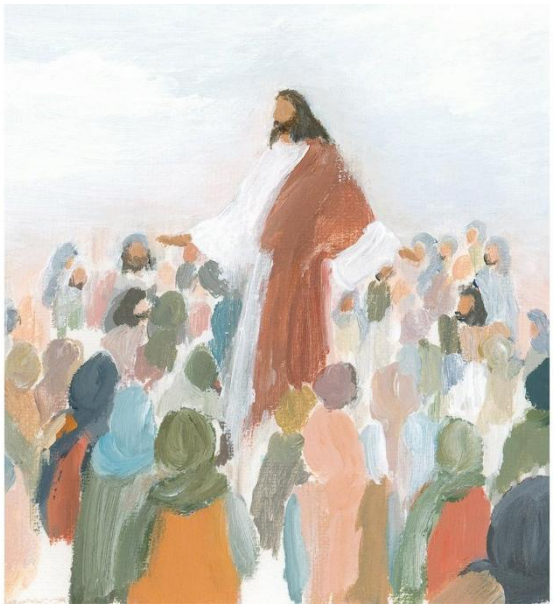


Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

8:00AM IN-PERSON WORSHIP
10:15AM ONLINE/IN-PERSON WORSHIP

St. John's Episcopal Church Royal Oak, MI

St. John's Welcome Statement

We're a Believe OUTLOUD Episcopal Congregation

EVERYONE is WELCOME! EVERYONE BELONGS!

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*

Young Children – *with all their sounds and wiggles* - are very welcome in this church!
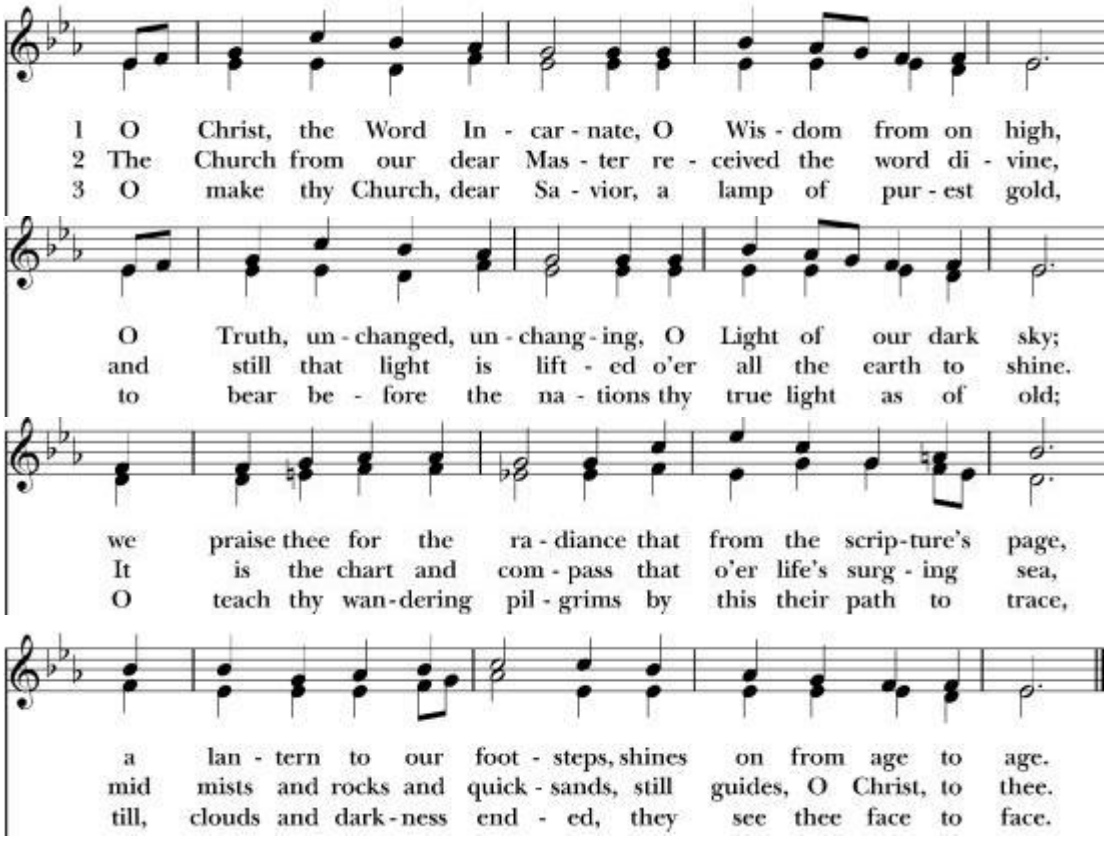
We are so pleased that you are here! All are welcome to receive communion, partaking of the holy food that strengthens us for the journey of life. To facilitate this, our communion bread is gluten-free. A soft space is available in the east wing of the sanctuary for little ones and their parents, as well as a kid's corner with books, coloring trays, and fidget toys in the Narthex/Atrium. If you are visiting us for the first time, we invite you to fill out a card found in each pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. All are welcome to attend St. John's programs and events. Everyone is welcome, everyone belongs!

PRELUDE

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

OPENING HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

O Christ, the Word Incarnate H1982, 632



THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

OPENING 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

Presider God be with you.

