

# MAUNDY THURSDAY



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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024  
7:00PM

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ROYAL OAK, MI

## St. John's Welcome Statement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **The Triduum (Three Days)**

The three days before Easter are called The Triduum (meaning "three days"). On these Holy Days, we worship in one service with three parts commemorating the death, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus. The first service recollects the commandment to love one another and celebrate the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday), the second remembers the Crucifixion of Jesus (Good Friday), and the third marks Jesus' passage from death to life (The Easter Vigil on Saturday).

#### **Maundy Thursday**

The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin phrase *mandatum novum*, which means "new commandment. On this day we commemorate Jesus' command to love one another as God loves us, and to serve one another as Christ served. We wash each other's feet as a symbol of that love and service, just as Jesus did. We celebrate the Eucharist as a reminder that on this night, Jesus asked us to break bread together in remembrance of new covenant of love. Bread and wine from this celebration are set aside as reserved sacrament, a symbol of Jesus' presence, and taken to the Altar of Repose, a symbol that Jesus went to the garden to pray. We, his disciples, are invited to pray with him at the Altar of Repose following tonight's worship service. Finally, we will witness what is known as "The Stripping of the Altar": everything is removed from the altar as a reminder that on this night Jesus was betrayed, stripped of his garments, and sent alone on the way to the Cross.

# PRELUDE

Guest Musician: Sonia Lee, Violin

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

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

### ENTRANCE HYMN *(sung twice)*

A new commandment

My Heart Sings Out, 92

A new com - mand - ment that I give to you, is to  
love one an - o - ther as I have loved you; is to  
love one an - o - ther as I have loved you. By  
this shall all know you are my dis - ci - ples: if  
you have love one for an - o - ther; \_\_\_\_\_ by  
this shall all know you are my dis - ci - ples: if  
you have love one for an - o - ther. \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider* †Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Priest* Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection.  
This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room for a holy meal.  
This is the night when Christ taught us to serve one another in Love.  
This is the night for watching and prayer.

*Presider* The Community is then called to prepare for this night with humility, with open hearts, and with faith.

## THE CONFESSION

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Clergy* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*All* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

*The people stand for the Absolution.*

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

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
 mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
 Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
 up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

**Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole

lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 116:10-16

I love the LORD, because GOD has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
and inclined an ear to me whenever I cried out.

How shall I repay you, O LORD \*  
for all the good things you have done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all the chosen people.

Precious in your sight, O LORD \*  
is the death of your servants.

O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all the people.

## THE SECOND LESSON

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Lector*      A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he

broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

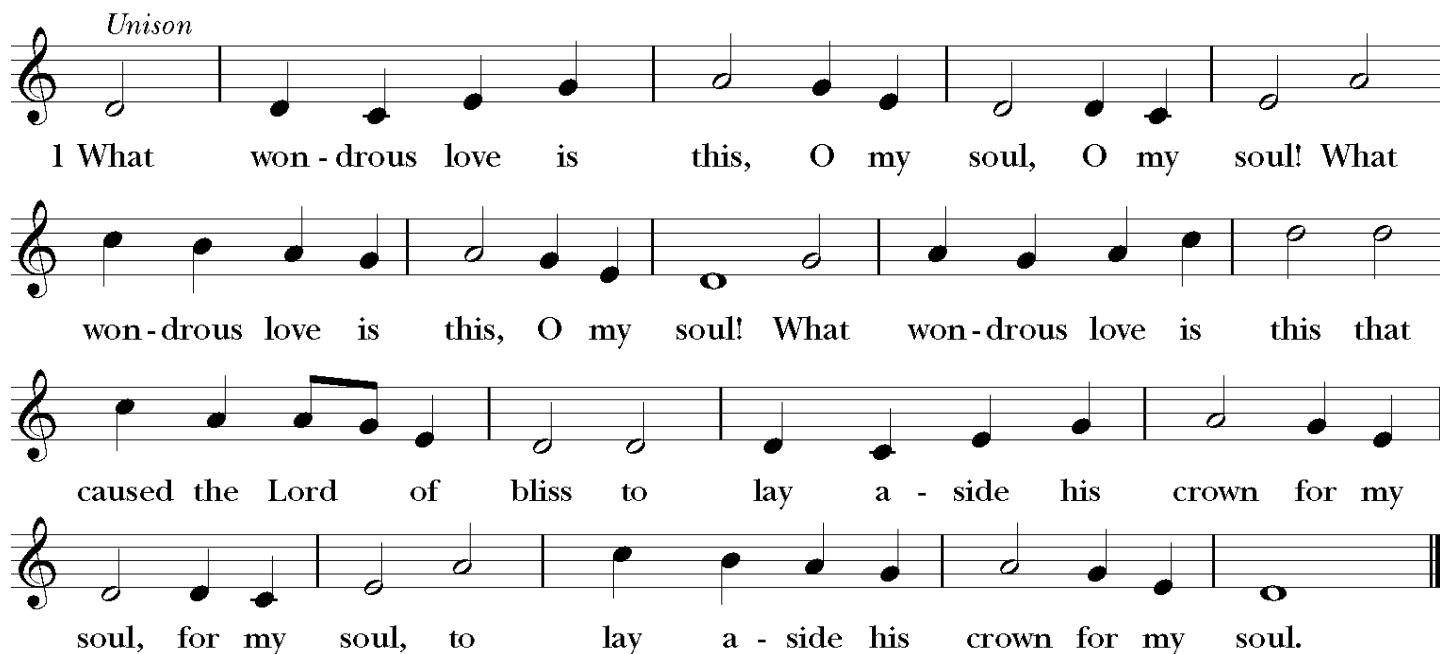
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN

