



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

8:00a.m. In-Person Worship

10:15a.m. Online/In-Person Worship

St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak MI



St. John's Welcome Statement

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do. At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. [So](#) here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here. *Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016*

Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs!

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 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.

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PRELUDE

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand

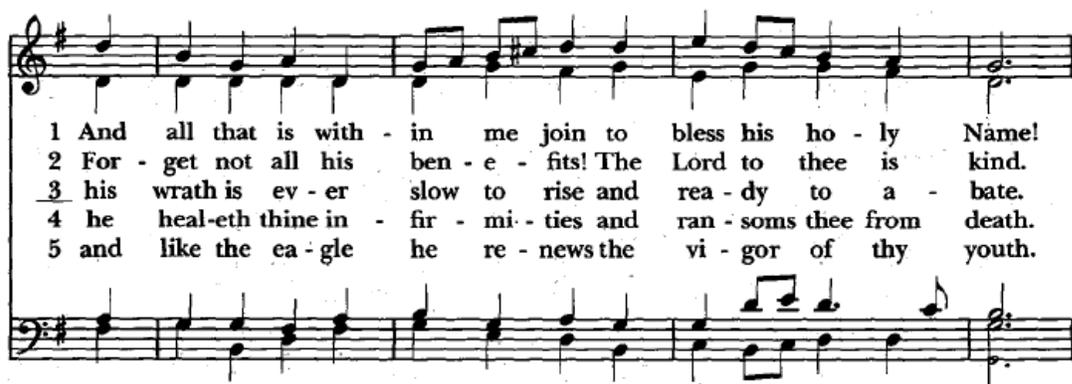
OPENING HYMN (at 10:15a.m.)

O bless the Lord, my soul!

The Hymnal 1982, 411



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro-claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer-cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al-ways chide; he will with pa-tience wait;
4 He par-dons all thy sins, pro-longs thy fee-ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up-holds thee with his truth;



1 And all that is with-in me join to bless his ho-ly Name!
2 For-get not all his ben-e-fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev-er slow to rise and rea-dy to a-bate.
4 he heal-eth thine in-fir-mi-ties and ran-soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea-gle he re-news the vi-gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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THE WORD OF GOD

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Presider †Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Presider Almighty God, we pray you graciously to look upon us, and behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was tested, betrayed, suffered, and died; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **We are all your children. You have called us by name, and we wait anxiously for renewal with faith in your eternal presence. Accomplish in us the work of your salvation. 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

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.**

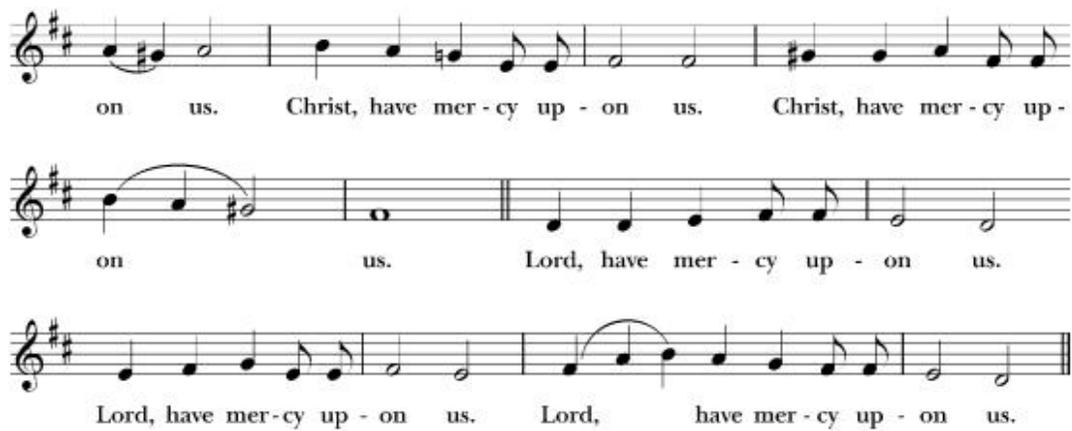
KYRIE (*Spoken at 8:00a.m.*)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison (*at 10:15a.m.*)

The Hymnal 1982, S91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Lector A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O LORD GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'"

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: 'Thus says the LORD GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'" I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,’” says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for you O LORD; my soul waits for you; *
in your word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than sentries for the morning, *
more than sentries for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 There is plenteous redemption with the LORD, *
who shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:6-11

Lector A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

The people stand as they are able.