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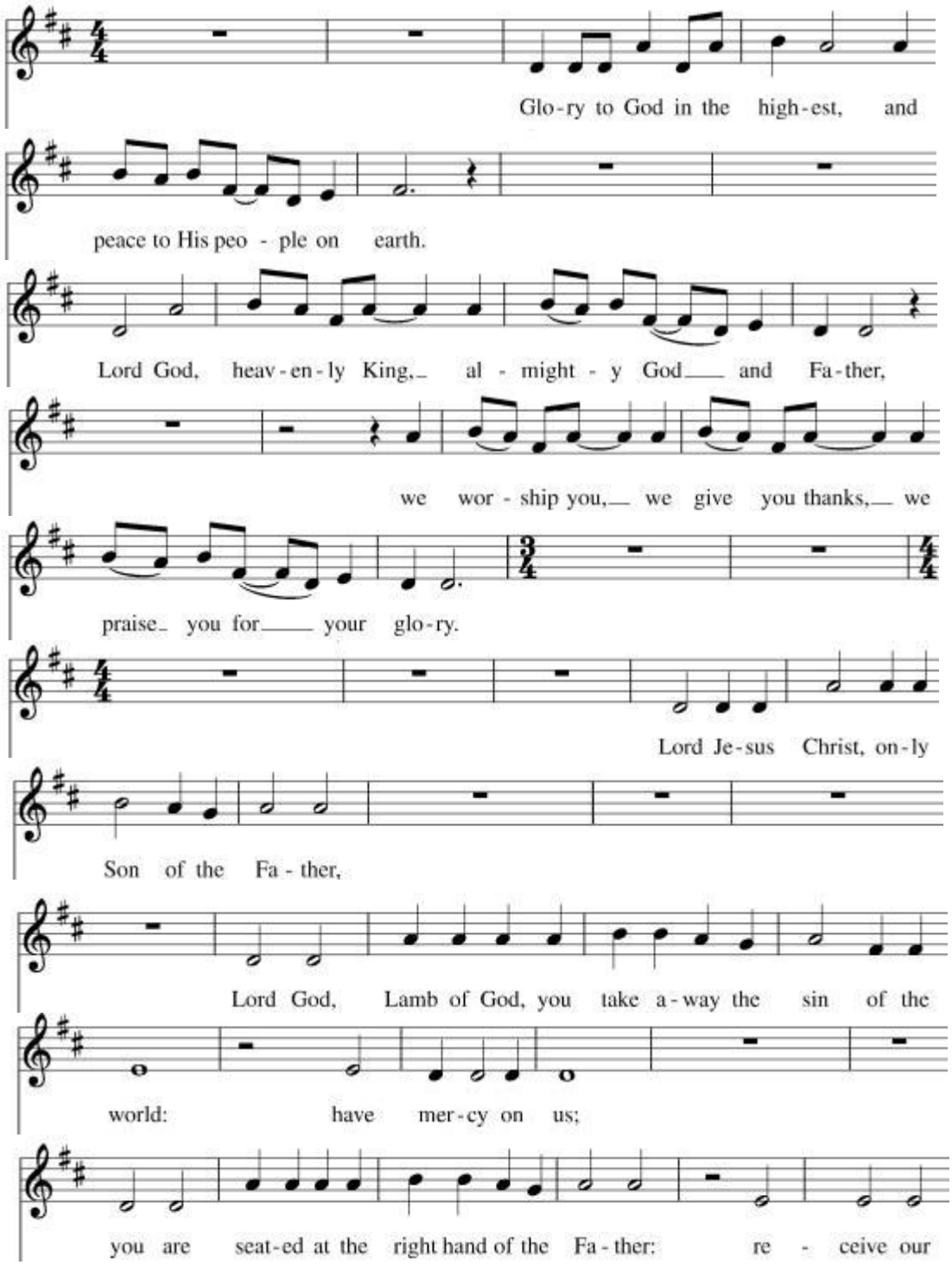
Presider Let us pray.

