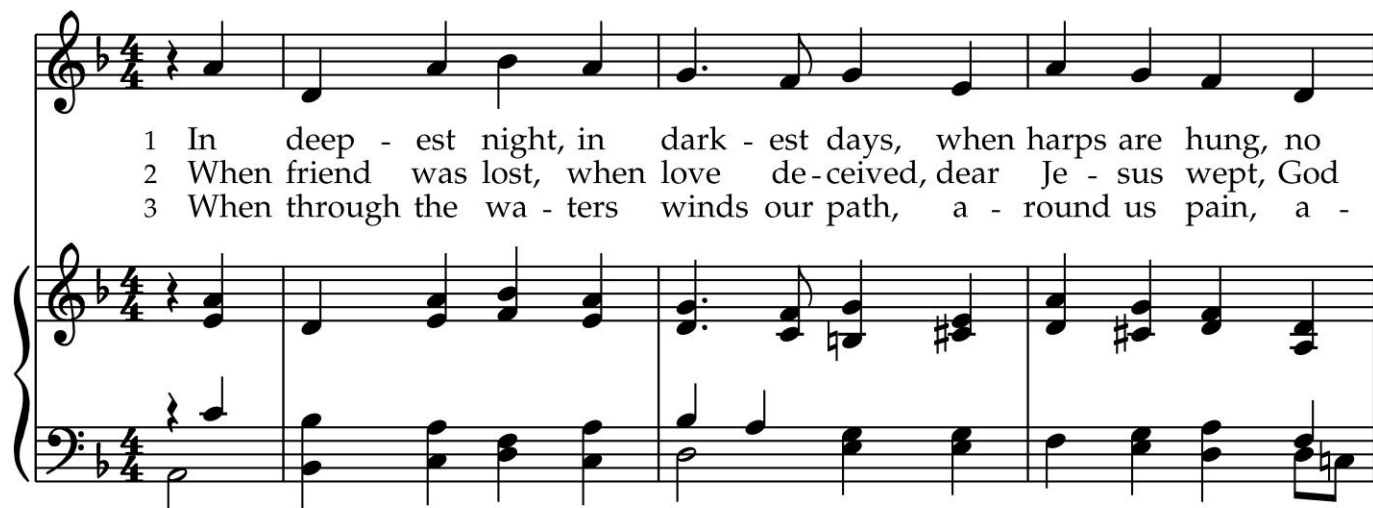
*Please follow the directions of the ushers toward and from a communion station. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

*Healing - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to the healing stations on the sides of the altar during communion. The person greeting you will anoint you with oil, lay hands on your shoulders and offer prayers for you.*

# COMMUNION HYMNS *(at 10:15am)*

In deepest night, in darkest days

Voices Found, 97



1 In deep - est night, in dark - est days, when harps are hung, no  
2 When friend was lost, when love de - ceived, dear Je - sus wept, God  
3 When through the wa - ters winds our path, a - round us pain, a -



songs we raise, when si - lence must suf - fice as praise, yet  
was be - reaved; so with us in our grief God grieves, and  
round us death: deep calls to deep, a sav - ing breath, and



1, 2 3  
sound-ing in us qui - et-ly there is the song of God.  
round a - bout us mourn-ful-ly there are the tears of God.  
found be-side us faith - ful-ly there is the love of God.

1, 2 3



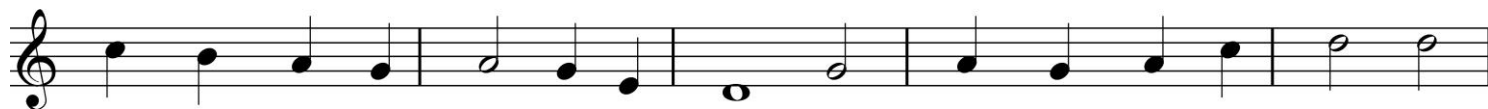
# What wondrous love is this

The Hymnal 1982, 439

*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## **SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*Clergy* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The people stand as they are able and pray together.*

