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**Holy Eucharist**  
**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
August 7, 2022  
9:30am

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

## About this Worship Service

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Welcome to the 9:30am Summer Service of Holy Communion at St. John's. Our sacred time of worship includes several different activities: **singing, listening, praying, and sharing a holy meal.** This is not only a place where you may feel comfortable in worship, but also an opportunity for us to introduce children and adults to the worshipping traditions of Episcopal faith.



### 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 welcome 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.

## PRELUDE

Mark Valenti, guitar

*The people gather for worship in a quiet and reflective time of prayer.*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A Vestry member or another lay leader in the Congregation shares announcements for upcoming events.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*At the ringing of a bell, the people stand and join in singing.*

## OPENING HYMN

**We are on our way to the promised land**

**My Heart Sings Out, 96**

1 We are on our way— to the prom - ised— land.  
2 A - bra - ham went for a walk with God, who was his friend.  
3 I nev - er thought it pos - si - ble, not in a thou - sand years.

We are on our way— to the prom - ised— land.  
God said, "Look up at all the stars— you can - not see their end.  
But God per - formed a mir - a - cle and took a - way my fears.

Our God will lead and guide— us, he will  
And can you count the grains of sand on the  
He took a - way my bit - ter - ness and—

walk a - long be - side— us, our God will lead and  
shore or in a des - ert land? So ma - ny shall your  
now I laugh and sing for joy, so dance with me and

guide— us as we go to the prom - ised land.  
chil - dren be - so ma - ny you can - not count."  
sing with me; sing a new song of praise and joy.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* †Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **And Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider* Let us pray together.

**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

**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!**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 for the reading of Scripture.*

## THE LESSON

## Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
**happy the people you have chosen to be your own!**
- 13 O LORD, you look down from heaven, \*  
**and behold all the people in the world.**
- 14 From where you sit enthroned you turn your gaze \*  
**on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 You fashion all the hearts of them \*  
**and understand all their works.**
- 16 There is no ruler that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
**a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
**for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 Behold, your eye, O LORD, is upon those who fear you, \*  
**on those who wait upon your love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
**and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for you, O LORD; \*  
**you are our help and our shield.**

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in you, \*  
**for in your holy Name we put our trust.**

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
**as we have put our trust in you.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 12:32-40**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

*Gospeller* †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

*The people are seated for the sermon.*

## **HOMILY**

Holly McNeal

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The people stand or kneel, as they are called to prayer.*

*Clergy* Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*Reader 1* We pray for the **Church**: for Bonnie our bishop; for Beth and Stacy our priests; for the laity of St. John's in their many ministries; and for all the congregations and ministries in our Diocese. Please offer your own prayers for the ministries of the Church, either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ . *(Pause)* God of love –  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2* We pray for the **world**: Help us to care for the earth and rule the hearts of your servants and the leaders of all nations to do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth. Please offer your own petitions and intercessions for troubled places in the world, either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ . *(Pause)*  
God of love –  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader 1* We pray for the **sick and the suffering**, especially those who have asked for our prayers. (Scott, Greg, Gloria, Sandor, Kathy, Alex, Toni, Barbara, Marilyn, Madiba, Gabby, Maedell, Carolyn, Joan, Nancy, Martha, Elizabeth, Jeffernell, Wanda, Jeff, Cheri, and Nadine) Please say the names of those in your prayers, either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ .  
*(Pause)* God of love –  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2* We pray in thanksgiving for the **blessings of our lives**: We pray for our families and friends, our caregivers and care receivers. May we strive to love one another as God loves us. Please name your blessing, either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ . *(Pause)* God of love –  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader 1* We pray for those who have +**died**, especially those whose witness has strengthened and encouraged us and for those who are known to you alone. Please name those who have died and whom you remember, either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ . *(Pause)* God of love –  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2* Remembering Mary the God-bearer, John the Evangelist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *(Pause)* God of love –  
**Hear our prayer.**