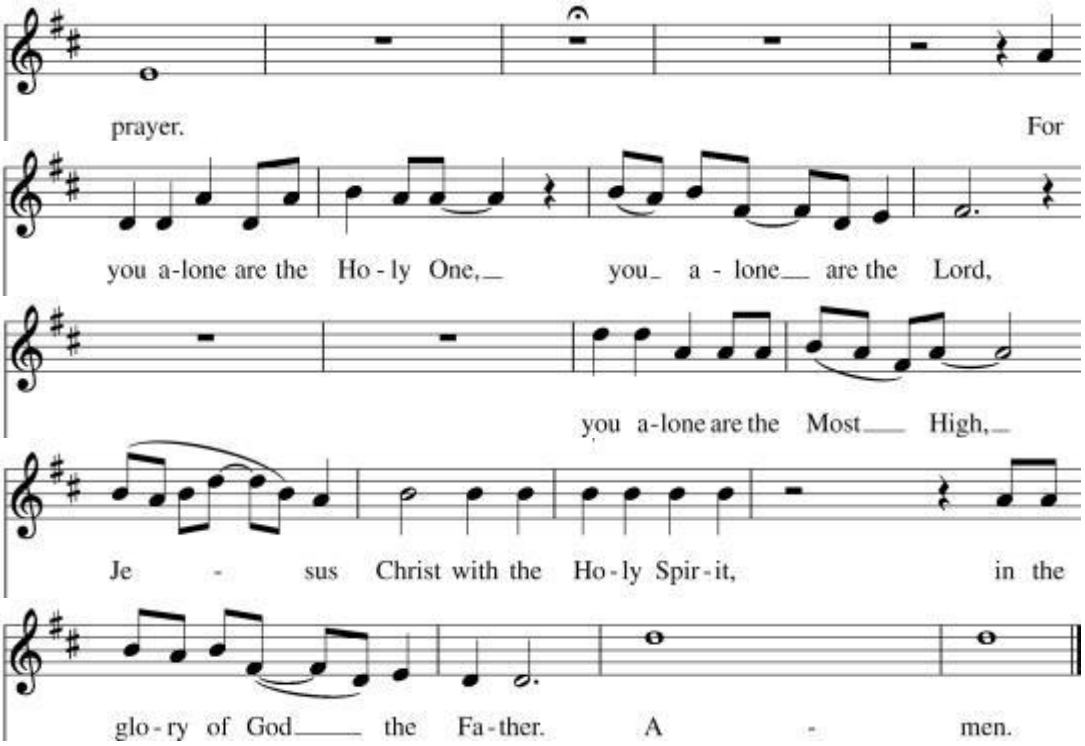
All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORIA *(spoken at 8:00am)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GLORIA *(at 10:15am)* LEVAS II,241





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON — Judges 4: 1-7

Lector A Reading from the Book of Judges

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand

from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

PSALM 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us your mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

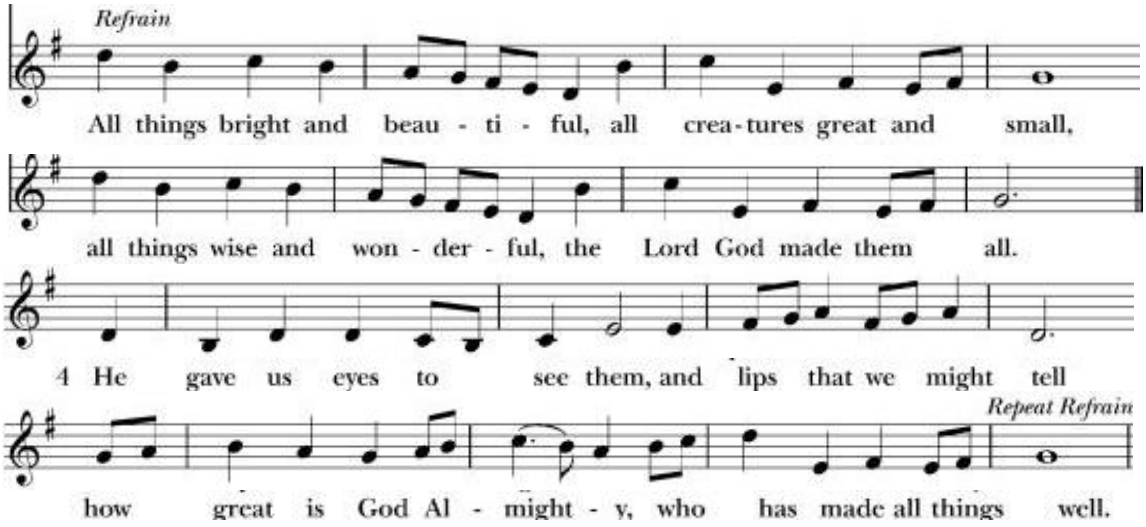
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

The people stand as they are able.

GOSPEL HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

All things bright and beautiful (Royal Oak) H1982, 405, v. 4



THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON — The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

A period of silence is kept.

NICENE CREED

The people stand as they are able.

Presider Let us affirm our faith.
All **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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**.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During Native American History Month, the Prayers of the People incorporates the language of the First Nations Version of the New Testament.

Presider In confidence that our LORD, the Honored Chief hears our prayers, we offer them up saying: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: For our sacred church family throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie, our bishop; for Maryjane, our clergy; for priests, deacons and lay leaders in their many ministries.
People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: That our sacred family that it may always fix its gaze on the life that lasts forever through a faithful witness to you. We pray especially for the people of St. Andrew's in Waterford and for St. Margaret's in Santo Domingo of the Dominican Republic
People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: Our prayers rise like smoke to the Great Spirit, that he will see and answer us. Every step is a prayer, and as we welcome those who dance upon the earth for the things they seek, let the way open before them. In the same way, as we search for the true ancient pathways, that we will find them.

People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until it was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and deserts, forests, and plains; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. The circle of your creation has been broken time and again by greed and violence and many lives have been shattered. Renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all your people to one another; that they and all the earth may live and be drawn toward you and through the power of your son, Creator Sets Free, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and always.

People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: We pray for all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, and their families; especially for Gloria, Kathy, Gayle, Sue, Kristen, Barbara, Rich, Carolyn, Don, Kathy, Joyce, Jeffrey, Kris, Karen, Linda, Mary Ann, Jeanne, JoAnne, David and those we now name_____; As the Great Spirit walks with us through times of trouble, giving us courage and well-being, allow us to give to others the same comfort he has given to us.