GOSPEL HYMN (at 10:15a.m.)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

LEVAS II, 119, v. 1

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
1. Draw it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
1. Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
1. And make me love thee as I ought to love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Presider The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Christine Humphrey

A period of silence is kept

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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

Clergy As we wander in the wilderness, let us earnestly pray to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples.

Leader We pray for the Church: for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people in their many ministries, that they may be filled with wisdom and grace to live out the calling of the Gospel. God of love –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the world, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they may be filled with your guidance and light to do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth. God of love –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all in need: for those without a safe home or reliable access to food, for those who have lost jobs, those who are in prison, and those seeking refuge and safety. Be present to them in their struggles and strengthen us to do our part and care for all our neighbors. God of love –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Barbara, Gloria, Carolyn, Mimi, Sandor, Kathy, Nancy, Madiba, Gayle, Sue, Elliot, David, Elaine, Allie, Jim, Cole, Tom, David, Ann, Rich, Jennifer, Owen, Bob, Don, Rich, and those we now name _____.
God of love –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the members of our parish. Help us to serve and care for one another, to be open-hearted to the Spirit's wisdom, and to remain faithful to our mission to welcome and embrace all as beloved. God of love –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all who have †died, especially those we now name _____; and for those who have died and are known to you alone. May they all rest in eternal peace. God of love –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider O God of our ancestors, receive the prayers we offer this day. Fill us with hope and joy, protect us from despair and apathy, and prepare us to take up our citizenship in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY



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

Give online: stjohnsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE

Text: Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256

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

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OFFERTORY MUSIC (at 10:15a.m.)

Jesus, so lowly

by Harold Friedell

Oblation bearers bring forward the gifts of bread and wine on behalf of the congregation. The ushers pass collection baskets to gather our gifts of pledges and other offerings. 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 (at 8:00a.m.)

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

PRESENTATION HYMN (at 10:15a.m.)

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 HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We give thanks for your Son, Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as able

Holy, Holy, Holy (at 10:15a.m.)

The Hymnal 1982, S129

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.

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

†Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (*spoken at 8:00a.m.*)

Presider O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world
People **Have mercy upon us.**
Presider O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world
People **Have mercy upon us.**
Presider O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world.
People **Grant us your peace.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God (*at 10:15a.m.*)

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 270

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: grant us peace.

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.

Presider These are the gifts of God.

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

Presider Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 10:15a.m.)

Breathe on me, Breath of God

The Hymnal 1982, 508

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In deepest night, in darkest days

Voices Found, 97

1 In deep - est night, in dark - est days, when harps are hung, no
2 When friend was lost, when love de - ceived, dear Je - sus wept, God
3 When through the wa - ters winds our path, a - round us pain, a -

songs we raise, when si - lence must suf - fice as praise, yet
was be - reaved; so with us in our grief God grieves, and
round us death: deep calls to deep, a sav - ing breath, and

1, 2 3
sound - ing in us qui - et - ly there is the song of God.
round a - bout us mourn - ful - ly there are the tears of God.
found be - side us faith - ful - ly there is the love of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Presider May God the Creator bless you,
God the Son heal you,
God the Holy Spirit give you strength,
This day and forever more.

All Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (*at 10:15a.m.*)

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

The Hymnal 1982, 347



1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy;



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength-en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - - vil; Christ at length
and serv - ing Christ, our ev - - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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DISMISSAL

The people turn to face the Clergy

Clergy Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ministers of Today's Service: The People of St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak