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

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. *Amen.***

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

*Presider* 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.***

## **THE PEACE**

*Presider* May the Peace of Christ always be with you  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The peace is exchanged among the people.*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND MILESTONES

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.*

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*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. Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's.*

*Give online:* stjohsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE (*recurring gifts help to sustain ministry year-round*)

*Text:* Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256

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

*Envelopes:* Available upon request 248-546-1255 or office@stjohnro.org

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

Day by Day

Debbie Smith

*"Oblationers" bring forward the gifts of bread and wine to be blessed for all of us.  
Once the table is set for the sacred meal, the people stand.*

### EUCHARIST/HOLY COMMUNION

*Eucharistic Prayer*

*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*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 (say):

## **SANCTUS**

**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.**

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 my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. 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 upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of our Lord Jesus 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. ***Amen!***

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
 are yours, now and forever. *Amen.*

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.  
 The Breaking of the Bread, also called the Fraction, recalls Jesus breaking bread at the Last Supper, and it also reminds us that Jesus was given for us.*

*Presider* These are the gifts of God.

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

*Presider* And in union and solidarity with your faithful people who are not able to be present at this table, we pray together.

*People* **May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.***

*This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Christ is fully present in either the bread or the wine. If you prefer to receive "bread", proceed to the station to receive from a clergy person. If you prefer to a wafer dipped in wine, proceed to a station to receive from a Eucharistic minister. Both the bread and the wafers are gluten-free.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

Let us break bread together Lift

Every Voice and Sing II, 152

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
 2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees).  
2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, Oh— Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).  
1. 2.

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh—

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*After the sacred meal, we stand and pray in thanksgiving for what we have received.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* 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, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## BLESSING

*The people receive the Blessing from the Priest.*

## CLOSING HYMN

This is the hour of banquet and song    The Hymnal 1982, 317



1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;  
3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,



here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long  
the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days  
giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,



the brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.  
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.  
the Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), alt.  
Music: *Morestead*, Sidney Watson (b. 1903)

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## DISMISSAL

*The people face the door for the Dismissal. Having been fed and nourished, we are now sent out into the world.*

*Clergy* Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

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

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

<b>Readers</b>	Chuck Tucker – First Lesson; Aubrey Garfield – Psalm; Cathy Holcomb, Bob Nagaj – Prayers of the People; Dan Martin, Justice McNeal, Linda Tucker – Acolytes
<b>Greeters</b>	Pam Lupinski, Sue Tower
<b>Ushers</b>	Veronica Griffith, Pam Lupinski, Dan Martin, Janice Pedersen, Joey Spano Chuck Tucker, Linda Tucker
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Chuck Tucker, Bob Nagaj
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Christy Scott
<b>Altar Guild</b>	All
<b>Tech Team</b>	All
<b>Opener/Closer</b>	Ray Kwiatkowski, Eric Babcock
<b>Musicians</b>	Steve McGhee, Debbie Smith, Mark Valenti, Brynn Ward
<b>Associate Priest</b>	The Rev. Stacy Salles

### Parish Calendar

August 7 - 14, 2022

<b>Sunday, August 7</b>	9:30am <b>Following the service</b>	Worship – in person/Zoom <b>Family Potluck Picnic</b>
<b>Monday, August 8</b>		
<b>Tuesday, August 9</b>		
<b>Wednesday, August 10</b>		
<b>Thursday, August 11</b>		
<b>Friday, August 12</b>	9:00am 11:30am	Open Hands Food Pantry Set Up Healing Service
<b>Saturday, August 13</b>	9:00am	Open Hands Food Pantry
<b>Sunday, August 14</b>	<b>8:30am</b> 9:30am	<b>Potluck (Library)</b> Worship – in person/Zoom

