



# The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

October 25, 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

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We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to enter the open doors 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. *St. John's Welcome Statement - Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2010*

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

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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!

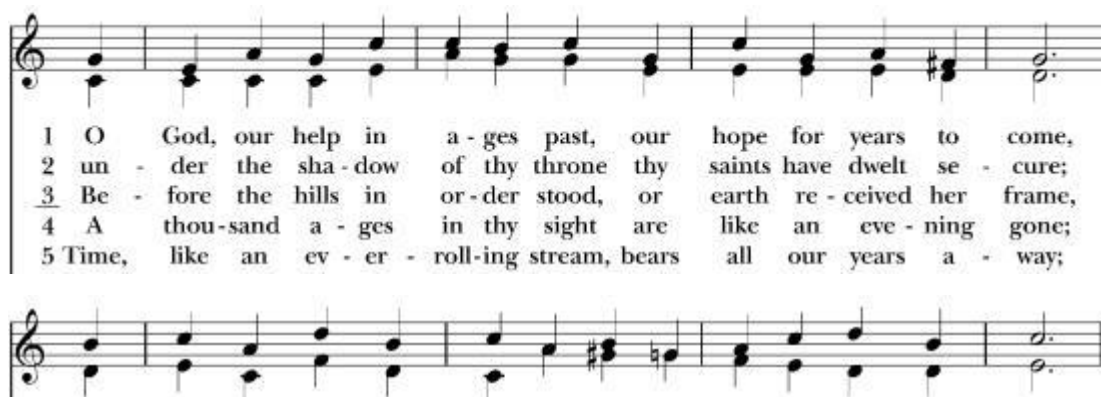
## PRELUDE

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

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

**O God, our help in ages past**

**The Hymnal 1982, 680**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, be thou our guide while life shall last,  
our hope for years to come, and our eternal home.

## THE WORD OF GOD

## WELCOME

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR

*All* Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. John's Church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to His peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly  
Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our

prayer. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the

glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

## Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

*Lector*            A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 106: 1-6, 19-23

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

## THE SECOND LESSON

## 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

*Lector* A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*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. 2

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,

the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,

*Repeat Refrain*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 34-36

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*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

- Presider* Let us be generous and ready to share with prayer for all the needs of the world.
- Leader:* We pray for this nation, and the leaders of all nations and all in authority, especially in war torn and despairing places in our world. We pray in thanksgiving for all peacemakers, and for all those who have given their best efforts and attentions to making peace in our own families and communities, within this church, this nation, and throughout the world.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayers for peace.**
- Leader:* We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie our Bishop; for our Diocesan Family of Congregations, laity and clergy in all their many ministries, and for the people of God in every place.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayers for service.**
- 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, Bernie, Marcy, Joyce, Dale, Jeffrey, Kris, Marilyn, Karen, Linda and those we now name\_\_\_\_\_; For the lonely, and for those who mourn, that mercy and compassion may transform their sorrow into joy.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayers for healing.**
- Leader:* We pray for the deepening spirituality of all those in the St. John's community, and we pray in thanksgiving for the stewardship of this congregation. For ourselves, our families, and those we love, and especially for those worshipping with us for the first time.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayers for faith.**
- Leader:* For those who rest in Christ, for those who have died. We pray for those whose witness has strengthened and encouraged us; for those whom we now name\_\_\_\_\_; and for those who have died who are known to you alone.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayers for new life.**
- Leader:* We thank you for the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. You are the Lord who does wonders:
- People:* **You have declared your power among the peoples.**
- Leader:* With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
- People:* **And in your light we see light.**
- Leader:* Hear us, O Lord of life:
- People:* **Heal us, and make us whole.**
- Presider:* God of the prophets, hear the prayers we offer this day and grant us new life through your Son risen from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 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](http://stjohnsroyaloak.org) and click on GIVE

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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)*

