



Unknown
"Sing to the Lord a new song"

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

8:00AM AND 10:15AM

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



St. John's Welcome Statement

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:

- 8:00am – **Worship**
- 10:10am – 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**
- 10:15am - 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 Jesus, crowned with all renown

The Hymnal 1982, 292



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

ACCLAMATION

Presider †Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *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.*

GLORIA *(at the 8:00am)*

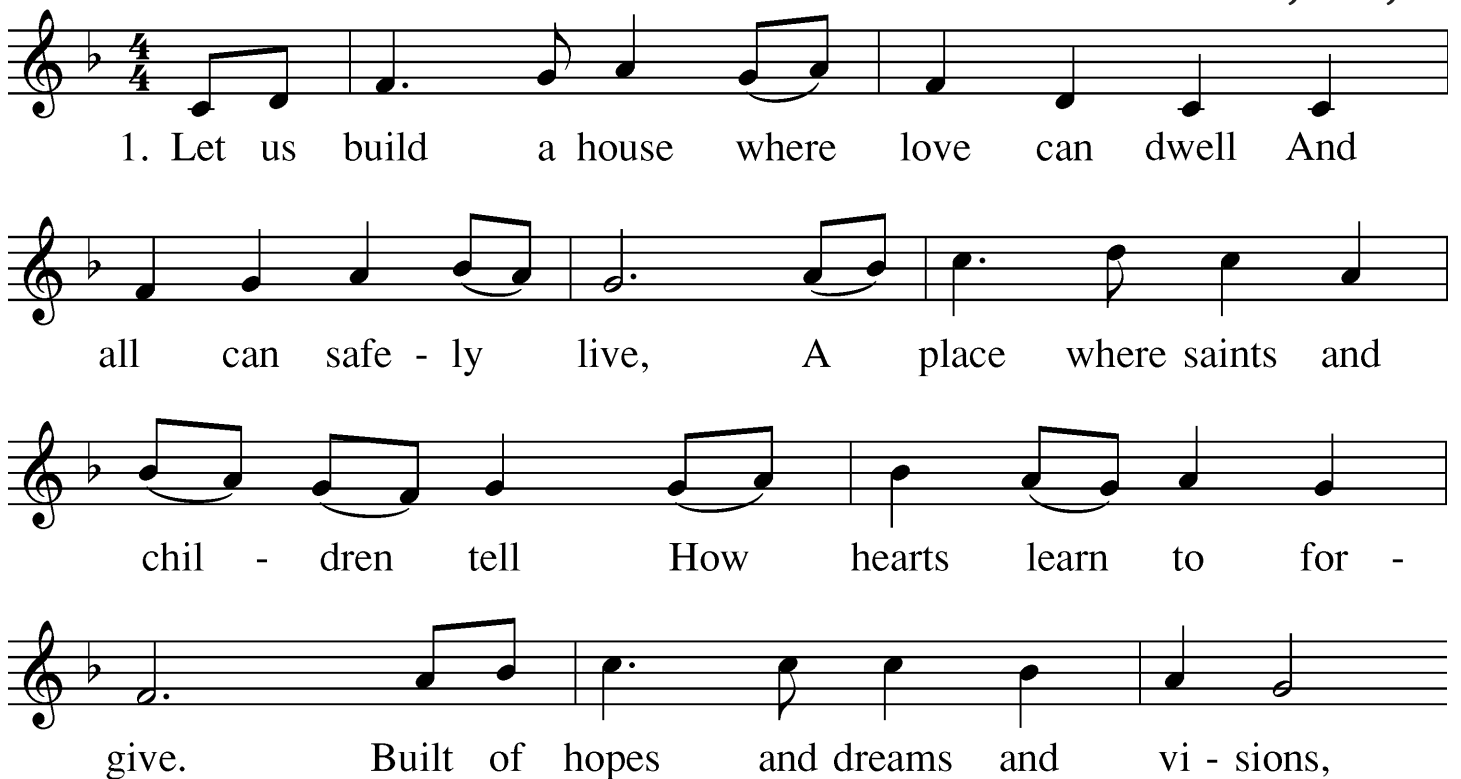
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory!