Acolytes

(8:00a.m.) Yve Jones

(10:15a.m) Annalise Galat, Griffin Bruns,
Jennifer Bruns

Altar Guild

(8:00a.m.) Pam Lupinski

(10:15a.m.) Barb Moran, Denise Barnett,
Mary Ann Morrow

Bread Baker

Megan Clark

Eucharistic Ministers

(8:00a.m.) Cathy Holcomb, Chuck Tucker

(10:15a.m.) Askari Asante, Chris Moran, Marie
Donigan, Sharon Kennedy

Greeters

(8:00a.m.) Gregory Gmerek

(10:15a.m.) Lisa Phillips, Marie Donigan

Greeters during service

(8:00a.m.) Gregory Gmerek

(10:15a.m.) Gregory Taub

Healing Ministers

(8:00a.m) -----

(10:15a.m.) Bob Davis

8:00a.m. Lectors

Joey Spano – First Lesson and the Psalm

Yve Jones – Second Lesson and Prayers of the People

10:15a.m. Lectors

Askari Asante – First Lesson and the Psalm

Debbie Smith – Second Lesson

Paul Johnson – Prayers of the People

Musicians

Dr. Steve McGhee, *Music Director*,

St. John's Chancel Choir, Brooklyn Pfeffer, Laila
Robleh, Cailin Weber *Choral Scholars*

Opener/Closer

Tim Morgan, Chris Moran

Parking Lot Greeters

Gregg Barnett, Richard LeJeune

Sunday School Teachers

Tech Team

Laurie McLaughlin, Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones,
Tales Lima

Ushers

Bruce Donigan, Chris Davis, Gregory Taub

Vergers

Rachel Andrews, Kevin McLogan

Presider

The Rev. Christine Humphrey

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Saturday, March 21 – Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30a.m. – 10:00a.m.

Sunday, March 22 – Worship at 8:00a.m. & 10:15a.m

Wednesday, March 25 – Lenten Evening Soup & Prayer at 6:15p.m.

Saturday, March 28 – Palm Sunday Passion Rehearsal with Emma Bruns at 10:00a.m.

HOLY WEEK 2026

❖ **Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday**, Worship at 8:00a.m. & 10:15a.m.

❖ **Wednesday, April 1 – Tenebrae**, Service at 7:00p.m.

❖ **Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday**, Service at 7:00p.m.

❖ **Friday, April 3 – Good Friday**, Service at 7:00p.m.

❖ **Saturday, April 4 – Easter Vigil**, Worship at 7:00p.m.

○ Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30a.m. – 10:00a.m.

○ Easter Vigil Rehearsal with Emma Bruns at 12:00p.m.

❖ **Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday**, Worship at 8:00a.m. and 10:15a.m.

○ Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00a.m. with Emma Bruns

Tuesday, April 7 – St. John’s Reads in the Community Room at 1:00p.m.

Sunday, April 12 – Worship at 8:00a.m. & 10:15a.m

Tuesday, April 14 – Card Ministry Meeting in the Church Library at 10:30a.m.

Sunday, April 19 – Worship at 8:00a.m. & 10:15a.m

Tuesday, April 21 – Coffee with a Cause Meeting in the Church Library at 10:30a.m.

Join us for Healing Service on Thursdays in the Chapel at 11:30a.m.

Need a room for a meeting?

Contact the church office at office@stjohnro.org or 248-546-1255 for info and availability



Lent at St. John's
Lent is a sacred season of reflection, renewal,
and drawing closer to God — and we invite you to journey with us.

🍴 Soup & Prayer 🍴
Final Gathering – Wednesday, 3/25

Join us for one final Soup & Prayer this Lent as we gather in fellowship and reflection. We begin at 6:15 PM with a simple supper of soup, bread, and conversation — a chance to slow down, share a meal, and connect with your parish family. At 7:00 PM, we move into the church for our Prayer Vigil Service, a peaceful time of quiet, reflection, and drawing near to God as the Lenten season ends soon.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2026 AT ST. JOHN'S

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
EVERYONE BELONGS!

Join us for Worship on Sunday
8:00 & 10:15am

March 29 – Palm Sunday
April 5 – Easter Sunday



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Special Offering: Easter Flowers

It is the tradition at St. John's to adorn the church in spring blooming plants and Easter lilies. Your special offering will honor a loved one, bring beauty to our Easter worship, and send a colorful greeting to a homebound parishioner.

Please complete this form and return with a check

(Payable to St. John's Episcopal Church. Memo: Easter Flowers) by Monday, March 30, 2026.

I enclose \$ _____ for **flowers** for Easter. (A donation of \$50 is suggested; however, all donations will be accepted and recognized).

In memory of / or thanksgiving for (*circle one, PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY*)

In memory of / or thanksgiving for (*circle one, PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY*)

Signed: _____

Print: _____

Phone: _____ *we will only call with questions*

Please drop off form and payment to the church office/mail to:
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Select "Altar Flower" from the drop down menu to give with debit or credit. Thank you!

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