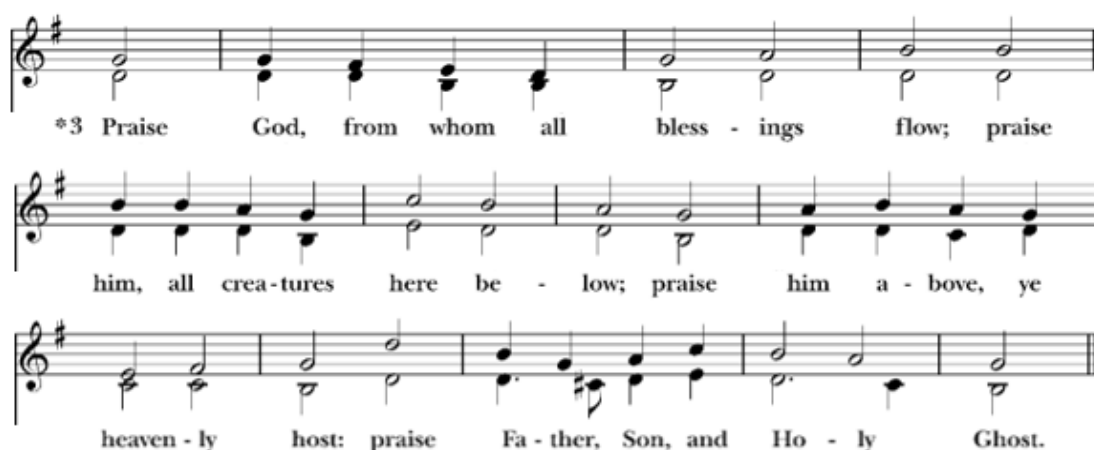
**If ye love me**

**by Thomas Tallis**

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2*

### 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* 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* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

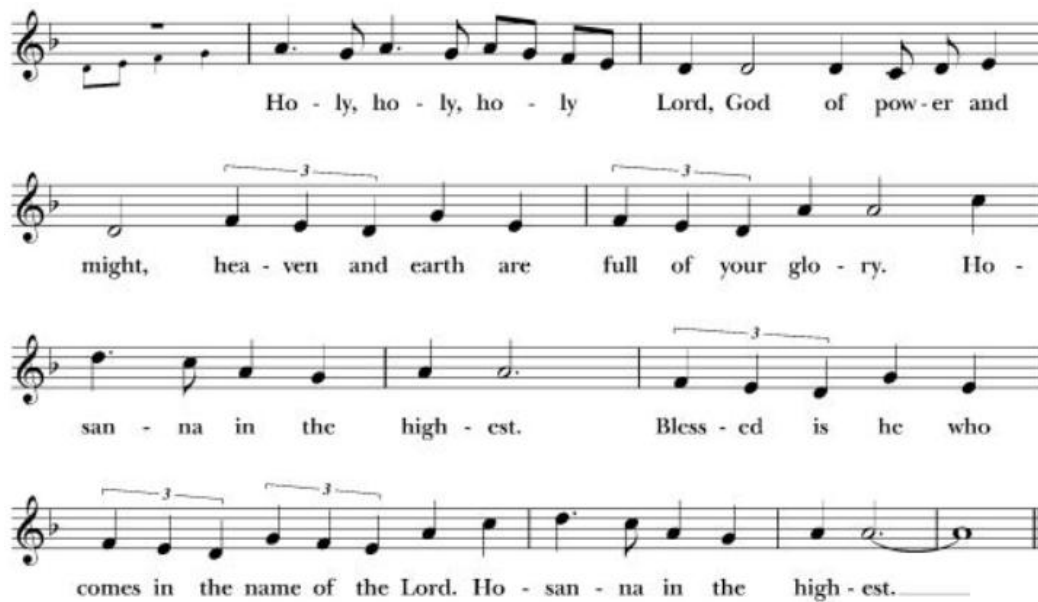
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

### **SANCTUS** (*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*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

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, 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. In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed John and 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.

