



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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.)

Come thou fount of every blessing

The Hymnal 1982, 686

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to
flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.
Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

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 -

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

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

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People ***Amen.***

The people are seated

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

Lector A Reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great Sovereign above all gods.
- 4 The LORD holds the caverns of the earth, *
and sustains the heights of the hills.
- 5 The sea belongs to God, who made it, *
whose hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to God's voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your ancestors did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

O Love of God, how strong and true

The Hymnal 1982, 455, vv.1-2

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
 Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

LM

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep.

Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

A period of silence is kept

NICENE CREED

The people stand as they are able

Presider Let us affirm our faith.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for †the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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 Ann Davis, and 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.**

CONFESSIOIN

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

OR scan this code to be directed to the giving page.

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

Down to the Water to Pray

arr. Pepper Choplin

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 below; praise him above, 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 Let us lift up our 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.)

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

The Hymnal 1982, 343

1 Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless thy cho-sen
 2 We would not live by bread a-lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break-ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup-with us in love di-vine, thy Bo-dy

pil-grim flock with man-na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de-part; Sa-rior, a-bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv-ing bread, that

wil-der-ness, with wa-ter from the rock.
 trav-el on to our a-bid-ing-place.
 us, and spread thy ta-ble in our heart.
 heaven-ly wine, be our im-mor-tal food.

There is a balm in Gilead

LEVAS II, 203

There— is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed
 whole; There— is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, And— think my work's in vain,— But—
 2. If you can-not preach like Pet-er, If you can-not preach like Paul,— You can
 3. Don't— ev-er be dis-cour-aged For— Je-sus is your friend,— And—

1. then the ho-ly spir-it Re-vives my soul a-gain. _____
 2. tell the love of Je-sus, And say He died for all. _____
 3. if you lack for know-ledge, He'll ne'er re-fuse to lend. _____ **D.C.**

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. *Amen.*

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

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

The Hymnal 1982, 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,
hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,
bread of hea - ven; feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to
more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.
Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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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.) Joey Spano

(10:15a.m.) Ethan Scott, Mollie Kornmiller, Owen Kornmiller

Altar Guild

(8:00a.m.) Therese Nottingham

(10:15a.m.) Bette Ann Wright, Martie Falconer

Bread Baker

Maryann Morrow

Eucharistic Ministers

(8:00a.m.) Bob Lazich, Peg Coury

(10:15a.m.) Cindy Fellner, Woodie Adams, Jennifer Bruns, Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios

Greeters

(8:00a.m.) Jackie Speer

(10:15a.m.) -----

Greeters during service

(8:00a.m.) Dennis Spatafora

(10:15a.m.) Mary Fairman

Healing Ministers

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

(10:15a.m.) Joyce Morey

8:00a.m. Lectors

Cathy Holcomb – First Lesson and the Psalm

Geoff Benes – Second Lesson and Prayers of the People

10:15a.m. Lectors

Amelia Scott – First Lesson and the Psalm

Angela Stough – Second Lesson

Jamiel Dado – 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

Dennis Spatafora, Kirk Wicker

Parking Lot Greeters

Gregg Barnett, Richard LeJeune

Sunday School Teachers

Denise Barnett, Veronica Griffith

Tech Team

Laurie McLaughlin, Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones,

Ushers

Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios, Kirk Wicker, Kristine

Sprague, Tales Lima

Vergers

Rachel Andrews, Kevin McLogan

Interim Rector of St. John's

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

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

Blessing Bags Intergenerational Service Project with Emma Bruns following 10:15.a.m. service

Tuesday, March 10 - Card Ministry meeting at 10:30a.m. in Church Library

Wednesday, March 11 – Lenten Evening Soup & Prayer at 6:15p.m.

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

Faith in Justice Meeting at 9:00a.m. in Community Room,

Funeral Planning for You/a Loved One at 11:30a.m in Community Room

Tuesday, March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day, Coffee with a Cause in Church Library at 10:30a.m.

Wednesday, March 18 – Lenten Evening Soup & Prayer at 6:15p.m.

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

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

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

Wednesdays during Lent (3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1)

Gather with your parish family each Wednesday evening for fellowship and prayer. We begin at 6:15 PM with a simple supper of soup, bread, and conversation — a time to slow down and connect. At 7:00 PM, we move into the church for our Prayer Vigil Service, a peaceful and prayerful time of quiet, reflection, and drawing near to God in the midst of the Lenten season. Come for nourishment of both body and soul.

If you would like to volunteer to bring soup on Wednesdays, feel free to reach out to Deborah, who is coordinating the soup schedule this year, please contact the church office if you have any questions or need information.

If you would like to participate in one of the upcoming prayer vigil services by reading, leading a song, or in another way that is meaningful to you - please send an email to aubreymuth@gmail.com or let Aubrey, Jonatan, or Rachel know.

Episcopal 101

UPDATE: We will be rescheduling the session for a later date and will share the new time soon. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to gathering for the second session of EPISCOPAL 101 soon.

Funeral Planning for Yourself or a Loved One

Sunday, March 15 | 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

Planning ahead is a gift of love and peace for your family. The Book of Common Prayer offers beautiful and meaningful liturgies for funerals and memorial services, yet families are often left making decisions quickly during times of grief. Join us for this helpful and compassionate session where we will review the St. John's Funeral Planning Booklet, walk through available options, and provide forms to help you thoughtfully plan a service — for yourself or a loved one.

**There is still time to join us this season as we grow together in faith, fellowship, and hope.
Please scan this QR Code to sign up for our Lent Programming:**





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



Please drop off form to church office and Scan this QR code
Select "Altar Flower" from the drop down menu to give with debit or credit. Thank you!

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