

# Holy Eucharist Founders' Sunday

OCTOBER 9, 2022  
8:00AM AND 10:15AM WORSHIP

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ROYAL OAK, MI

## St. John's History

St. John's began as a mission of the Episcopal Church in 1902 with the gathering of three families in the basement of the old Royal Oak school building at the corner of 4th and Williams Streets.

In 1917, St. John's gained its first full time clergy person and had its own building, a two-story wood frame structure. We grew, and by 1920, the year before Royal Oak formally became a city, and in the midst of the Spanish Flu pandemic, we became a full parish. St. John's was in the forefront of racial equality, holding joint programs with St. Matthew's African American congregation in 1922.

In 1923, the property at the corner of 11 Mile and Woodward was given by Mary Ann Armstrong Parr (a widow, an immigrant, a servant with a generous heart) so that the community would have a permanent place to worship. A structure was built, and the first service in the new building was held in 1926. The Great Depression severely tested the parish, and the building was almost lost to creditors, but the parishioners continued to run ministries for those in need. In the years before and during World War II, the parish held services for special intention for persecuted Jews, and after the war helped in the resettlement of war refugees.

During the 1950s, a new education wing was built, and in 1958 our current worship space, featuring an open altar was completed. During the 1960s, when America was experiencing a dramatic transformation, St. John's was in the forefront of peace, justice and protection of the environment. In the 1980s we also began and later expanded our ministries to the poor. First steps were taken to make the building more accessible by installing an elevator in 1994.

Today, St. John's continues its long tradition of commitment to social justice, outreach, diversity, inclusion, and positive change in the world. In 2019, St. John's began the *Affirming our Welcome: Building in Faith* Capital Campaign with the goal of making the building more welcoming for the people who will use it for generations to come. Remedial repairs were made to the roofs, an HVAC system was installed to heat and cool the sanctuary, and an accessible entryway/elevator is being installed this spring.

**You are an important part of this Family of Faith!**



## St. John's Welcome Statement

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Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you 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!** **Activity bags** with soft playthings are available for children at the entrances of the church to borrow. Ask any usher for directions to our nursery.

If you are here for the first time, please help us to get to know you by signing our guest book (clipboard in the entry of the church) and/or filling out a welcome card found in each pew. Place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We are so pleased that you are here and want to do everything we can to help you make the most of St. John's Episcopal Church and its resources for your spiritual journey.

All are welcome to communion, where we share one bread, one body. To facilitate this, our communion bread is all gluten free. All are welcome to St. John's programs and events.

### **Sunday Morning Schedule at a glance:**

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- 8:00am – **Worship**
- 10:10am – **Sunday School** (age 4 through 5th grade) meets on the third floor
- 10:15am – **Worship**
- 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.

# PRELUDE

## THE WORD OF GOD

*At the ringing of a bell, the service begins. The people stand and sing.*

### OPENING HYMN (at 10:15)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation**

**The Hymnal 1982, 390**

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y, saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al - prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him. or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion. need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth? might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee. peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* †Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of New Life.  
*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 *(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!

### SONG OF PRAISE *(at the 10:15am)*

Glory to God

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 246

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system covers the lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and' and the second system covers 'peace to His peo - ple on earth.' Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody. The vocal line is simple and clear, with lyrics placed below the notes.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King,— al - migh - t - 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

Sw.

Son of the Fa - ther,

Gt.

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

Sw.

Man.

world: have mer-cy on us;

Gt.  
Sw.  
Ped.

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

prayer. For

Gt.

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.

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*The people remain standing and sing.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church, BCP, pg. 254*

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Generous God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

**Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and

daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

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

## **PSALM 66:1-11**

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
**sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
**because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
**sings to you, sings out your name."**
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
**how wonderful God's actions toward all people.**
- 5 God turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
**and there we rejoiced in God.**
- 6 In might God rules for ever;  
and keeps watch over the nations; \*  
**let no rebel rise up against God.**
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
**make the voice of praise to be heard;**
- 8 God holds our souls in life, \*  
**and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
**you have tried us just as silver is tried.**
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
**but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

**2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--  
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

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

*The people stand and sing (10:15) as the Gospel book is processed to the nave.*

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

**Sweet hour of prayer**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing II 178, v. 1**

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a  
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -  
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -

1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make  
 2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -  
 3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I

1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -  
 2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me  
 3. view my home— and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll

1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.  
 2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.  
 3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By  
 2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And  
 3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -

1. thy re - turn, \_\_\_\_\_ sweet hour of prayer.  
 2. wait for thee, \_\_\_\_\_ sweet hour of prayer.  
 3. well, fare - well, \_\_\_\_\_ sweet hour of prayer!"