*People*        **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All*            **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.**

## 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)

### Brother, sister let me serve you

MHSO 94

1 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'1 - lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll  
 5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such  
 6 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as

Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each o - ther  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er  
 Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 of Christ's love and a gon - y.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

### Take my life, and let it be

VF 132

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Nicole Stewart

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* 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 your 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

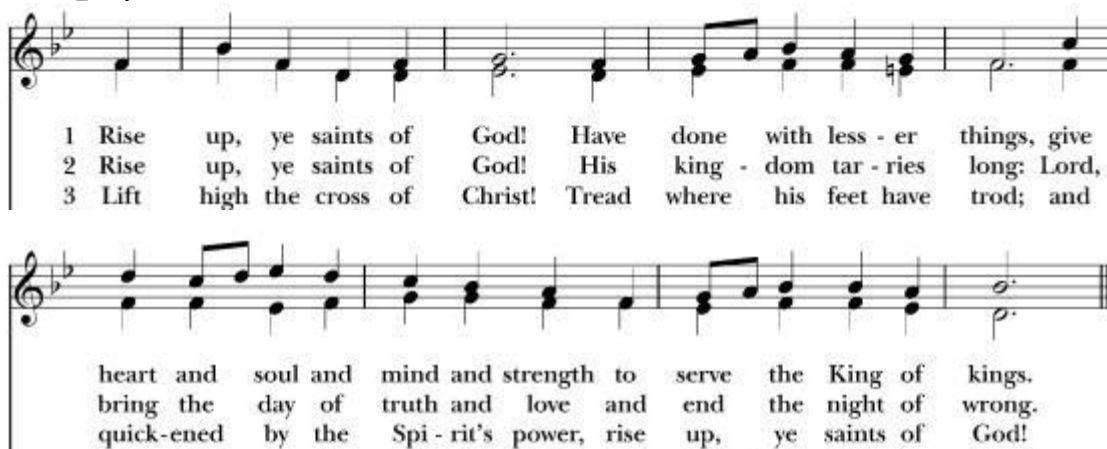
*Presider* Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing in the name of God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit the Sanctifier be with you always.

*All* Amen.

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

#### Rise up, ye saints of God

H1982, 551



1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long; Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

### DISMISSAL

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

### POSTLUDE

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

### **Acolytes**

(8:00a.m.) Joey Spano  
(10:15a.m.) Mollie Berousek, Owen Kornmiller,  
Ethan Scott

### **Altar Guild**

(8:00a.m.) Pam Lupinski  
(10:15a.m.) Barb Moran, Denise Barnett,  
Sarah Muth

### **Bread Bakers**

Jennifer Bartleman and Julia Bartleman

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

(8:00a.m.) Chuck Tucker, Joey Spano  
(10:15a.m.) Chris Moran, Cindy Fellner,  
Woodie Adams, Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios

### **Greeters**

(8:00a.m.) Jackie Speer  
(10:15a.m.) Lisa Philips, Marie Donigan

### **Greeters during service**

(8:00a.m.) Dennis Spatafora  
(10:15a.m.) Gregory Taub

### **Healing Ministers**

(8:00a.m.) Ann Marie Piwonski  
(10:15a.m.) Barbara Jones

### **Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry**

Emma Bruns

### **8:00a.m. Lectors**

Geoff Benes – First Lesson and the Psalm  
Mary Gilhuly – Second Lesson and the Prayers of  
the People

### **10:15a.m. Lectors**

Rachel Andrews – First Lesson  
Sharon Kennedy – The Psalm  
Veronica Griffith – 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**

Ray Kwiatkowski, Chris Moan

### **Parking Lot Greeters**

Gregg Barnett

### **Tech Team**

Barbara Jones, Chris Bosley, Laurie McLaughlin,  
Tales Lima

### **Ushers**

Bruce Donigan, Chris Davis, Gregory Taub

### **Vergers**

Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews

### **Interim Rector**

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck



### **We invite you to join a ministry team!**

There's a place for everyone at St. John's! Whether you enjoy welcoming others, helping behind the scenes, caring for our community, or sharing your unique gifts, we invite you to become part of one of our ministry teams. No matter your experience, **all are welcome**. Serving is a wonderful way to build friendships, deepen your faith, and make a difference in the life of our church. Interested in learning more? Contact the church office, we'd be happy to help you find the ministry that's right for you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

### Sunday, October 25

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Trunk-or-Treat after 10:15am Service

