



**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Ministers: The People of St. John's**

**February 5, 2023**

**8:00 am and 10:15 am**

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



## 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 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:**

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- 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
- First Sunday Breakfast immediately following the service.

# PRELUDE

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

### OPENING HYMN

Praise to the living God!

The Hymnal 1982, 372

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

## 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

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 the 8:00am*)

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

GLORIA (at the 10:15am)

The Hymnal 1982, S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 58:1-9a**

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?  
Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 112:1-9**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in the Lord's commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

## THE SECOND LESSON

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand and sing as the Gospel book is processed to the nave.*

## GOSPEL HYMN

Where charity and love prevail

The Hymnal 1982, 581, vv. 1 & 4

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;

4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.

4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the first two verses, and the second system contains the next two verses. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines that support the vocal melody.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ

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

## SERMON

**The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon* Gathered as believers in Christ, and made one body through Christ, let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

We pray for the Church; for all the people of St. John’s in their many ministries. Help us to remember that we are the Church, called and sent into the world, serving wherever it is we are present. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

O God, in the midst of turmoil throughout the world, we seek your guidance and your light. Guide the hearts of your servants and all leaders to do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who ask questions, for those who give voice to doubt, and for those who deliberate and discern. For those preparing to be baptized, confirmed and received into the Church. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who work for justice, that they may be sustained with hope, empowered with courage, and filled with the grace to persevere in love. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

For the widowed and orphaned, for the aged and the homebound, for the sick and the suffering, especially Barbara, Scott, Greg, Gloria, Melanie, David, Sandor, Kathy, Dave, Marilyn, Madiba, Gabby, Maedell, Jeffernell, Trudy, Sue, Gayle, Carolyn, Chris, David, Ellen, and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_; for the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, and for all prisoners, refugees, and immigrants. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty and worth of every human being. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the blessings of our lives, especially for signs and symbols of hope, new seasons, and new life. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to God all who have †died, especially for those whom we now name \_\_\_\_\_; and for those who have died and are known to God alone.

May they rest in eternal peace. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

## THE CONFESSION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*All*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *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.*

## COMMISSIONING OF THE VESTRY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS 2023

Wardens – Nicole Stewart, Rachel Andrews

Secretary – Erica Clites

Treasurer – Maria Walter

Newly-elected Vestry – Chris Bosley, Erica Clites, Richard Le Jeune,  
Dennis Spatafora

Continuing Vestry – Askari Asante, Sharon Kennedy, Kelly Mankin, Tim Morgan,  
Janice Pedersen, Melissa Thompson

## THE PEACE

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

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

*The peace is exchanged among the people.*

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

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

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*Envelopes:* Available upon request 248-546-1255 or [office@stjohnro.org](mailto:office@stjohnro.org)



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### **BIRTHDAY BLESSING**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**Be our light**

**Michael Wolniakowski**

*At the Presentation Hymn, all stand. The ushers present our gifts at the altar.*

*The Eucharistic ministers join the clergy to prepare for Eucharist.*

# PRESENTATION HYMN

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

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: '\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.'

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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

The Hymnal 1982, S129

*Presider and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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/FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982, S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

*Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*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. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The wafers are gluten-free.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

Voices Found, 98



1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the  
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the



liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou has sought, so  
wand - ering and the wav - ering feet; O feed me, Lord, that  
pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that



let me seek thy err - ing child - ren lost and lone.  
I may feed thy hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.



# Lord, make us servants of your peace

The Hymnal 1982, 593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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## SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Deacon* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