The people remain standing.

SONG OF PRAISE

All are welcome

Gather, 741, v. 1



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel-come,
 all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for the LORD has done marvelous things.
- 2 The right hand and the holy arm of the LORD *
have secured the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known this victory; *
and has openly shown righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- 4 The LORD remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the Sovereign, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who is coming to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall the LORD judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

Lector A Reading from First John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

The people stand and sing (10:15) as the Gospel book is processed to the nave.

GOSPEL HYMN (at 10:15am - sing three times)

Ubi Caritas

Wonder, Love, and Praise, 831

Descant

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

A

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

B

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Gospeller †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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 loved us and sent the Son for us. Let us offer prayers to God for the needs, hopes, and concerns of all human beings.

Leader

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken, in our lives, in our church community, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

We pray for all those who are oppressed and endangered by bigotry, hatred, or injustice;

That God will deepen the Church's response to justice, reconciliation, and peace.

We pray for all those who are sick and suffering, for those who are seeking and finding, and for every person in any need, especially Barbara, Greg, Gloria, Carolyn, Janet, Allyson, Elaine, Sandor, Kathy, Jeffernell, Madiba, Trudy, Gayle, Bob, Jo Anne, Sue, Scout, Nancy, Jenni, Brian, Kanata, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____. For all who long healing and safety.

For all who long for a sense of belonging and being known.

We give thanks for generations of faithful people who have worshipped at St. John's; **For those who are new to our community, and for those we will welcome in the future.**

We pray in gratitude for those who have mentored and called us as leaders. Guide us as we seek to raise up leaders among us;

May we all be strengthened in the work entrusted to us.

We give thanks for St. John's many programs and ministries, and for those good things we haven't yet dared to ask or imagine;

May we resolve to gather in all who come to this loving family.

More fully open our hearts with gratitude and generosity.

Help us to always use our gifts wisely in your service.

Presider Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who gives the Holy Spirit to all who seek. Hear our prayers for all peoples and grant us the power to love one another as we love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be with you always.

People **And also with you.**

The peace is exchanged in place among the people.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and

strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

In thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are, and in gratitude for the mission, ministry and fellowship offered through St. John's, let us give with generous hearts.

Oblation bearers bring forward the bread and wine on behalf of the congregation. The ushers collect our gifts of pledges and other offerings. Gifts of pledges and offerings may also be placed in collection baskets at the steps of the altar. Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's.



Give online: 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 (at 10:15)