People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: We remember all the saints & souls gone before us. We invite you to say aloud together the names of the special people in your lives who have died_____. Remind us that we know that once the Chosen One (Christ) was raised to life from the dead, he would never die again. Death no longer has the power to rule over him or us,

People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: So then through our Creator, Jesus, let us keep giving thanks as a sacrificial offering to the Great Spirit. This is the fruit of our lips, giving honor to him and all that his name represents.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

The people stand or kneel.

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

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 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The peace is exchanged among the people. The people are seated.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Give online: stjohnsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE
Text: Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256
Mail: St. John's Episcopal Church Royal Oak
26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067
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PRESENTATION *(at 8:00am)*

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

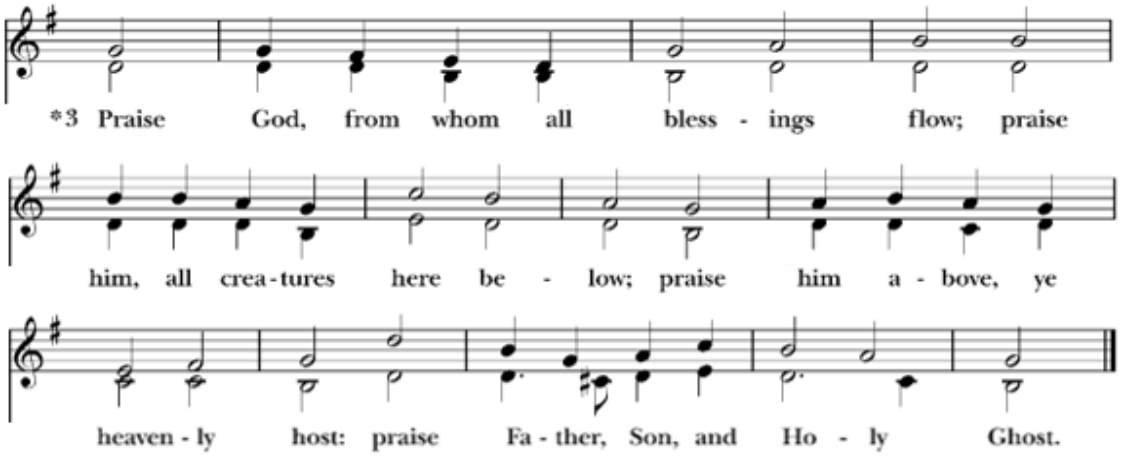
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC *(at 10:15am)*

A Hymn of St. Francis (Canticle of the Sun) by Gerald Near

PRESENTATION HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer B

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

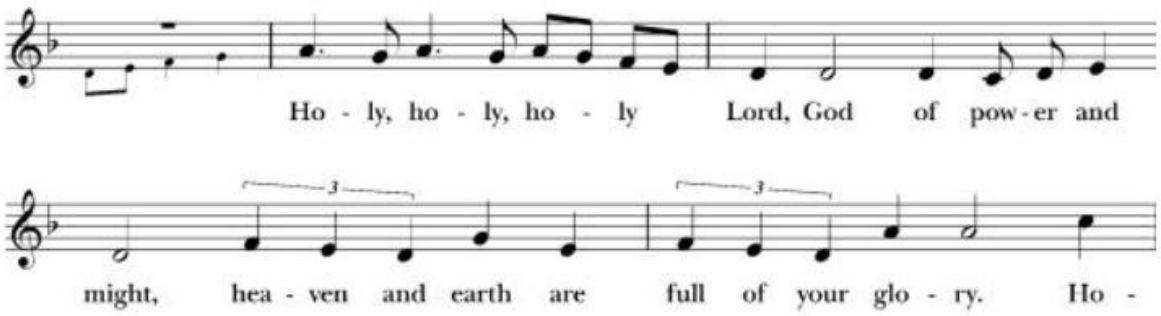
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
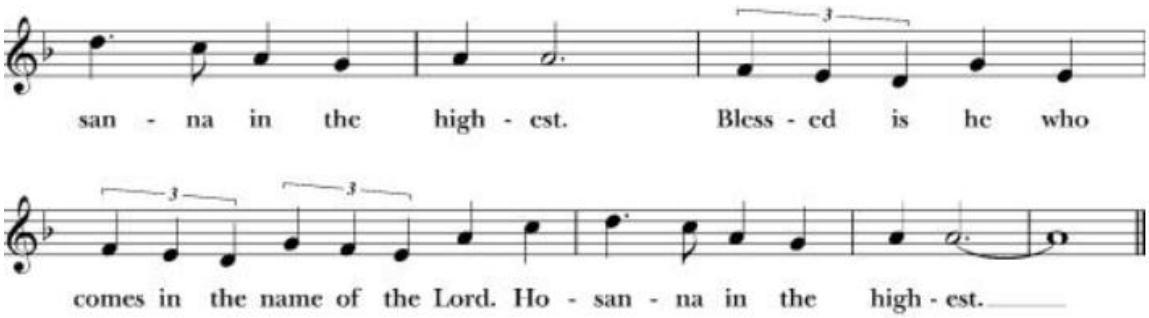
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices 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 *(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, S129





Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 according to his command O God,

All **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

Presider We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. † Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Blessed John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider In one voice, we now pray the Lord's Prayer, as it is given to us in the language of the First Nations.

