

THE SUNDAY  
OF THE PASSION

PALM SUNDAY



SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023  
10:15AM

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ROYAL OAK, MI



## St. John's Welcome Statement

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Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do.

At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here.

*Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016*

### **Palm Sunday**

Our High Holy Days are filled with beauty and symbolism and tradition. Today, on Palm Sunday, we begin by recalling the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when he was welcomed as a "King"; we shout and sing Hosanna!, words that were used to recognize royalty. We end the service by retelling the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and his execution as a "Criminal." This is a powerful service, and we will end the service by leaving in silence. From that moment, we enter into our Holy Week. Please join us for Tenebrae (Holy Wednesday), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. You are very welcome here.

## **Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs! Welcome Newcomers!**

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

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

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

## -----THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS-----

*The congregation gathers outside on the Woodward Avenue entrance. A bell rings, our worship begins.*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Bishop* †Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### GOSPEL LESSON

**Matthew 21:1-11**

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

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

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*Bishop* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as Messiah by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

†Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as the Savior and the Christ, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. *Amen.***

*The palm branches are distributed. The people join in a joyful procession into the church carrying palm branches, following the children and the choir. All sing.*

# ----- THE WORD OF GOD -----

## ENTRANCE HYMN

All glory, laud, and honor

The Hymnal 1982, 154

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

*Bishop* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Bishop* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MARY MAGDALENE: PART 1

*The people are seated. Readers tell the story.*

**A Liturgical Interpretation adapted from and inspired by  
The Gospel of Mark by Paula Stevens-Contey**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The Peace is shared among the people. The people are seated.*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

### The Lamb

**Brandon Spencer**

Little Lamb who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing wooly bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice:  
Little Lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee:  
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb:  
He is meek and he is mild,  
He became a little child:  
I a child and thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name: Little Lamb God bless thee.

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

## PRESENTATION HYMN

From all that dwell below the skies

The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the Bass staff. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.

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

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

## ----- THE HOLY COMMUNION -----

*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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

We give thanks for your son, Jesus Christ, who, giving up all he had, and walking the path of obedience all the way to insult, betrayal and death, opened the gates of justice and became our salvation.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say (sing):

### SANCTUS

**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.\_\_\_\_\_



*The Presider continues*

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:

**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. ***Amen!***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All sing, Call and Response*

**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.**

**And 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, and the power, and the glory are yours, forever and  
ever. *Amen.***

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*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.***

*Presider* Behold who you are. Become what you receive.

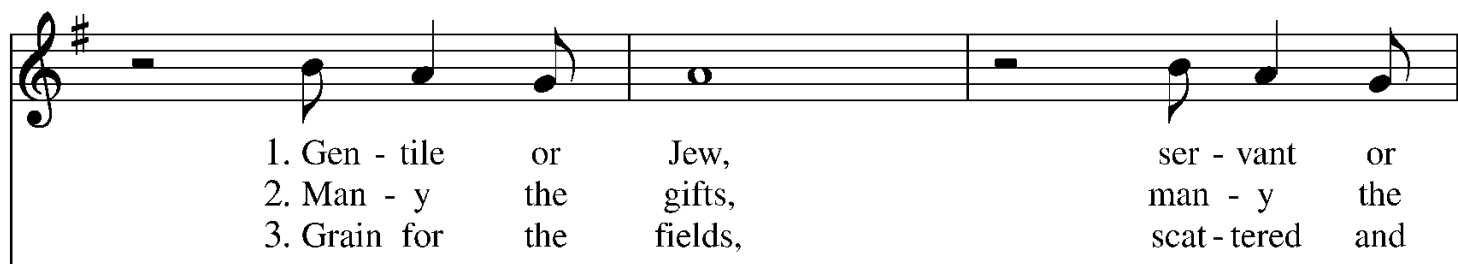
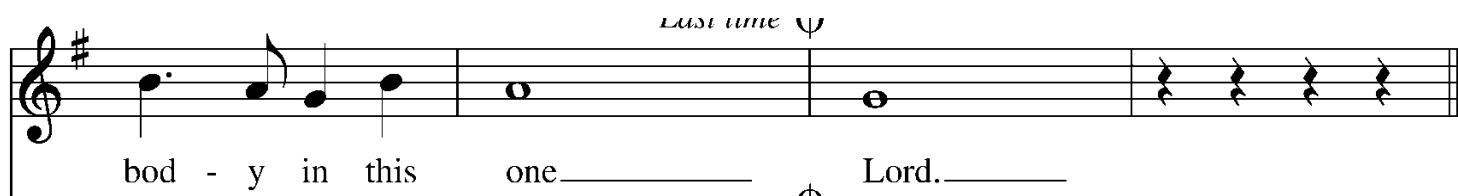
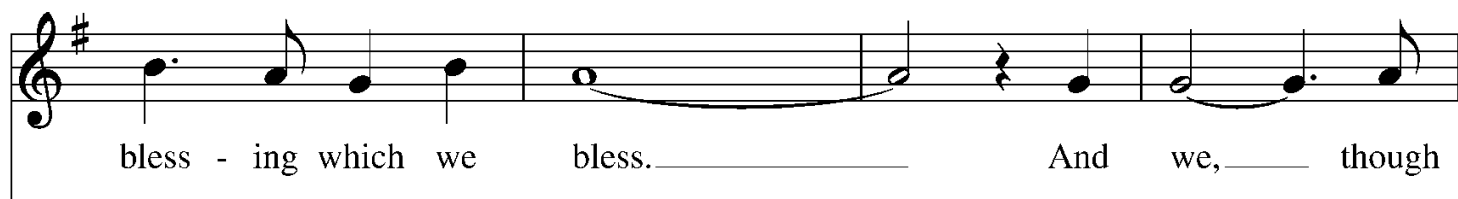
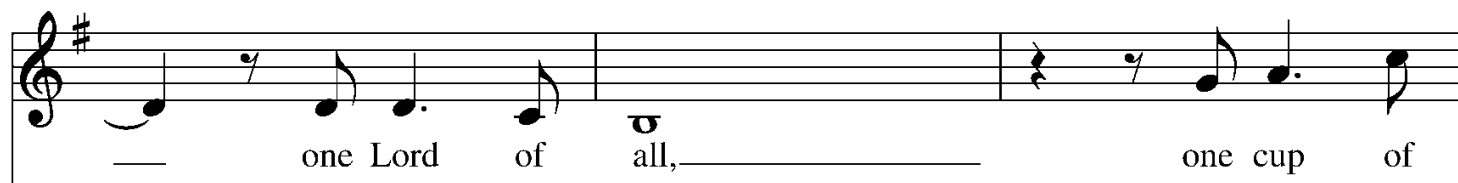
*This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is Gluten Free.*