Words: William Walford (1772-1850). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

*Deacon* †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Beth Taylor

*A period of silence is kept.*

## NICENE CREED

*The people stand*

**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

*New Zealand Prayer Book pgs. 413-414*

*Deacon* Gracious God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we offer our prayers to you:

*Leader* God of love, enliven the Church for its mission  
*People* **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace;  
**that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Open our hearts with gratitude and generosity;  
**that your Holy Spirit will guide our lives in service to God's mission through St. John's.**

We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others;

**that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

For all of those upon whom the foundations of this parish are built, let us give thanks for their steadfast faith, dedication to God's mission for the church,

**that we may remember and honor their love for the people of St. John's in every generation.**

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Scott, Gregg, Gloria, Sandor, Kathy, Mary, Allyson, Martha, Marilyn, Madiba, Gabby, Maedell, Jeffernell, Wanda, Dave, Nadine, Kanata, and those we now name\_\_\_\_\_. We pray for all those in need:

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have +died in the faith of Christ, especially those we now name, either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**Eternal God, into your hands we commend them.**

Give comfort to those who mourn.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**May their example inspire and encourage us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

**God, you have called us to serve you.**

*Presider* We thank you, Lord God, for brave and believing people who planted your message in this place. We praise you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who worked in them to gather and enliven this community, and who still sustains it. Remembering all those who have gone before us, we pray that we may follow as they followed, in the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ, our Savior. ***Amen.***

## **THE CONFESSION**

*Daily Prayer for all Seasons, Episcopal Church resource*

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

**Most loving God,  
we confess that we have not loved  
in thought, word, or deed.  
we have not loved you or our neighbors or ourselves.  
We are sorry.  
Remind us that you love us unconditionally  
and help us to rest in your love. *Amen.***

*Presider*

Almighty God have mercy on you, †forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

## **THE PEACE**

*The people stand as they are able. The peace is exchanged among the people*

*Presider* Christ is our peace. Let us share the peace with one another with grateful hearts. The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## **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.*

*Give online:* [stjohnsroyaloak.org](http://stjohnsroyaloak.org) and click on GIVE (*recurring gifts help to sustain ministry year-round*)

*Text:* Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256

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

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

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC** (*at 10:15*)

**Create in me**

**Terre Johnson**

# FOUNDERS' SUNDAY

## 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.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for we are overwhelmed by the length and breadth, height and depth of your love and mercy for us in Christ.

O God, in your Son Jesus Christ you richly bless us with all that we need, bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world. You created us with grateful hearts to sing your praise, in this world and in the world to come.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you our thanks, and 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

*Presider and People (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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy, holy, holy** (*sung at 10:15am*)

**The Hymnal 1982, S125**

*The people stand or kneel.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. *Amen.***

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/FRACTION ANTHEM**

**Alleluia**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing II, 268**

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Fine

*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.**

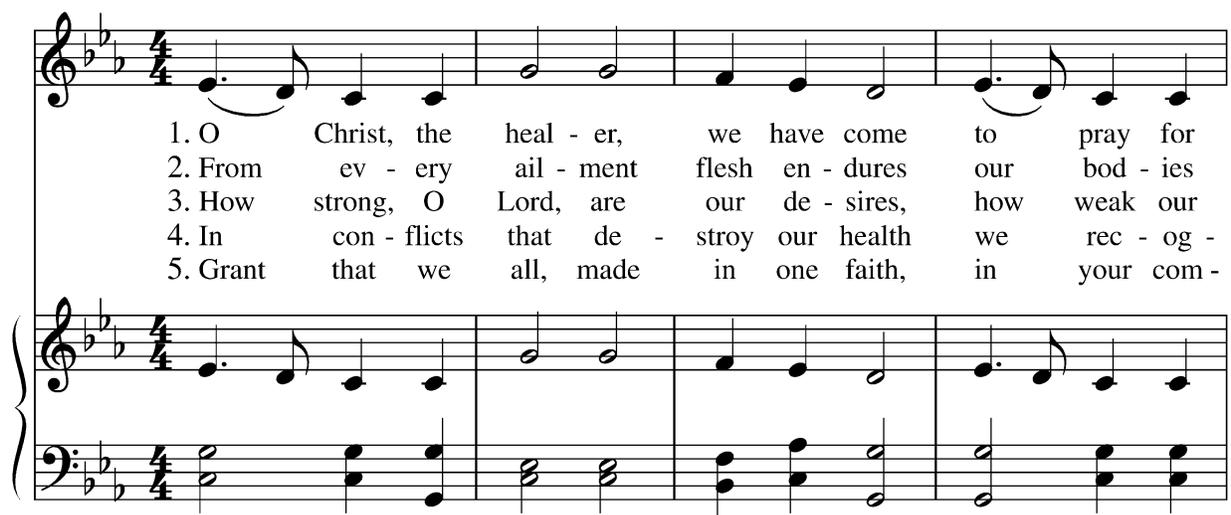
*This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The wafers are gluten-free.*