All **Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!**
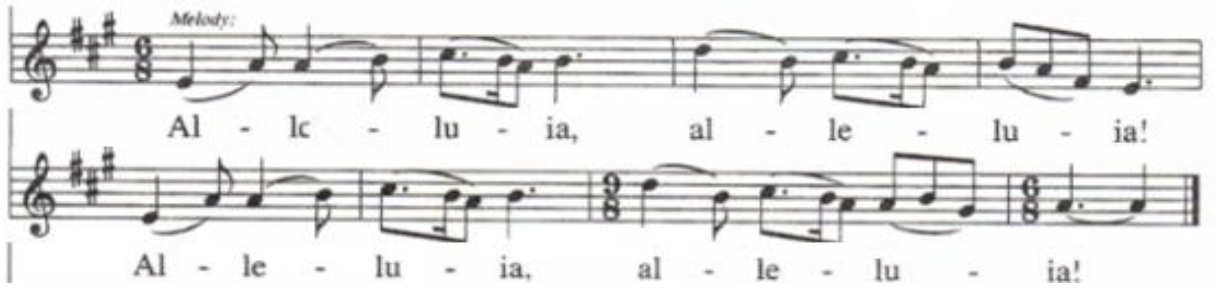
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(spoken at 8:00am)*

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God *(at 10:15am)* Gather, 266



Presider These are the Gifts of God!

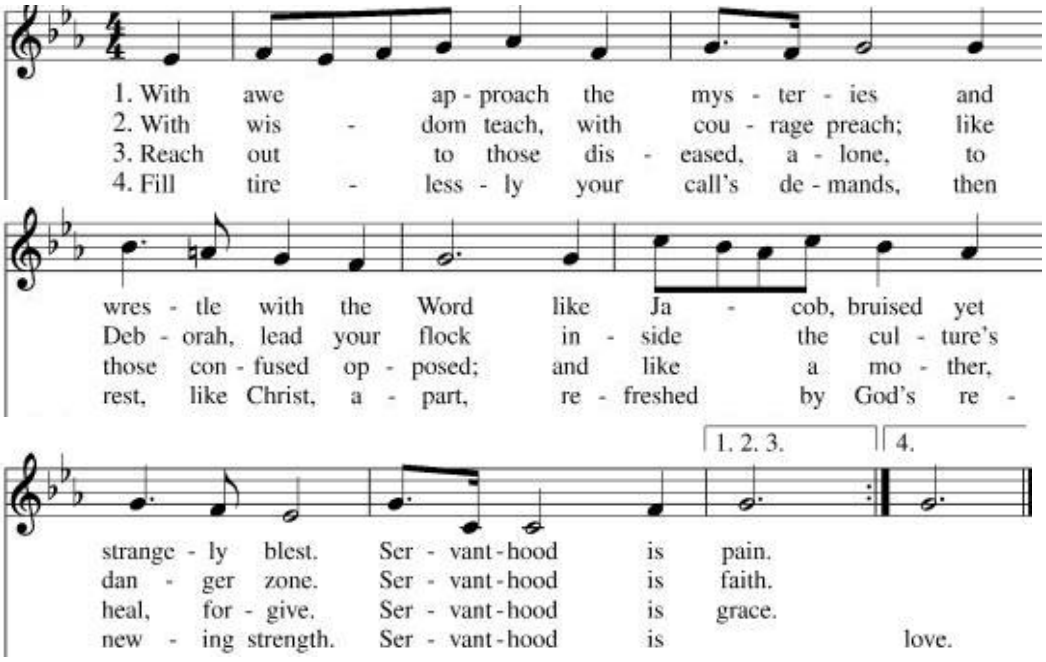
People **And we are the people of God.**

Presider Behold who you are. Become what you receive.

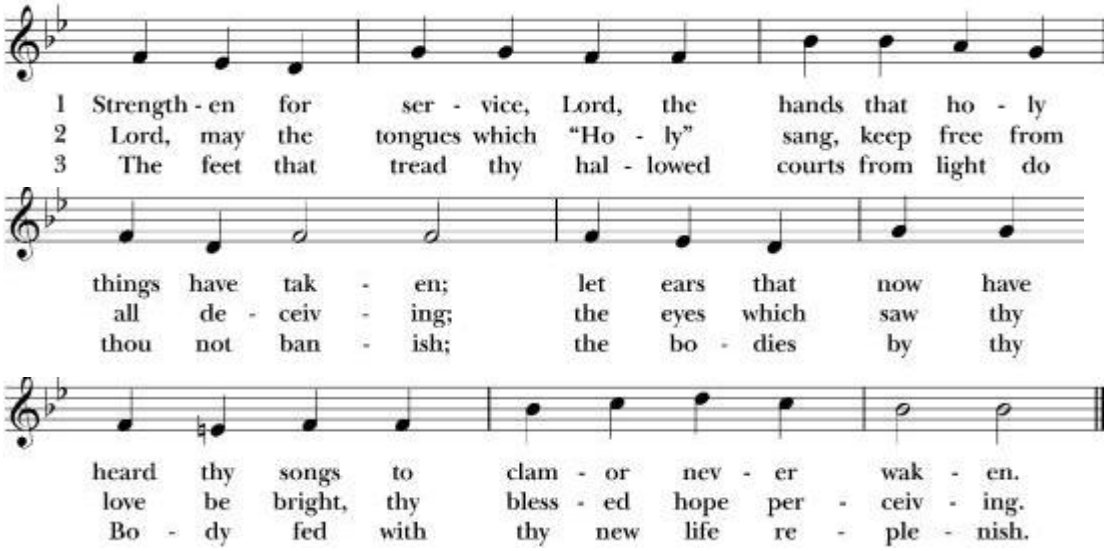
This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten-free. If you are unable to come to the altar, but desire Communion, please notify an usher. Healing - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to the healing station in the west transept for prayers during communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(at 10:15am)*