**Eternal God, 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.***

## **BLESSING**

## CLOSING HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!      The Hymnal 1982, 495, vv. 1-3



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

## DISMISSAL

*Clergy* Let us bless the Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE

### LENTEN MEDITATION PRAYER STATION – IN THE WEST TRANSEPT

In the season of Lent, we will have a Lenten Prayer Station in the West Transept where we can go to reflect and share our thoughts. In Lent, we turn our attention to deep introspection and self-reflection on the condition of our lives and the world. We remember the ways that we as humans fail to love God and one another as neighbors. Lent is also a time of preparation, of going deeper into our faith and re-affirming what we believe as many early Christians were baptized at the end of Lent in the Easter Vigil. We invite you to embark in this journey of self-reflection and ponder: What things do you know for sure? What does your heart still need to know? Visit the Prayer Station any time you are in the church in Lent.

**†Blessings to you as we observe a Holy Lent.**

### Parish Calendar

### March 10 - 17, 2024

Sunday, March 17	8:00am	Worship – in person
	9:00am	Faith and Justice Team
	10:15am	Worship – in person/Zoom
	10:15am	Sunday School
	11:05am	Youth Group
	2:00pm	Youth Council
Monday, March 18		
Tuesday, March 19	10:30am	Coffee with a Cause
Wednesday, March 20	6:30pm	Catechumenate Lenten Series
Thursday, March 21	11:30am	Healing Service
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 22	9:00am	Open Hands Pantry Prep
Saturday, March 23	9:00am	Open Hands Pantry
	10:00am	Palm Sunday Rehearsal
Sunday, March 24	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	8:00am	Worship – in person
	10:15am	Worship – in person/Zoom
	10:15am	Sunday School
	11:05am	Youth Group

## **Ministers of Today's Service: The People of St. John's**

<b>8:00am Lectors</b>	Cathy Holcomb – First Lesson and Psalm; Yve Jones - Second Lesson and Prayers of the People
<b>8:00am Acolyte</b>	Brian Craft
<b>8:00am Greeter/Usher</b>	Dennis Spatafora
<b>8:00am Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Chuck Tucker, Cathy Holcomb, Barbara Lugger
<b>8:00am Healing Minister</b>	Janet Craft
<b>8:00am Altar Guild</b>	Kate Weide
<b>10:15am Lectors</b>	Mollie Kornmiller – First Lesson; Askari Asante – Psalm; Martha Shea – Second Lesson; Rachel Andrews – Prayers of the People
<b>10:15am Acolytes</b>	Mollie Kornmiller, Own Kornmiller, Justice McNeal
<b>10:15am Greeter before the Service</b>	Bernie Ethridge
<b>10:15am Ushers</b>	Eric Babcock, Nathan Babcock, Bernie Ethridge
<b>10:15am Greeter during the Service</b>	Greg Taub
<b>10:15am Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios, Mark Miliotto, Rachel Andrews, Marie Donigan
<b>10:15am Healing Minister</b>	Debbie Smith
<b>10:15am Altar Guild</b>	Bob Davis, Joyce Morey
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Mark Miliotto
<b>Tech Team</b>	Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones, Laurie McLaughlin, Mark Miliotto
<b>Acolyte Verger</b>	Kevin McLogan
<b>Opener/Closer</b>	Dennis Spatafora, Pete Kelly
<b>Coffee Hour Set Up/Clean Up</b>	Jelane Richardson, John Oginsky, Elizabeth Moon Carter
<b>Parking Lot Attendants</b>	Gregg Barnett, Richard LeJeune
<b>Musicians</b>	Steve McGhee, Brynn Ward, Bex Conway, Reese Stevens, Alek Mirinov, St. John's Chancel Choir
<b>Associate Priest</b>	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe
<b>Rector</b>	The Rev. Beth Taylor

**St. John's Vestry:** The following members of St. John's are elected as the governing body to support the mission and ministry of St. John's

### **Officers:**

Co-Wardens: Erica Clites and Richard LeJeune

Secretary: Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios

Treasurer: Maria Walter

### **Members:**

*through January 2025:* Askari Asante, Kelly Mankin, Janice Pedersen

*through January 2026:* Erica Clites, Richard LeJeune, Chris Bosley, Dennis Spatafora