### Monday, October 26

New To You: Free Clothing Giveaway

10:00am – 1:00pm

### Sunday, November 1

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

First Sunday Breakfast in Jatho Hall

### Monday, November 2

First Monday Meditation on Zoom at 7:00pm

### Saturday, November 7

Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am

Faith & Fun Second Annual Friendsgiving at 5:00pm in Jatho Hall

### Sunday, November 8

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

### Tuesday, November 10

Card Ministry meeting at 10:30am in the Church Library

### Sunday, November 8

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

### Sunday, November 15

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Faith in Justice Meeting at 9:00am

### Tuesday, November 17

Coffee With a Cause at 10:30am in 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 CLOSED)

### Friday, November 27

Black Friday (SJRO CLOSED)

### Sunday, November 29

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

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



### TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for Trunk or Treat after 10:15am Service. All are welcome to participate in the fun, costumes, candy and prizes!



### Faith & Fun

Join us for our second annual Friendsgiving Celebration, on Saturday, November 7 at 5:00pm! Please bring a dish to share, ages 18 and up welcome. Please RSVP by Nov 1 by scanning this QR Code. Questions? Contact Monica DeYampert at [dmdey@gmail.com](mailto:dmdey@gmail.com)



## OCTOBER DEALS

MONDAYS 50% OFF HOLIDAY ITEMS

TUESDAYS 50% OFF KITCHEN & DINING

WEDNESDAYS 50% OFF LINENS & BEDDING

THURSDAYS 50% OFF SHOES & ACCESSORIES (PURSES, LUGGAGE, WALLETS, HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES)

FRIDAYS 50% OFF CLOTHING

### NEW TO YOU UPDATED DONATION HOURS

Thank you for supporting New To You!

Please note our updated donation hours:

**Monday–Friday | 10:00 AM–3:00 PM ONLY**

To help us serve our community, please ensure all donated items are clean and in new or good working condition. We are grateful for your generosity and continued support.

Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community!

**Items we would LOVE to receive:** Clothing (adult & children), shoes, accessories, jewelry, kitchen items, linens, home décor, small furniture (chairs, small appliances and cookware, stools, tv trays, end tables etc.)

*Items we **DO NOT** accept: Food items, large furniture, books/magazines, DVDs/VHS/Blu-ray, vinyl records, cellphones, tablets, monitors, keyboards, printers, personalized items, commemorative t-shirts, medical equipment & supplies, promotional items(company branded t-shirts, hats, mugs or backpacks), clothing hangers, helmets, sports/gym equipment, baby items (strollers, car seats, booster seats, cribs, playpens, swings, sippy cups and infant dishes or bottles, light fixtures, water bottles.*



## HOLIDAY JAM 2026

### SILENT AUCTION - The Countdown Is On!

We're still looking for great items for our Holiday Jam silent auction! Think gift baskets, gift cards, experiences, tickets, services, or something unique from a local business. Have an idea or a connection? Now's the time to follow up! Every donation helps make the auction a success and supports the mission of St. John's. *Please have all donations to the church office by Sunday, November 15.*

### TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

**General Admission: \$30 / VIP Experience: \$75**

Tickets will be available **online only** (no paper tickets or cash sales).

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.





## FROM ONE HAND TO ANOTHER: STEWARDSHIP 2027

We're happy to launch our annual Stewardship Campaign this weekend at St. John's! 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.

### Questions?

Contact a stewardship committee member.

Stewardship Committee: Peg Coury, Gregg Bloomfield, Nicole Stewart, Lisa Machesky, Jenny Galat or Cathy Holcomb.



### **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) Pail (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, Kristen Tabenske (by Joey Spano), 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), Jeanne Findlater (by Scout Osborne) John Trace, Bruce Robson, Bob Walsh, Angela Stough, Dale Gilbertson, Sharon Walters, Marcy Darin, James, Barbara Thornton, Dave Onslow, John Trace, Kevin McLogan, Marvin Parent. **Visit our website to make a prayer request online OR contact the church office at 248-546-1255 / [office@stjohnro.org](mailto:office@stjohnro.org)**

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