With awe approach the mysteries — WLP, 759



Strengthen for service, Lord — H1982, 312



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION — Keith Freeman

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

Presider Eternal God,

All **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.**
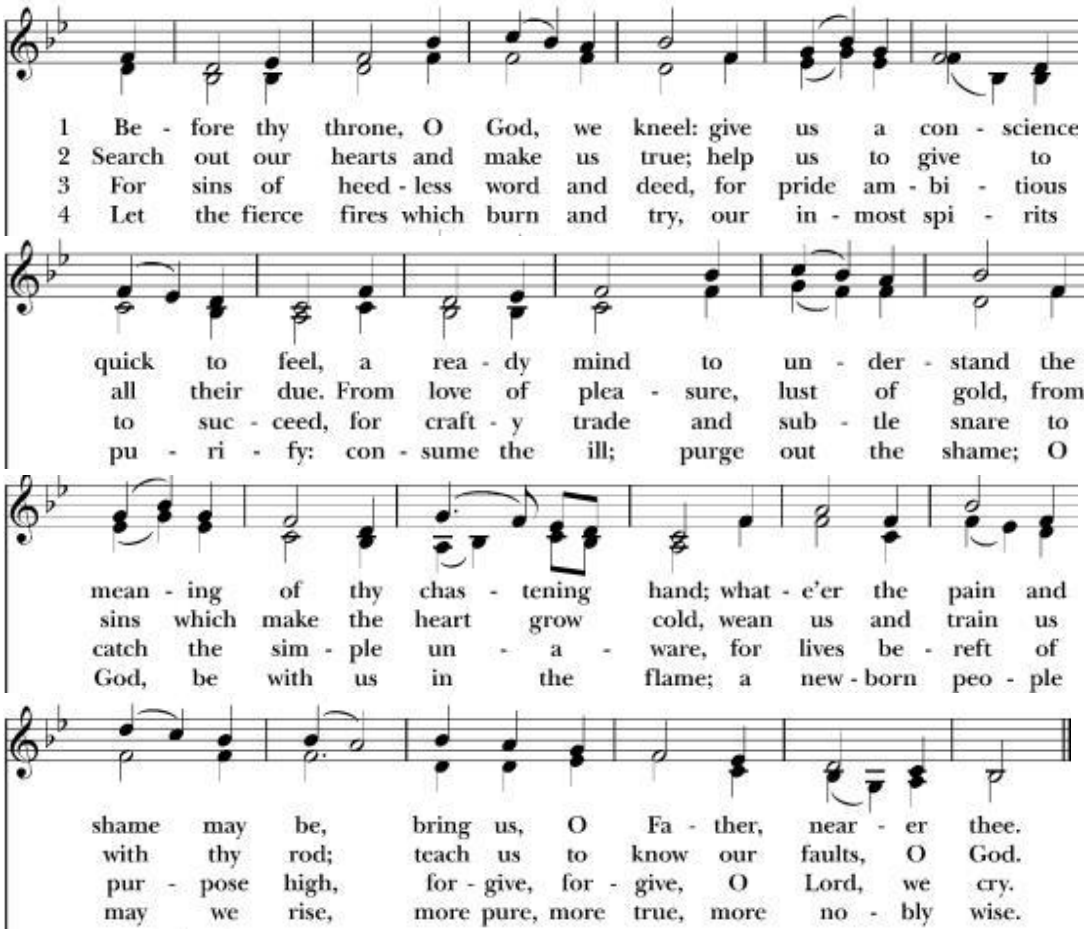
BLESSING

Presider Let us pray.
Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with your forever.

All **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel H1982, 574



DISMISSAL

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

Altar Flowers

In thanksgiving for **Janice Pedersen's dedicated leadership and faithful service** on the Pastoral Care Committee.
By St. John's Episcopal Church Royal Oak

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

Acolytes
(8:00a.m.) Brian Craft
(10:15a.m) Beatrix Isakson-Dado, Madilyn Griffin, Renee Mazurek

Altar Guild
(8:00a.m.) Therese Nottingham
(10:15a.m.) Betsy Morton, Bob Davis, Katie Morton, Janise Donovan, Andy Legeay

Bread Baker
Maryann Morrow

Eucharistic Ministers
(8:00a.m.) Bob Lazich, Chuck Tucker
(10:15a.m.) Barb Moran, Cindy Fellner, Woodie Adams, Rachel Andrews