*through January 2027:* Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios, Keith Freeman, Cathy Holcomb, Lisa Machesky, Elizabeth Moon Carter

## Additional Prayer List

### Persons being prayed for:

Sarah  
 Dottie  
 Michele, Jacob  
 Briana, Wettona, Ezra, Vic, Jackie  
 Sandi  
 Geri, Jennifer, Elaine  
 Lois, Willa  
 Edward  
 Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim  
 Larry, Lois  
 Gary, Patrick  
 Jeanette, Evelyn  
 Donna  
 Angelina, Jamie  
 Clyde, Shauna, Shannon  
 Donna, MaryPat, Linda  
 Maedell  
 Romaine, Donna, Diedre & family, Terry, Sonya  
 Donna  
 JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia  
 Lorie, Patty, Betty, Gail, Ed  
 Jennifer, Richard, Mark  
 Mike  
 Linda, Kathryn  
 Bill  
 Ken  
 Arthur, Dan, Winnie  
 Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria  
 Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda, Joe, Dennis, Norma  
 Gail, Phil, Steven, Paul  
 Randy, Kelly, Charlotte  
 Jeanne, Danny  
 Adam, Don  
 Catherine, Bob, Paul, Scott  
 Barbara, Bob, Cathy  
 David, David  
 Dominic, Pam, Cristi, Nancy, Miles, Jackie  
 June  
 Winnifred  
 Brian  
 Gabrielle  
 Debbie, Marion

### Requested by:

Rachel Andrews  
 Anne & Pete Baird  
 The Bennett Family  
 Gloria Brown  
 Jen Bruns  
 Christine Carline  
 Janet Craft  
 Sandy Curtis  
 Carolyn Darling  
 Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton  
 Ann Davis  
 Cheryl Donigan  
 Ellen Ehrlich  
 Allyson Frank  
 The Gilbertsons  
 Diana Graor  
 Waymon Howard  
 Jeffernell Howcott  
 Ann Johnson  
 Kathy Kustowski  
 Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker  
 Richard LeJeune  
 Leah Lynady  
 Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda  
 Barbara & Chris Moran  
 Lynne Muth  
 Janice Pedersen  
 Mapley Extended Family  
 Mary Ann Morrow  
 Bob & Trudy Nagaj  
 Marilyn Robinson  
 Scout Osborn & Kris Sprague  
 Jeff & Nancy Sever  
 Joey Spano  
 Bob Stevens  
 Elizabeth Swanchara  
 The Sykes Family  
 Barbara Thornton  
 Chuck & Linda Tucker, Cheryl Fehan  
 Bob Walsh  
 Pam Lupinski  
 Tamra Zakar

## LENT AND HOLY WEEK

### 5 SUN DAYS IN LENT

*Beginning February 14*

**8 & 10:15am**

*plus*

March 24 – Palm Sunday

March 31 – Easter Sunday



### SPECIAL SERVICES

**7:00pm**

Wednesday, March 27 – Tenebrae

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

Saturday, March 30 – Easter Vigil



## Special Offering Easter Flowers

It is the tradition at St. John's to adorn the church in spring blooming plants and Easter Lilies. Your special offering will honor a loved one, bring beauty to our Easter worship, and send a colorful greeting to a homebound parishioner.

Please complete this form and **return with check** (*Payable to St. John's Episcopal Church. Memo: Easter Flowers*) by Monday, March 18, 2024.

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for **flowers** for Easter. (A minimum donation of \$25 is suggested; however, all donations will be accepted and recognized).

In memory of / or thanksgiving for (*circle one, please print legibly*)

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In memory of / or thanksgiving for (*circle one, please print legibly*)

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *we will only call with questions*

Please mail **with form** to: St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067



or **scan this QR code** and select "Altar Flower" from the drop down menu to give with debit or credit. Then please email office ([office@stjohnro.org](mailto:office@stjohnro.org)) with your memorial.  
Thank you!

Questions? Contact: Church Office 248-546-1255