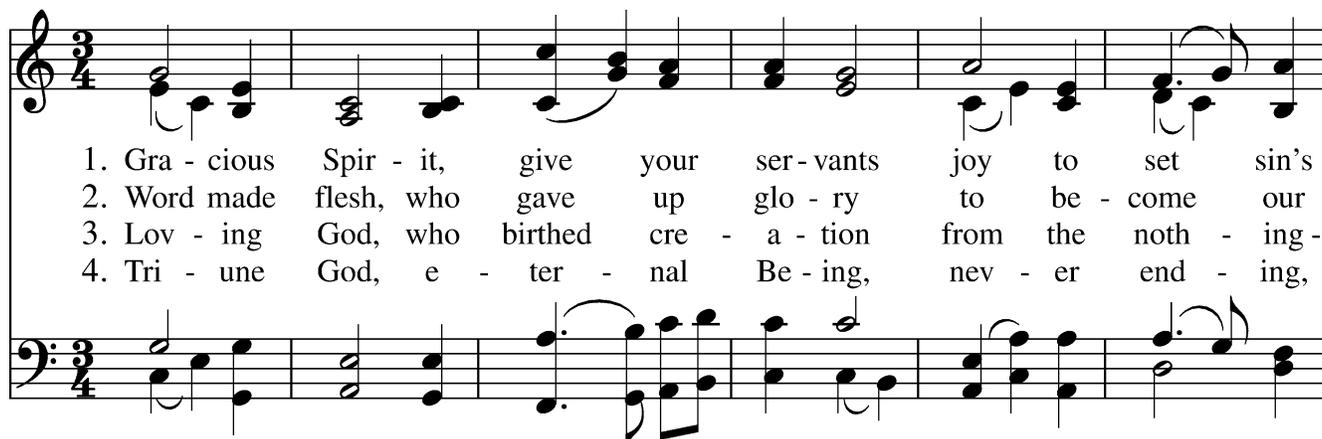
*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

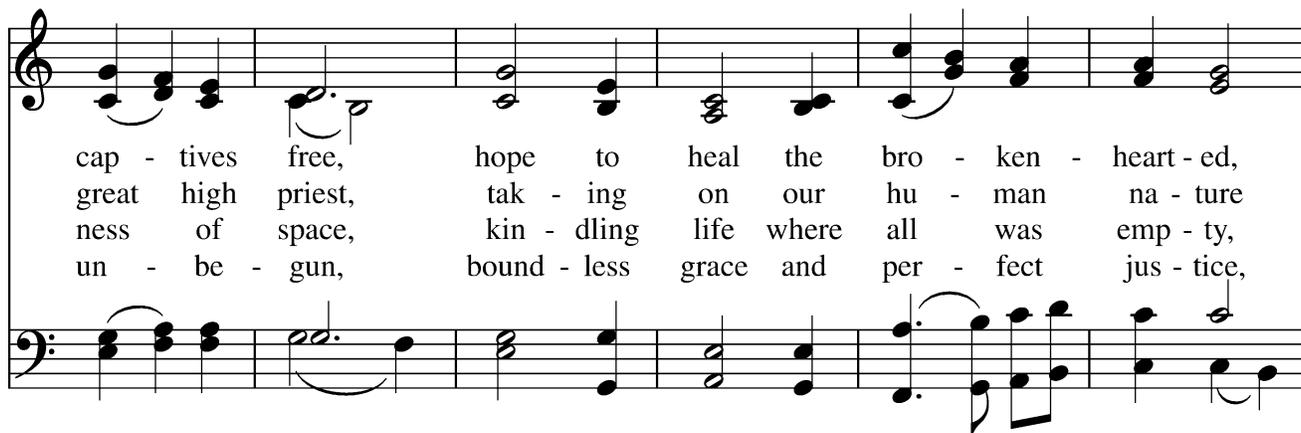
## CLOSING HYMN

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

Wonder, Love, and Praise, 782



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's  
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our  
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -  
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,



cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,  
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture  
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,  
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of  
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -  
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and  
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and  
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior  
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -  
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.  
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.  
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.  
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

**DISMISSAL**

*The people face the deacon.*

*Deacon* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

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

**POSTLUDE**

**Join us for First Sunday Breakfast immediately following the service in the basement (Jatho Hall)**

## Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

In thanksgiving of the  
**quiet, kind souls who encourage us**

In thanksgiving for the  
**Tech Team**

### 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](mailto:office@stjohnro.org) or you can give online by going to the St. John's website at [stjohnsroyaloak.org](http://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!