Greeters
(8:00a.m.) Jim Whipple
(10:15a.m.) Janice Pedersen

Greeters during service
(8:00a.m.) Tim Morgan
(10:15a.m.) Mary Fairman

Healing Ministers
(8:00a.m.) ----------
(10:15a.m.) Barbara Jones

Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry
Emma Bruns

8:00a.m. Lectors
Cathy Holcomb – First Lesson and the Psalm
Joey Spano – Second Lesson and the Prayers of the People

10:15a.m. Lectors
Sandy Curtis – First Lesson
Debbie Smith – The Psalm
Aubrey Muth – Second Lesson and the Prayers of the People

Musicians
Dr. Steve McGhee, *Music Director and Organist*
St. John's Chancel Choir
Cailin Weber, *Choral Scholar*

Opener/Closer
Tim Morgan, Pete Kelly

Parking Lot Greeters
Richard Le Jeune, Gregg Barnett

Tech Team
Barbara Jones, Chris Bosley, Laurie McLaughlin, Tales Lima

Ushers
Kirk Wicker, Tales Lima, Veronica Griffith

Vergers
Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews

Interim Rector
The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

We continue to pray for …

Lorie, Patty, Wilma, Nan, Chris, Jan, Dot, Brad, Lori, Lisa, Kristy, Richard (by Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker), Kayson (by Kim Unrau and Maryann Maiuri), Gayle (by Pam Lupinski), Abby, Lois (by Marcy Darin), Johnny (by Susan Bonnen) Susan (by Rachel Andrews), Owen Klein, Woody (by Cheryl Clouthier), Dame (by Celeste Stone & Cindy Fellner) Rich (by Jenny Galat), Jamie (by Debbie Smith), Jennifer, Bob, Gary (by Deborah Shepherd), Ross (by Kevin McLogan) Gene and Marg (by Jannah Cole), Oliver, Olivia, Angelina (by Allyson Frank), Lindsey Anderson (by Joan McFeaters), Dave (by Erica Anculle), Jillian (by Will Wittig), Bernie Ethridge, Marilyn Robinson (by Janice Pedersen), Dale Gilbertson (by Jennifer Bartleman), Russell (by Jane Linn) John Trace, Bruce Robson, Bob Walsh, Marcy Darin, James, Barbara Thornton, John Trace, Kevin McLogan, Kristine Sprague, Joyce Morey, David Landis.
Visit our website to make a prayer request online OR contact the church office at 248-546-1255 / office@stjohnro.org

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Sunday, November 15
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
Faith in Justice Meeting at 9:00am

Tuesday, November 17
Coffee With a Cause at 10:30am
in the Church Library

Saturday, November 21
Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am

Sunday, November 22
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
Bridge of Voices Concert in Sanctuary
2:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday, November 26
THANKSGIVING DAY (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)

Gratitude Yoga Class with Carl & David
(Hosted by Tree of Life Yoga) at 9:30am

Friday, November 27
Black Friday (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)
New To You Black Friday Sale
10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, November 28
New To You Small Business Saturday Sale
10:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday, November 29
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Wednesday, December 2
St. John's Reads at 1:00pm
in the Community Room

Saturday, December 5
Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am



Join us for Healing Service every Thursday in the Church Library at 11:30AM

Sunday, December 6
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
(No First Sunday Breakfast)

Retirement Celebration for
Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck at 2:00pm

Monday, December 7
First Monday Meditation at 7:00pm on Zoom

Tuesday, December 8
Card Ministry meeting at 10:30am
in the Church Library

Friday, December 11

St. John's Holiday Jam
Doors open at 6:00pm
Concert begins at 7:30pm

Sunday, December 13
(Rev. Maryjane's last service at SJRO)
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Tuesday, December 15
(Welcome Pastor Becca Kello!)
Coffee with a Cause meeting at 10:30am

in the Church Library
Blue Christmas Worship Service at 7:00pm

Saturday, December 19
Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am

Sunday, December 20

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
Children's Christmas Pageant at 10:15am
Greening of Church after 10:15am service

Thursday, December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)
Worship at 5:00pm and 10:00pm

Friday, December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)
Worship (Combined Service) at 9:30am

Sunday, December 27
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am



HOLIDAY JAM 2026

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!
General Admission: $30
VIP Experience: $75
Tickets will be available **online only** (no paper tickets or cash sales). Please scan this QR code to purchase your tickets and register to bid in the silent auction:

TICKETS

There are TWO steps to complete your Holiday Jam registration:

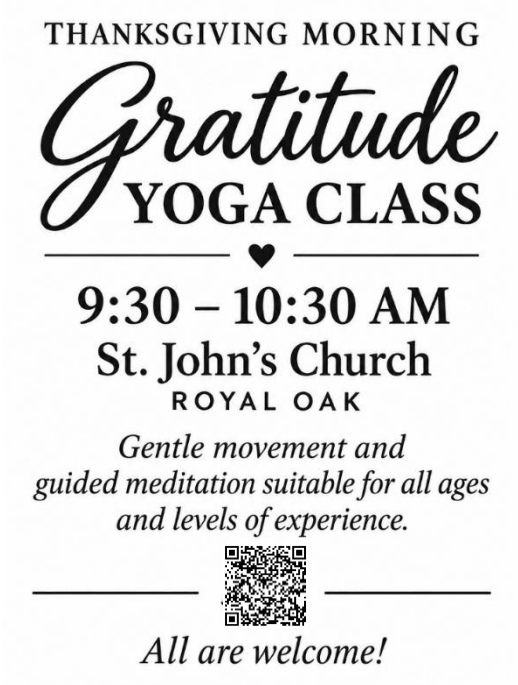
STEP 1: BUY YOUR TICKETS
Click the **"Donate & Tickets"** button to purchase your Holiday Jam tickets.
You will enter your credit card information to complete your ticket purchase.