Come, walk with me

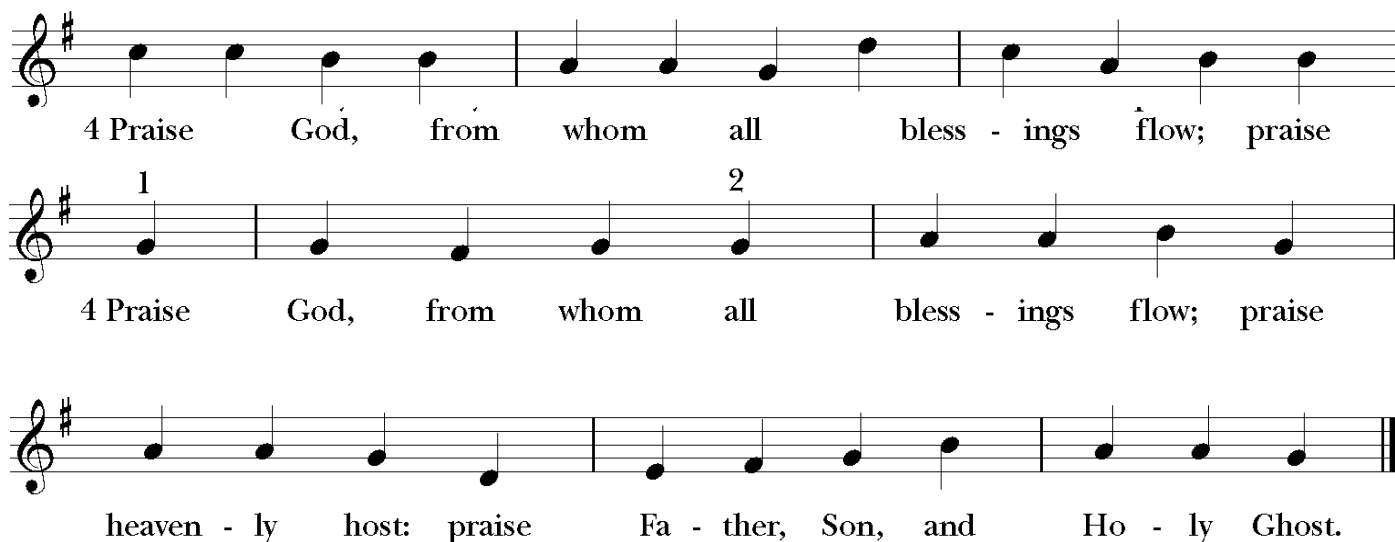
Z. Randall Stroope

10:15am At the Presentation Hymn, all stand. The ushers present our gifts at the altar. The Eucharistic ministers join the clergy to prepare for Eucharist.

PRESENTATION HYMN (at 10:15)

Praise to thee, my God

The Hymnal 1982 43, v. 4



4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
1 2
4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at the distance of one measure.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

Indeed, we give thanks to you, O God, for your beloved Son, Jesus, who pours out your Holy Spirit without distinction and makes us your friends by planting your word within us and leading us to abide in your love forever.

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.

The people stand or kneel as able.

(sung at 10:15am)

The Hymnal 1982, S129

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 musical score is written on four staves in G major and 3/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) and a final measure with a fermata.

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The Presider continues

We remember that 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, broken 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

We give thanks, gracious God, for all that you have done for your people. Pour out your Spirit on us and on all your gifts, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

†We pray you, gracious God, to open our eyes that we might see and believe that the impossible is possible, and that we, however young or old, might be born anew. Quiet our fears and awaken our joy.

Show us, O God, that hunger may be ended, justice done, mercy given, bread broken, and peace shared among all your people. 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 are 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.**

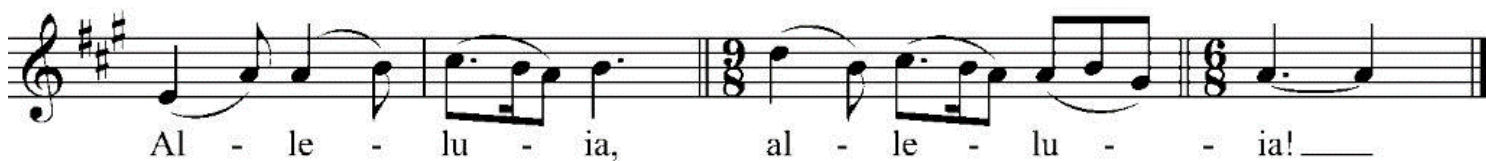
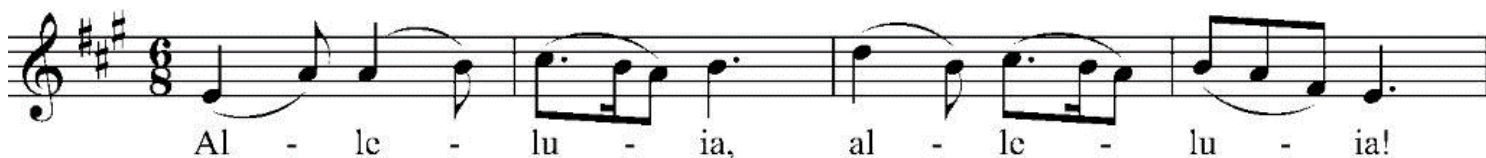
**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/FRACTION ANTHEM

Celtic Alleluia

Gather, 266



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The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Presider These are the gifts of God.