*The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten free. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher.*

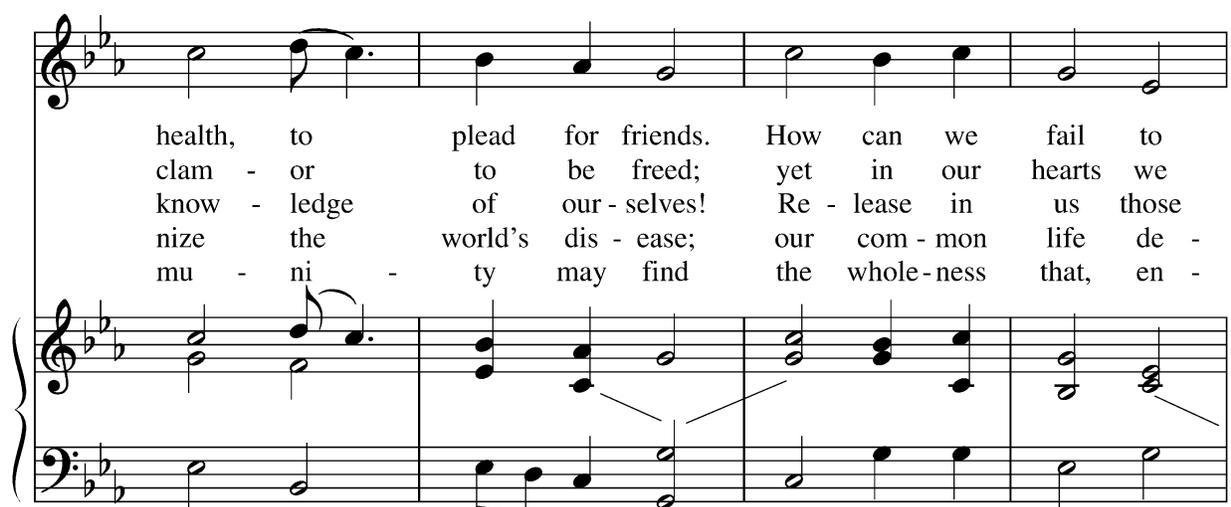
*Healing - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to a station on the sides of the church for prayers offered by a lay leader from the pastoral care team during communion.*

# COMMUNION HYMNS (at 10:15am)

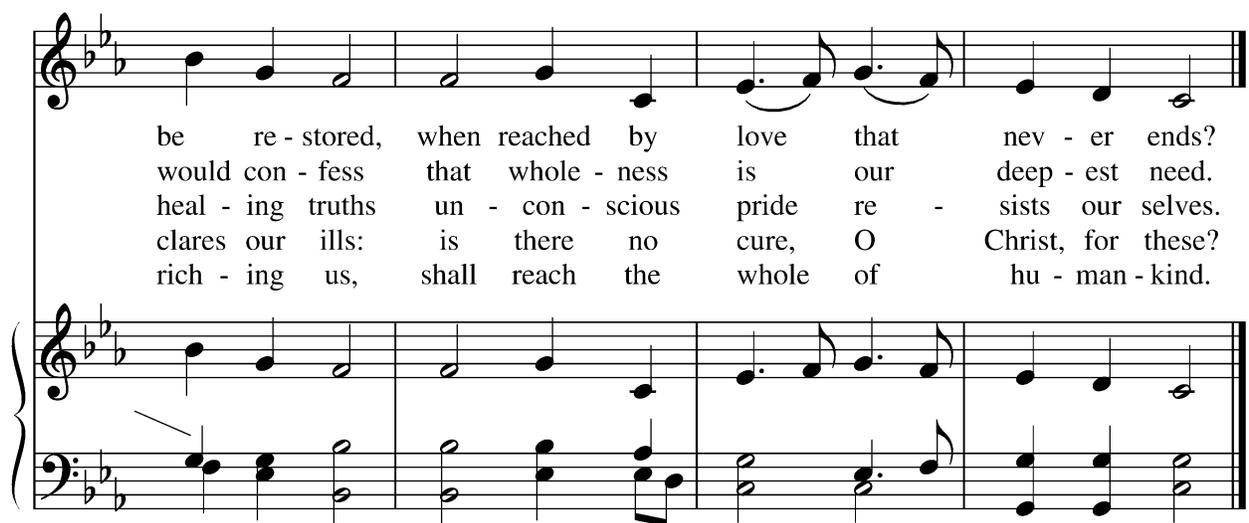
## O Christ, the healer, we have come      Wonder, Love, and Praise, 772