*Healing Prayers - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to the healing station in the west transept for prayers during communion.*

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## One bread, one body

## Lift Every Voice and Sing, 151



1. free,                      wom - an            or            man, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. works,                    one    in            the            Lord \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. grown,                    gath - ered        to            one \_\_\_\_\_

1. —                      no            more. \_\_\_\_\_                      One  
 2. —                      of            all. \_\_\_\_\_                      One  
 3. —                      for            all. \_\_\_\_\_                      One

*D.S.*

*D S*

Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

# Would you share Christ's passion

Voices Found, 42

1 Would you share Christ's pas - sion? Take your cross and fol - low;  
2 Would you know Christ's mean - ing, daz - zling in its ra - diance?  
3 Would you join Christ's tri - umph, o - ver death vic - to - rious,

climb Gol - go - tha's hill. Taste the cup of sor - row, wine and gall com -  
Lie down in the fire. Brave the flames of Wis - dom, sear - ing with their  
ris - ing from the grave? Pain and grief are fore - courts of the heav'n - ly

min - gled: drink its bit - ter fill. Bear the scourge of doubt and fear.  
myst - 'ry, fierce with Love's de - sire. Cast the dark - ened glass a - way:  
ci - ty, bought with blood he gave. Suf - f'ring marks the nar - row gate.

Though a jeer - ing crowd de - ride you, he will walk be - side you.  
O - pen to a bril - liant burn - ing. Seek and find true learn - ing.  
Yet, though tri - als throng to greet you, none shall now de - feat you!

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a four-part setting. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a system of music. The first system includes three numbered lines of lyrics. The second system includes two lines of lyrics. The third system includes two lines of lyrics. The fourth system includes two lines of lyrics. The music concludes with a final cadence in the Soprano and Alto parts.

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Music: *Jesu, meine Freude*, Johann Crüger (1598–1662), alt.

# THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MARY MAGDALENE: PART 2

*The people are seated. Readers tell the story of the Passion of our Lord.*

## SILENT DISMISSAL

*Following the Passion, the People stand as the Cross is processed out of the Church. All depart in silence. Our observance of Holy Week has begun.*

*Please join us for First Sunday Breakfast immediately following the service, downstairs in Jatho Hall (Level B2).*

### Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

In thanksgiving to the  
Acolytes, Altar Guild, Liturgical Arts Team, Liturgy Planning Team, Chancel  
Choir and Musicians, and Staff

for their thoughtful preparation for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter

### Ministers of Today's Service

#### *The Passion according to Mary Magdalene - Cast*

Mary Magdalene	Aubrey Garfield	Anonymous Woman	Jelane Oginsky
Jesus	Presley Varghese	Caiaphas' Servant	Cindy Fellner
John/Disciple	Daniel Wright-Cuschieri	Witness/Bystander 1	Chris Bosley
Peter/Disciple	Richard LeJeune	Witness/Bystander 2	Debbie Smith
Judas/Disciple	Mark Miliotto	Servant Girl	Eliza Stewart
Thomas/Disciple	Kevin McLogan	Pontius Pilate	Rachel Andrews
Caiaphas	Bonnie Perry	Claudia, Pilate's Wife	Christy Scott
Scribe	Gerardo Aponte-Safe	Timpani/Percussion	Kim Unrau