People **And we are the people of God.**

Presider Behold who you are, and become what you receive.

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The bread is gluten-free.

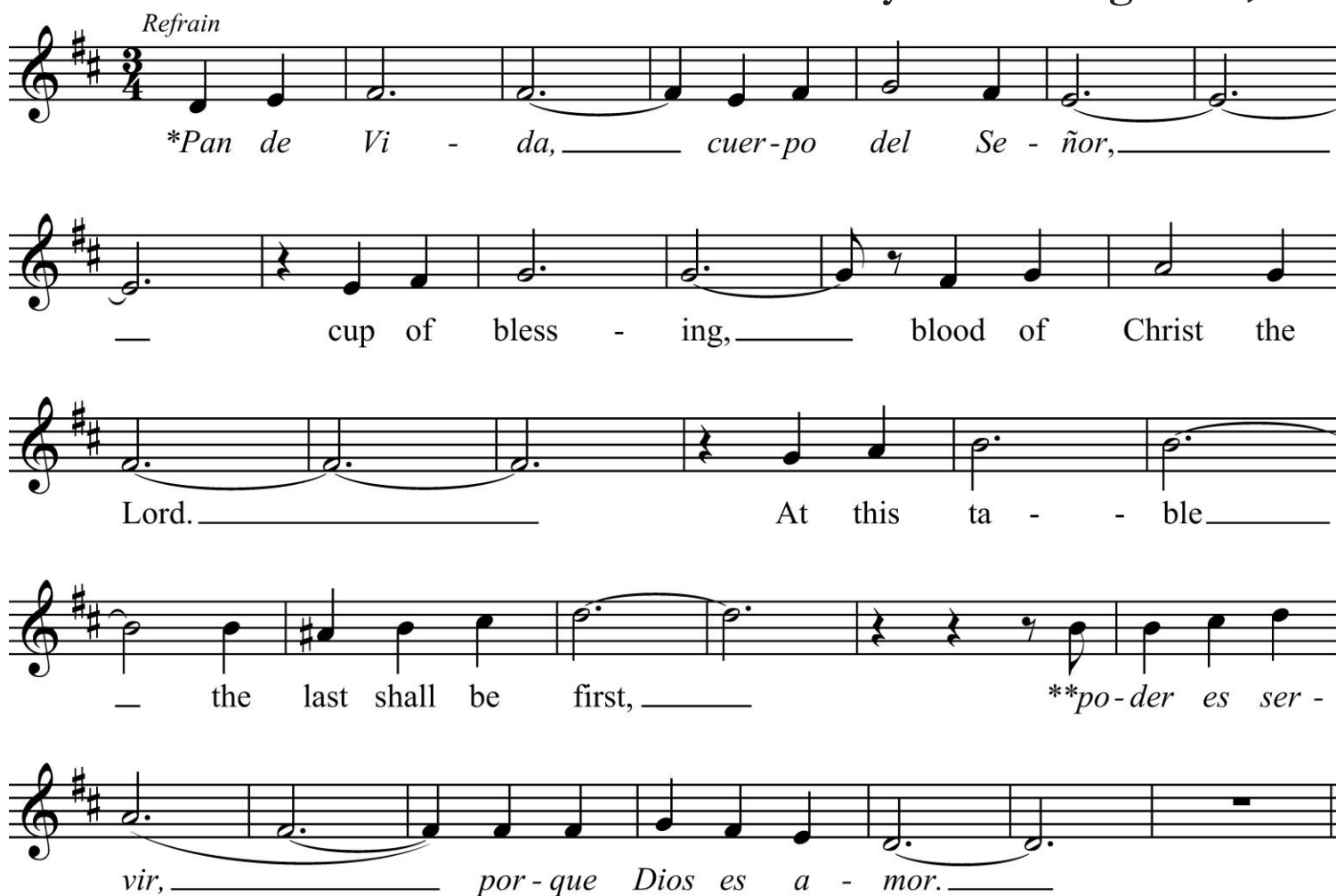
St. John's youth (6th-12th grade) are the first to receive communion, and then leave immediately following Eucharist to meet with their leaders. All youth are invited to participate – you are very welcome here!