STEP 2: REGISTER TO BID
To participate in the Silent Auction, click the **"Auction"** button at the top of the page, then select **"Register to Bid."** *This is a separate transaction and requires you to enter a credit card and either log in to your existing account or create a new account. If you registered last year, your account should still work.* **Please remember: Purchasing a ticket does NOT automatically register you to bid in the auction. Both steps must be completed!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP! HOLIDAY JAM VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We need several volunteers for set up / clean up / check in and raffle ticket sales as well as creating gift baskets for the silent auction. Please scan this QR CODE to volunteer.

Questions? Reach out to any committee member: Marie Donigan, Lisa Machesky, Maryann Maiuri, Kelly Mankin, Elizabeth Moon, Scout Osborne, Andy Stewart.



Thanksgiving Morning Gratitude Yoga Class
Join us for a special Thanksgiving Gratitude Yoga Class on **Thanksgiving morning from 9:30–10:30 AM** with Carl & Dave here at St. John's!

Enjoy gentle movement and guided meditation in a welcoming environment, suitable for all ages and experience levels. All donated proceeds will benefit Open Hands Food Pantry & Garden, supporting our neighbors in need this holiday season. Hosted by Tree of Life Yoga, this is a wonderful opportunity to begin Thanksgiving with gratitude, community, and well-being. All are welcome! We hope to see you there! Scan the QR Code to RSVP!



Farewell Fund for Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

St. John's will soon be standing at the corner of Bitter & Sweet. While we are joyful and excited to welcome our new rector, at the same time it is with sadness that we will say goodbye to our wonderful Interim Rector, the Rev. Maryjane Peck who graced St. John's with her loving kindness for the past 2 years & we appreciate everything that she has done to guide us through these times.

We are happy to know that Maryjane will finally be free to pursue her hobby and passion - quilting! She is a longtime quilter and has recently taken the plunge and purchased a beautiful new Quilting/Embroidery machine. Those in the community know that quilting can be an expensive hobby so we would like to help Maryjane with some of that expense. Whether it's buying fabric (which quilters can never get enough of!), attending a retreat, or helping to pay off that new machine, we want to send Maryjane off into her retirement hoping that every stitch she takes she will think of St. John's and all of her friends here who wish her happiness. Contributions may be made online, using the **Clergy Farewell Fund button** on the website to the LEFT of the St. John's banner, or by check or cash noting Clergy Farewell Fund on the memo line or the envelope.



Please join us on Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. in Jatho Hall as we celebrate The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck and thank her for her ministry to St. John's!

Over the past 18 months, Maryjane has been a steady, caring presence in our congregation, offering thoughtful leadership and dedication during a time of transition. As she concludes her time at St. John's, she will also be retiring after 13 years of ministry! We look forward to celebrating this milestone with Maryjane, her family, and friends, and expressing our gratitude for all she has given to our church.

Maryjane's farewell brunch will take the place of our usual First Sunday Breakfast and will be prepared by our wonderful resident chef, Dallas Deyampert. A Signup Genius will be shared soon for those who would like to bring a few additional items to complement the brunch. We chose a 2:00 p.m. start time to make it possible for Maryjane's fellow clergy, who have their own Sunday morning services, to join us. In the meantime, save the date and plan to be here to send Maryjane off with our love, blessings, and best wishes!

REMINDER:
PLEDGE CARDS ARE DUE NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22!



FROM ONE HAND TO ANOTHER: STEWARDSHIP 2027

As we celebrate the many hands that make our church so special, we are filled with gratitude for the wonderful community that gathers here. Your presence, your care for one another, and the many ways you bring life to our parish make St. John's the welcoming and loving place it is. We're so thankful to be on this journey together and look forward to celebrating all that God is doing in and through our church family.

What is a pledge?

A pledge is your intention to give a certain amount during 2027. Your pledge supports the mission and ministries of St. John's in the year ahead.

How to pledge

1. Prayerfully consider your total gift for 2027.
2. You can complete the front of your pledge card with your annual pledge, giving schedule and contact information. Or submit your pledge online here by scanning this QR Code:
3. Bring your card to church on **Sunday, November 22, 2026**

   OR mail them to **26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067**

Our hopes for St. John's

Everyone is invited to participate, whether you make a financial pledge. On your special hand (a special item in your pledge envelope) we hope you will write one hope you have for St. John's. This can be hope for growth, service, or a prayer to flourish in the year ahead. Bring or mail it back to church. On Sunday, November 22, we will gather and bless our hands and pledges together. Pledge cards are available by the usher's station.

Questions?

Contact a stewardship committee member. Stewardship Committee: Peg Coury, Gregg Bloomfield, Nicole Stewart, Lisa Machesky, Jenny Galat or Cathy Holcomb.