Acolytes	Trevor Swan, Owen Kornmiller, Justice McNeal, Maren Swan
Greeter	Lynne Muth
Ushers	Eric Babcock, Bernie Ethridge, Joan McFeaters, Lynne Muth
Eucharistic Ministers	Janice Pedersen, Nicole Stewart, Mark Miliotto, Kevin McLogan
Healing Ministers	Bernadette Ethridge, Joyce Morey
Altar Guild	Maryann LeComb, Kathy Stricker
Bread Baker	Mark Miliotto
Tech Team	Chris Bosley, Laurie McLaughlin, Mark Miliotto, Mark Valenti
Acolyte Verger	Kevin McLogan
MC	John Russotto
Closer	Eric Babcock
Musicians	Dr. Steven McGhee, Brynn Ward, Kim Unrau, Chancel Choir
Associate Clergy/Curate	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe
Rector	The Rev. Beth Taylor
Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry

## April Birthdays

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Askari Asante	4/6	Ned Macey	4/5
Steve Aversa	4/9	Dan Machesky	4/8
Anne Baird	4/30	Holly McNeal	4/28
Winifred Bajoka*	4/6	Sofia Miliotto	4/13
Julia Bartleman*	4/7	Hallitt O'Connor*	4/12
Kathy Battles	4/20	Jelane Richardson/Oginsky	4/10
Alyssa Benes	4/1	Andrew Shea*	4/19
Gloria Brown	4/4	Lawrence Singer	4/14
Michael Doa	4/10	Allison Sykes	4/19
<b>Wanda Gardner</b>	4/4	Linda Tucker	4/4
Gail Gordon	4/24	Becky Valenti	4/22
Angie Guest	4/11	Reggie Walker*	4/26
Barbara Karchon	4/30	Linda Watkins	4/14
Maureen Kelly	4/13	Kari Wilson	4/10
Mollie Kornmiller*	4/4	Tristan Wilson	4/6
Natalie Kornmiller	4/18	Nora Youngblood*	4/12
Adam Lowler	4/7	* = child , <b>bold</b> = special birthday	
Lauren Lowler	4/6		

## April Anniversaries

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Anne & Pete Baird	4/17/1982
Peg Coury & Lisa Dion	4/16/2016
Scout Osborn & Kristine Sprague	4/14/2012
Mozhgon Rajae & Aaron Schillinger	4/30/2022

Wanda Gardner, a longtime member, will turn 101 on April 4. You can help her celebrate by sending her a card c/o Olivia Brown, 21895 Hampshire Ct., Southfield, MI 48076. If you do not know her, please send a card anyway. Just sign your name, and "A friend from St. John's". She will love hearing from you.

If you celebrate a Birthday or an Anniversary in December, and your name is not on this list, we'd love to have it! Please call 248-546-1255 and leave the information with Jennifer Perkins, Parish Administrator or email it to us at [office@stjohnro.org](mailto:office@stjohnro.org) Thank you!

# Holy Week and Easter Schedule



**Tenebrae: Wednesday, April 5**

**7:00pm Service of Shadows**

An ancient service of prayer, and meditation with music. (About 30-45 minutes)



**Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 6**

**7:00pm Eucharist, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar**

On the last night Jesus spent with his friends, he gave us the 'commandment' to love one another. We remember this night by gathering to receive Holy Eucharist, participating in the foot washing, and waiting in darkness as the altar is stripped (remembering the hours of Jesus betrayal and arrest). Following the service, the church is open for meditation.



**Good Friday: Friday, April 7**

**12:00 noon Stations of the Cross**

**7:00pm Holy Eucharist, with Music**

On Good Friday, we remember Christ's suffering and death with Stations of the Cross at noon. At 7:00pm, we receive 'reserved sacrament' rather than celebrating a new Eucharist meal to remember that this was the day of Jesus crucifixion and death.



**Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 8**

**7:00pm, Lighting of the New Fire (Woodward Avenue entrance), Baptism and Holy Eucharist, followed by Festive Reception**

Our community gathers around the altar fire to hear the stories of God's work in our world throughout history and in the present through the great Salvation Stories. We baptize and welcome new members into our community, and we celebrate the Resurrection with joy. It is a service of deep mystery, beauty, and darkness which is overcome by light. Bring bells to ring! A Festive reception follows. Bring something to share.



**Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 9**

**8:00am, Festal Eucharist *Bring bells to ring***

**10:15am, Festal Eucharist *Bring bells to ring***

This festival Eucharist proclaims the risen Christ, the fulfillment of hope, the triumph of justice, and the immortality of love. Bring bells to ring! The children in our parish receive flowers, and the flowers that adorn the altar are delivered to our homebound parishioners following the service.