COMMUNION HYMNS (at 10:15)

Pan de Vida

My Heart Sings Out, 93

Refrain



*Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,
— cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the
Lord. At this ta - - ble
— the last shall be first, **po-der es ser -
vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.

Verses



1 We are the dwell-ing of God, _____ fra - gile and
 *** 2 *Us - te - des me lla - man "Se - ñor," _____ me in cli - no a la -*
 3 There is no Jew _____ or Greek, _____ there is no



wound-ed and weak. _____ We are the bod - y of Christ, _____
var - les los pies: _____ Ha - gan lo mis - mo, hu - mil -
 slave _____ or free: _____ there is no wom-an or man; _____



_____ called to be _____ the com - pas - sion of God. _____ *D.C.*
- des, sir - vién - do - se u - nos a o - - - tros.
 _____ on - ly heirs _____ of the prom - ise of God. _____

* *Bread of Life, body of the Lord,*

** *power is for service because God is love.*

*** *You are the Lord, and I bow to wash your feet: you must do the same, humbly serving each other.*

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One bread, one body

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, 151



One bread, one bod-y,



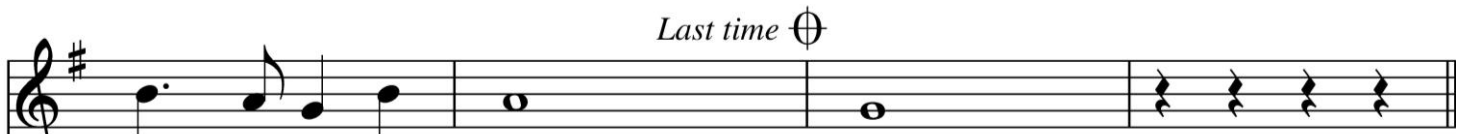
one Lord of all, one cup of



bless - ing which we bless. And we, though




man - y, through-out the earth, We are one




Last time \oplus

bod - y in this one Lord.



1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and



1. free, wom - an or man,
2. works, one in the Lord
3. grown, gath - ered to one

D.S.

1. — no more. _____ One
 2. — of all. _____ One
 3. — for all. _____ One

⊕ CODA

Lord. _____

SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(as requested)*

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.

Presider 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 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.***

CLOSING HYMN *(at 10:15 – sung twice)*

A new commandment

My Heart Sings Out, 92

D Bm Em A

A new com - mand - ment that I give to you, is to

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. Chord symbols D, Bm, Em, and A are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: "A new com - mand - ment that I give to you, is to".

F#m Bm G A

love one an - o - ther as I have loved you; is to

The second system of musical notation. Chord symbols F#m, Bm, G, and A are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: "love one an - o - ther as I have loved you; is to".

D Bm G A7 D

love one an - o - ther as I have loved you. By

The third system of musical notation. Chord symbols D, Bm, G, A7, and D are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: "love one an - o - ther as I have loved you. By".

G A7 F#m Bm

this shall all know you are my dis - ci - ples: if

The fourth system of musical notation. Chord symbols G, A7, F#m, and Bm are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: "this shall all know you are my dis - ci - ples: if".

G G6 A6 D

you have love one for an - o - ther; _____ by

G A7 F#m Bm D7

this shall all know you are my dis - ci - ples: if

G A6 D

you have love one for an - o - ther. _____

Words: John 13:34-35.

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DISMISSAL

The people face the entrance of the church as we depart.

