



THE DAY OF **PENTECOST**
HOLY EUCHARIST AND
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

MINISTERS: THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, May 19, 2024
8:00am

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Creator of all.**

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!**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire,

appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young people shall see visions,
and your old ones shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May your glory, O LORD, endure for ever; *
may you rejoice in all your works.
- 33 You look at the earth and it trembles; *
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please God; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as the Gospel book is processed to the center of the nave.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The people stand as they are able.

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Beth Taylor

A period of silence is kept.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider Let us join with those throughout the world who commit themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
†the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS

Clergy Let us now pray for all who have committed our lives to Christ.

Leader Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

A Note: Continuing a tradition at St. John's, members are invited to bring water from local and worldwide places which hold significant meaning to us. These waters are mingled together for use at baptisms and baptism renewals as a sign of our diversity and unity. The waters of today's Baptismal Water come from The Atlantic Ocean, The Pacific Ocean, The Gulf of Mexico, and The Jordan River in the Holy Land.

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE ASPERGES

The people remain standing as the clergy asperge the people by sprinkling them with the blessed water with the words, 'Remember your baptism.'

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The peace is exchanged among the people.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

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.

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.**

Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks,
all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Presider and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

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

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

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come;

All **We offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and †make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

We now celebrate, O God, the memorial of Christ our Saviour.
By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ’s death,
and proclaim the resurrection, until Christ comes in glory.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One,
and make us a living sacrifice of praise.

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, 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

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand and pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of you Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.***

BLESSING

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Lectors	Geoff Benes – First Lesson, Psalm; Mary Gilhuly – Second Lesson, Prayers of the People
Acolytes	Brian Craft
Greeter/Usher	Joey Spano
Greeter during service	Greg Gmerek
Eucharistic Ministers	Peg Coury, Barbara Lugger, Elizabeth Swanchara
Healing Minister	Janet Craft
Altar Guild	Kate Weide
Bread Baker	Mary Ann Morrow
Acolyte Verger	Kevin McLogan
Opener/Closer	Dennis Spatafora, Pete Kelly
Associate Clergy	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe
Rector	The Rev. Beth Taylor

Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

In thanksgiving for the
baptism of Vincent, Zinnia, Axel and Juniper

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 stjohnsroyaloak.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 19 – 26, 2024

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red!

8:00am Worship – in person

10:15am Sunday School

10:15am Worship – in person/Zoom

11:15am Youth Group

Monday, May 20

Tuesday, May 21

10:30am Coffee with a Cause

6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, May 23

11:30am Healing Service

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

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, Shelbi
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, Nancy, Miles, Tom, Troy
June
Winnifred
Brian
Gabrielle
Debbie, Marion, Harvey

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