1. O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for  
2. From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies  
3. How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our  
4. In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og -  
5. Grant that we all, made in one faith, in your com -



health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to  
clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we  
know - ledge of our - selves! Re - lease in us those  
nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -  
mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -



be re - stored, when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists our selves.  
clares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (b. 1903). Music: *Kedron*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826); harm. *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. *Hymnal* 1982.

# God of the sparrow

# My Heart Sings Out, 129



1 God of the spar - row  
 2 God of the earth - quake  
 3 God of the rain - bow  
 4 God of the hun - gry  
 5 God of the neigh - bor  
 6 God of the a - ges



God of the whale God of the swirl - ing  
 God of the storm God of the trum - pet  
 God of the cross God of the emp - ty  
 God of the sick God of the prod - i -  
 God of the foe God of the prun - ing  
 God near at hand God of the lov - ing



stars \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 blast \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture cry  
 grave \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 gal \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 hook \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 heart \_\_\_\_\_ How do your chil - dren say



Awe \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Praise. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Woe \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture cry Save. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grace \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Thanks. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Care \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Love \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Peace. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joy \_\_\_\_\_ How do your chil - dren say Home. \_\_\_\_\_

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*After Communion - The children and youth are invited forward at the end of communion to consume all the bread that has been blessed or consecrated for communion. This is a tradition at St. John's.*

## **SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS** *(as requested)*

*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.*

**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**

As those who have gone before you in the Church,  
aim to be prayerful, generous and brave.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, †Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,  
bless and keep you this day and for ever. *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN *(at the 10:15)*

The church's one foundation The Hymnal 1982 525, vv. 1, 3, 5

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

## DISMISSAL

*The people face the deacon.*

*Deacon* With grateful hearts, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

In thanksgiving for the  
**Founders and Visionaries**  
 at St. John's

In thanksgiving for the  
**Autumn Zakar**  
**on her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday**  
 by Tamra Zakar and Landon Gorman

### 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

8:00am	Cathy Holcomb – First Lesson and Psalm; Bill Weide – Second Lesson and Prayers of the People; Elaine Kapelanski – Acolyte
10:15am	Debbie Smith – First Lesson; Mark Miliotto – Psalm; Marie Donigan – Second Lesson; Dustin Walker – Prayers of the People; Jennifer Bartleman, Julia Bartleman, Kevin McLogan – Acolytes
8:00am Greeter/Usher	Paulynn Auger
10:15am Greeter	Sue Tower
10:15am Ushers	Eric Babcock, Bernie Ethridge, Joan McFeaters, Lynne Muth, Sue Tower
8am Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Holcomb
10:15am Eucharistic Ministers	Kevin McLogan, Janice Pedersen, Barb Moran
Healing Ministers	All
Altar Guild	All
Bread Baker	Maryann Morrow
Tech Team	All
Opener/Closer	Steve Fairman, Eric Babcock
Musicians	Steve McGhee, Brynn Ward, St. John's Chancel Choir
Associate Clergy/Curate	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe
Rector	The Rev. Beth Taylor

### Parish Calendar

October 9 - 16, 2022

<b>Sunday, October 9</b>	8:00am	Worship – in person
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>New To You Donation Day</b>
	10:15am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship – in person/Zoom
	11:15am	Youth Group
<b>Monday, October 10</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>St. John's Reads</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 11</b>		
<b>Wednesday, October 12</b>	10:00am	Bible Study – in person/Zoom (relaunch)
	7:00pm	Adult Forum
<b>Thursday, October 13</b>	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Healing Service</b>
	7:30pm	Choir
<b>Friday, October 14</b>	9:00am	Open Hands Food Pantry Set Up
<b>Saturday, October 15</b>	9:00am	Open Hands Food Pantry
<b>Sunday, October 16</b>	8:00am	Worship – in person
	10:15am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship – in person/Zoom
	11:15am	Youth Group
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Meet&amp;Greet Gathering, New Members</b>

## St. John's Episcopal Church Planned Giving Program

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In gratitude and thanksgiving for these **Founding Members** of the **St. John's Legacy Society** who have committed to remember St. John's as a beneficiary of a Planned Gift.