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

<b>8:00am</b>	Chuck Tucker – First Lesson and Psalm; Barbara Lugger – Second Lesson and Prayers of the People; Joey Spano – Acolyte
<b>10:15am</b>	Dustin Walker – First Lesson; Debbie Smith – Psalm; Martha Shea – Second Lesson; Will Wittig – Prayers of the People; Amina Thompson, Nina Freeman, Justice McNeal – Acolytes
<b>8:00am Greeter/Usher</b>	Jackie Speer
<b>10:15am Greeter</b>	Lisa Philips
<b>10:15am Ushers</b>	Bob Davis, Bruce Donigan, Marie Donigan, Lisa Philips, Greg Taub
<b>8am Eucharistic Minister</b>	Cathy Holcomb
<b>10:15am Eucharistic Minister</b>	Bruce Donigan, Sharon Kennedy
<b>8am Healing Minister</b>	Ann Marie Piwonski
<b>10:15am Healing Minister</b>	Mary Adams
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Maryann LeComb, Kathy Stricker
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Mark Miliotto
<b>Lay Eucharistic Visitors</b>	Sharon Kennedy
<b>Tech Team</b>	Chris Bosley, Laurie McLaughlin, Mark Miliotto, Mark Valenti
<b>Acolyte Verger</b>	Kevin McLogan
<b>MC</b>	John Russotto
<b>Opener/Closer</b>	Steve Fairman, Bob Davis
<b>Musicians</b>	Steve McGhee, Brynn Ward, St. John's Chancel Choir
<b>Associate Clergy/Curate</b>	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe
<b>Rector</b>	The Rev. Beth Taylor

## February Birthdays

Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios	2/4/1993	Brennan McMurray	2/16/2009
Paulynn Auger	2/16/1948	Brian McNeal	2/14/1975
Erich Bartleman	2/16/1971	Mark Miliotto	2/27/1967
Kristen Benes	2/16/1965	Deborah Miracle	2/27/1960
Stasi Brown	2/9/1969	Barb Moran	2/27/1951
Jennifer Bruns	2/20/1972	Jacob Nelson	2/4/1981
Jamiel Dado	2/3/1976	Kevin Philips	2/6/1999
Ellen Ehrlich	2/21/1943	Luke Rozycki*	2/10/2014
David Freeman	2/23/2007	Anna Ruggirello	2/10/1940
David Hamilton	2/8/1977	Amelia Scott*	2/9/2012
Beatrix Isakson-Dado*	2/3/2017	Alycsa Valentine	2/15/1989
Elizabeth Isakson-Dado	2/5/1981	Kate Weide	2/10/1964
Eleanor Judge	2/20/2009	Tamra Zakar	2/4/1982
Heather Lyons	2/25/1988	* = child	

## February Anniversaries

Elizabeth & Brad Carter	2/14/2005	Gary & Martha Shea	2/18/1984
Pete & Maureen Kelly	2/25/1989		

### Parish Calendar

### January 29 – February 5, 2023

<b>Sunday, February 5</b>	8:00am	Worship – in person
	10:15am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship – in person/Zoom
<b>First Sunday Breakfast immediately following the 10:15am service</b>		
<b>Monday, February 6</b>	7:00pm	Meditation
<b>Tuesday, February 7</b>		
<b>Wednesday, February 8</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Adult Formation</b> (Library and Zoom)
<b>Thursday, February 9</b>	11:30am	Healing Service
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Lent planning meeting
<b>Friday, February 10</b>		
<b>Saturday, February 11</b>	10:30am	Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Sunday, February 12</b>	8:00am	Worship – in person
	10:15am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship – in person/Zoom
	11:00am	Youth Group

## Additional Prayer List

### Persons being prayed for:

Sarah  
Dottie  
Michele  
Briana, Wettona, Ezra, Vic, Jackie  
Sandi  
Geri, Jennifer, Elaine  
Lois, Willa  
Edward  
Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim  
Larry, Lois  
Gary, Patrick  
Jeanette, Evelyn  
Donna  
Pat, Janet  
Angelina, Jamie  
Clyde, Shauna, Shannon  
Donna, MaryPat, Linda  
Maedell  
Romaine, Donna, Diedre & family, Terry, Sonya  
Donna  
JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia  
Lorie, David, Rosa, Dennis, Ed, Linda  
Mike  
Linda, Kathryn  
Bill  
Ken  
Arthur  
Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria  
Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda, Joe  
Gail, Phil, Steven, Paul  
Randy  
Jeanne, Danny  
Adam, Don  
Bob, Scott, Marilyn, Karen, Andrea  
Barbara, Bob, Cathy  
David, David  
Dominic, Pam, Cristi, Nancy, Miles, Jackie  
June  
Vickie  
Brian  
Gabrielle  
Debbie, Marion

### Requested by:

Rachel Andrews  
Anne & Pete Baird  
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  
Waymon Howard  
Jeffernell Howcott  
Ann Johnson  
Kathy Kustowski  
Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker  
Leah Lynady  
Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda  
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  
Bob Walsh  
Pam Lupinski  
Tamra Zakar