## August Birthdays

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Mary Adams	8/14	Janice Pedersen	8/9
Sydney Babcock	8/14	Bobbie Schillag	8/23
Shelley Baker	8/10	Ellen Schnackel	8/19
Rosalie Boerkoel	8/14	Christy Scott	8/23
Dale Gilbertson	8/8	Ethan Scott*	8/9
Roxie Hamilton*	8/9	Adam Smigielski*	8/5
Jeffernell Howcott	8/8	Trevor Swan	8/31
Owen Kornmiller*	8/5	Philip Tom*	8/28
Frankie Lacy	8/23	Sarah Tom	8/13
Maisie LeJeune	8/31	John Tucker	8/5
Rob Mapley	8/1	Mark Valenti	8/9
Justice McNeal*	8/28	Anna Visintainer	8/15
Nicole Mittman	8/6	Maria Walter	8/17
Zipporah Nelson*	8/3	Kathy White	8/16
Hannah Oginsky	8/13		

\* = child

## August Anniversaries

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Kris & Paul Beckett	8/31/1991
Geoff & Kristen Benes	8/25/1990
Bruce & Cheryl Donigan	8/1/1981
Bob Gibb & Kristin Avery	8/14/1999
Dave & Nancy Horner	8/20/1960
Erik & Kellie Kornmiller	8/18/2006
Rob & Heidi Mapley	8/21/1993
Mark Miliotto & Beth Taylor	8/13/1994
Tim & Lee Ann Morgan	8/16/1987
Bill & Cynthia Nixon	8/5/1966
Lisa & Steve Philips	8/16/1985
Nick & Kristen Swan	8/23/2003
Bob & Mary Beth Weigel	8/4/1984

If you celebrate a Birthday or an Anniversary in August, 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](mailto:office@stjohnro.org) Thank you!

## Additional Prayer List

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### Persons being prayed for:

Sarah  
Dottie  
Janet  
Michele  
Briana, Wettona, Tony, Ezra, Vic, Jackie, Joe  
Sandi  
Geri, Jennifer, Elaine, Frank  
Lois, Willa  
Edward  
Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim  
Larry, Lois  
Gary, Patrick  
Jeanette, Evelyn  
Donna  
Pat, Janet  
Angelina  
Clyde  
Donna, MaryPat, Linda  
Karen, Larry, Jenny, Eric, Cristy, Dorothy  
Maedell  
Romaine, Donna, Diedre & family, Terry, Sonya  
Donna  
Lara  
Mike, Meghan, Marie, Jim, Adam  
JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia  
Rachel  
Lorie, David, Beth, Diane, Rosa, Chris  
Mike  
Linda, Kathryn  
Bill  
Arthur  
Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria  
Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda, Joe  
Gail, Phil, Steven, Paul  
Larry, Rosie  
Jeanne, Danny  
Adam, Don  
Bob, Scott, Marilyn, Karen, Andrea  
Barbara, Susanne  
David, David  
Dominic, Pam, Sally, Cristi, Nancy  
June  
Vickie  
Brian  
Max, Foster  
Debbie, Marion

### Requested by:

Rachel Andrews  
Anne & Pete Baird  
The Barnett Family  
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  
Mary Fairman & Sue Brown  
Allyson Frank  
The Gilbertsons  
Diana Graor  
Melanie Hill  
Waymon Howard  
Jeffernell Howcott  
Ann Johnson  
Patty Johnston  
Barbara Killinger  
Kathy Kustowski  
Lynne Lambert  
Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker  
Leah Lynady  
Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda  
Barbara & Chris Moran  
Janice Pedersen  
Mapley Extended Family  
Mary Ann Morrow  
Bob & Trudy Nagaj  
Annie Ruggirello  
Scout Osborn & Kris Sprague  
Jeff & Nancy Sever  
Joey Spano  
Bob Stevens  
Elizabeth Swanchara  
The Sykes Family  
Barbara Thornton  
Chuck & Linda Tucker  
Bob Walsh  
Jan Warren  
Tamra Zakar