Anonymous  
Askari Asante  
Charles and Shelley Baker  
Gloria Brown and Kathy Kustowski  
Peg Coury and Lisa Dion  
Sandra Curtis  
Lynnda Ebright  
Ellen Ehrlich and The Rev. Linda Northcraft  
The Falconer Family  
Cynthia K. Fellner  
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Barbara Jones  
Rev. Michael Konow and Mr. Philip Boyd  
Kelly Mankin and Michael Tonda  
Mark Miliotto and The Rev. Beth Taylor  
Claudia Osborn and Kristine Sprague  
Collette Pariseau and The Ven. Tim Spannaus  
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*Planned gifts help ensure the security of St. John's for future generations. Designations to join the Legacy Society with a Planned Gift to St. John's as a beneficiary of a savings or retirement account, insurance policy, or in some other form in a will/estate plan can be made at any time. Call St. John's office at 248-546-1255 to request an information packet or a conversation.*

## Additional Prayer List

### Persons being prayed for:

Sarah  
Dottie  
Janet  
Michele  
Briana, Wettona, Tony, Ezra, Vic, Jackie, Joe  
Sandi  
Geri, Jennifer, Elaine  
Lois, Willa  
Edward  
Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim  
Larry, Lois  
Gary, Patrick  
Jeanette, Evelyn  
Donna  
Pat, Janet  
Angelina  
Clyde  
Donna, MaryPat, Linda  
Karen, Larry, Jenny, Eric, Cristy, Dorothy  
Maedell  
Romaine, Donna, Diedre & family, Terry, Sonya  
Donna  
Lara  
Mike, Meghan, Marie, Jim, Adam  
JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia  
Lorie, David, Rosa, Dennis, Ed, Linda  
Mike  
Linda, Kathryn  
Bill  
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, Susanne  
David, David  
Dominic, Pam, Sally, Cristi, Nancy, Miles  
June  
Vickie  
Brian  
Gabrielle  
Debbie, Marion

### Requested by:

Rachel Andrews  
Anne & Pete Baird  
The Barnett Family  
The Bennett Family  
Gloria Brown  
Jen Bruns  
Christine Carlene  
Janet Craft  
Sandy Curtis  
Carolyn Darling  
Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton  
Ann Davis  
Cheryl Donigan  
Ellen Ehrlich  
Mary Fairman & Sue Brown  
Allyson Frank  
The Gilbertsons  
Diana Graor  
Melanie Hill  
Waymon Howard  
Jeffernell Howcott  
Ann Johnson  
Patty Johnston  
Barbara Killinger  
Kathy Kustowski  
Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker  
Leah Lynady  
Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda  
Barbara & Chris Moran  
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

**Meet-and-Greet Gathering for Newer Members Event - Sunday, October 16, after the 10:15am service**

At St. John's, we are thrilled by the number of folks who have joined our community over the last three years! Since we have not been able to gather physically to welcome you into our community, we are hosting a Meet-and-Greet on Sunday, October 16 immediately following the 10:15am service in the Community Room (room right across from entrance stairs). This is an opportunity for people who are new to the church (or still somewhat new) to get to know our clergy, some of our longtime members, and other folks new to our parish. It is a relaxed setting for conversation and a great time to ask any questions you may have about the church. Children are welcome! Please join us! RSVPs are helpful.

For questions and to RSVP, contact Pastor Gerardo at [gaponte-safe@stjohnro.org](mailto:gaponte-safe@stjohnro.org)

We look forward to seeing you!

The Welcoming Committee and Clergy

**Adult Forum, Wednesday, October 19 – 7-8pm on Zoom** (see website for link) - *Vote Faithfully*

This midterm election for MI includes new voting districts and ballot initiatives. What is on the ballot and how can you get “Ballot Ready”? Citizen Research Council of MI will help us in this educational event by sharing background on the ballot initiatives (Prop 1, 2, 3). We’ll also reflect on what it means to vote faithfully and implement the #VoteFaithfully resources from the Episcopal Church. This is a nonpartisan event, and done in collaboration with other Episcopal parishes – St. John’s (Royal Oak), St. Michael’s (Lansing) and Trinity in the Woods Episcopal (Farmington Hills)

**St. John’s Faith and Justice Event, Sunday, October 23** (after the 8am and 10:15am service in the Library)

St. John’s Faith and Justice team is hosting a letter writing event to encourage underrepresented people to vote in the upcoming midterm election. This is a non-partisan mailing. Individuals write why they vote and encourage others. We are adopting 100 voters. We will have letters, envelopes, and stamps on hand. If you can’t make the event but would like to adopt voters visit: [votefwd.org](http://votefwd.org) If you have any questions, contact: [rspatafora@comcast.net](mailto:rspatafora@comcast.net)