Clergy Let us go forth into the world
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

May Birthdays

Eric Babcock	5/27	Denise McMurray	5/10
Peter Baird	5/5	Chris Moran	5/20
Elizabeth Carter	5/25	Aurelia O'Connor*	5/24
Erica Carter*	5/3	Michael Perry	5/4
Megan Clark	5/14	Mozhgon Rajae	5/14
Lia Gaglio	5/23	Asa Schnackel	5/24
Annalise Galat*	5/16	Brian Shea	5/11
Avery Gibb	5/4	Lillian Smigielski*	5/27
Cole Gluklick	5/10	Kathy Stricker	5/3
Phiona Guest	5/20	Cora Trebilcock	5/5
Richard Heide	5/9	Valerie Tucker	5/10
Cathy Holcomb	5/26	Amy Valesano	5/17
Nancy Horner	5/24	William Weide	5/1
Gabrielle Kalcec	5/28	Noah Wright-Cuschieri*	5/3
Jane Linn	5/15	Caleb Youngblood	5/4
Jeff Mazurek	5/24	*=child	
Brent McFeaters	5/9		

May Anniversaries

Gerardo & Dean Aponte-Safe	5/102019
Charles & Shelley Baker	5/10/1975
Erich & Jennifer Bartleman	5/15/2010
Megan & Matthew Clark	5/11/2018
Cathy & Joe Holcomb	5/21/2016
Mark Jones & Jessica Worden-Jones	5/3/2015
Ray & Diana Kwiatkowski	5/1/1982
Chris & Barb Moran	5/29/1971
Aubrey & Sarah Muth	5/6/2023
John Russotto & Lawrence Singer	5/11/2018
Jeff & Nancy Sever	5/20/1978
Deborah & Don Shepherd	5/23/1969
Perry & Beth Threatt	5/4/1991
Chuck & Linda Tucker	5/23/1964
Timi & Will Wittig	5/21/1994

If you celebrate a Birthday or an Anniversary in May, and your name is not on this list, we'd love to have it! Please call 248-546-1255 and leave the information with Jennifer Perkins, Parish Administrator or email it to us at office@stjohnro.org Thank you!



Join us for **First Sunday Breakfast** after the **10:15am** service. Recommended donation is \$5 per person. Use this QR code to pay easily before heading down to Jatho Hall!
Just select “First Sunday Breakfast” from the drop down menu.

Ministers of Today’s Service: The People of St. John’s

8:00am Lectors	Rosemary Spatafora – First Lesson and Psalm; Yve Jones – Second Lesson and Prayers of the People
8:00am Acolyte	Joey Spano
8:00am Greeter/Usher	Jackie Speer
8:00am Greeter During Service	Maria Walter
8:00am Eucharistic Ministers	Peg Coury, Bob Lazich, Chuck Tucker
8:00am Healing Minister	
8:00am Altar Guild	Therese Nottingham
10:15am Lectors	Rachel Andrews – First Lesson; Askari Asante – Psalm; Aubrey Muth – Second Lesson; Sandy Curtis – Prayers of the People
10:15am Acolytes	Julia Bartleman, Justice McNeal, Lauren Oakes
10:15am Greeter	Janice Pedersen
10:15am Greeter During Service	Woodie Adams
10:15am Ushers	Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios, Veronica Griffith, Tales Lima, Janice Pedersen, Kristine Sprague
10:15am Eucharistic Ministers	Rachel Andrews, Elizabeth Moon Carter, Sharon Kennedy, Mark Miliotto
10:15am Healing Minister	Debbie Smith
10:15am Altar Guild	Elaine Kapelanski, Maryann LeComb, Kathy Stricker
Bread Baker	Mark Miliotto
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	
Tech Team	Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones, Laurie McLaughlin, Mark Miliotto
Acolyte Verger	Kevin McLogan
Opener/Closer	Steve Fairman, John Oginsky
Parking Lot Greeters	Gregg Barnett, Richard Le Jeune
Musicians	Dr. Steven McGhee, Brynn Ward, St. John’s Chancel Choir, Alek Mironov, Bex Conway, Reese Stevens, <i>Choral Scholars</i>
Associate Clergy	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe
Rector	The Rev. Beth Taylor

Congratulations, Class of 2024! If you have a family member who is graduating this year (from high school, college, trade or technical school or program, graduate school, etc.) please email Jennifer office@stjohnro.org with their name, school, and address so that we can send them congratulatory greetings from St. John's through our Card Ministry and include them in upcoming bulletins!

Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

In thanksgiving for
all those celebrating
birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones in May

Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings

We welcome your participation and contributions to this ministry. If you would like to have a flower thanksgiving or memorial placed in the bulletin, please contact Jennifer Perkins at 248-546-1255 or office@stjohnro.org or you can give online by going to the St. John's website at stjohsroyaloak.org - click on GIVE and then from the "Fund" dropdown options, select "Flower Fund." The suggested minimum donation is \$25.00; however, all donations will be accepted and recognized. Thank you!

Parish Calendar

May 5 – 12, 2024

Sunday, May 5	8:00am	Worship – in person
	10:15am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship – in person/Zoom
	First Sunday Breakfast following the 10:15am service	
Monday, May 6		
Tuesday, May 7		
Wednesday, May 8	10:00am	Bible Study
Thursday, May 9	11:30am	Healing Service
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 10		
Saturday, May 11		
Sunday, May 12	8:00am	Worship – in person
	10:15am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship – in person/Zoom
	11:15am	Youth Group

Additional Prayer List

Persons being prayed for:

Sarah
 Jerica, Kayden, Charlotte
 Dottie
 Jacob
 Briana, Wettona, Ezra, Vic, Jackie
 Sandi
 Lois, Willa
 Edward
 Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim
 Larry, Lois
 Gary, Patrick
 Jeanette, Evelyn
 Angelina, Jamie
 Clyde, Shauna, Shannon
 Donna, MaryPat, Linda, Debbie
 Maedell
 Romaine, Donna, Diedre & family, Terry, Sonya
 JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia
 Lorie, Patty, Betty, Gail, Ed
 Jennifer, Richard, Mark
 Mike
 Linda, Kathryn
 Jackson
 Bill, Dorothy
 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
 Gerardo Aponte-Safe
 Anne & Pete Baird
 The Bennett Family
 Gloria Brown
 Jen Bruns
 Janet Craft
 Sandy Curtis
 Carolyn Darling
 Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton
 Ann Davis
 Cheryl Donigan
 Allyson Frank
 The Gilbertsons
 Diana Graor
 Waymon Howard
 Jeffernell Howcott
 Kathy Kustowski
 Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker
 Richard LeJeune
 Leah Lynady
 Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda
 Holly McNeal
 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



This June we are bringing you something new and exciting! It's called **Intergenerational Evening Bible School** or "**E**"BS – a new take on VBS.

This three-evening program on **June 17-19 from 5:30-8:00 pm** will be for **all ages** (0-99) and will feature dinner, a time of discussing and interacting with Bible stories, art, games (appropriate for all mobility levels), science, music and a community service project everyone will have a chance to work on

throughout the week.

Our theme is **Constructing the Kingdom** and our guiding scripture verse is Luke 17:21: "The Kingdom of God is *here*" – Jesus' invitation to discover, participate in, and build up the Kingdom of God here on Earth rather than waiting for an afterlife in Heaven. In addition to all of the fun, we will be talking about working together, embracing diversity, loving one another and helping out in our community.

Everyone will be participants in this program from our youngest to our oldest members. While still being participants, our Youth Group age members will also be asked to help any younger or older participants with activities as need be. Our children have so much wisdom, and our adults have so much knowledge, and we are excited to see how we share those gifts with one another to learn and grow as a community of faith and as part of the Kingdom.



Please register to help us with our planning by RSVP'ing. The cost is \$10/person or \$15/household. If the program is in any way cost prohibitive for you, please contact one of the clergy, and we will provide a scholarship. The program includes dinner.

We hope you will come and be a part of building this new program! Let's go!