**What wondrous love is this**

**The Hymnal 1982, 439, v. 1**

*Unison*



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words aligned under specific notes. The lyrics are: "I What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul."

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

*Gospeller*    †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my

hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## MEDITATION

**The Rev. Beth Taylor**

## THE GIVING OF THE NEW COMMANDMENT

*The people stand.*

*Presider* The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

*People* **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

*Presider* I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

*People* **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

*Presider* By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

*The people are seated.*

## INVITATION TO THE FOOT WASHING

*Those who wish to participate may come forward at this time to have their feet washed. At the seats in front of the first pew, please remove your shoes and socks. After your feet are washed, please remain and wash the feet of the next person. Accommodations will be made for those with special needs.*



# MUSIC MEDITATION

Steve McGhee, *piano*; Sonia Lee, *violin*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Clergy* As we begin these sacred three days, let us earnestly pray to God for all those gathered tonight with Christ and for all peoples everywhere.

*Leader*

On this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to follow his Way of Life through the disciples' message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal to love and to serve others as Christ loved us. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your compassion and mercy. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus reminded his people to love one another. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end. As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope, especially those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

On this night, we pray for all those who have †died, especially those we now name\_\_\_\_; for those whose witness has strengthened and encouraged us; and for those who have died who are known to you alone. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us our daily bread. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place, and grant that all who come to your table may love and serve you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* Christ has reconciled us to God into one body;  
May the peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The Peace is exchanged.*

## GREETING AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### Who is This?

**John Ferguson**

*Sonia Lee, Violin, St. John's Chancel Choir*

*Who is this? Who is this who walks among us?*

*Who speaks such words? Is it Moses, or Elijah, or some prophet of the Lord?*

*Can we name this suffering servant? Can we name the promised sun?*

*Can we name the heir of David? Hidden, holy one.*

*You are Christ, from God eternal, Living God from human womb,*

*Our deliverer and redeemer, known by cross and empty tomb.*

*Jesus, hidden, holy one. Who is this?*

### What is "The Offertory"?

*This is the time in the service called the Offertory (taken from the word "Offer") in which we bring forward gifts of bread and wine for God's special meal called the Holy Eucharist. We also offer our money and other gifts to God for the work of teaching and helping others here and around the world. This is a time when the choir and other musicians offer their musical talents to God and to help us to pray. The Offertory is a time when we quietly pray about ways we can offer ourselves in spending more time with God. We invite our children gather tonight at the altar during the Offertory.*

*Oblation bearers bring forward the bread and wine for the communion meal on behalf of the congregation.*

### **Thank you for your giving:**

*Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's. Gifts of pledges and offerings may be placed in collection baskets or at the basins at the steps of the altar as you come up for communion.*

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*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)

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# PRESENTATION HYMN

Brother, sister, let me serve you

My Heart Sings Out, 94, vv. 1, 2

1 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'l - lers

Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each o - ther

let you be my ser - vant too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.

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

### What is the Eucharistic Prayer?

*“Eucharist” means Thanksgiving. This is the time when the priest offers a prayer to God on behalf of all of us. This prayer begins by giving thanks to God for making us and for making the world in which we live. We remember the life of God’s child, Jesus-- how Jesus lived for us, died, and rose again at Easter. We remember the words he said to his friends at his last meal with them. We call on God’s Holy Spirit to bless the bread and wine to become the body and blood of Jesus to give us strength to be his followers.*

*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 good and a joyful thing to give thanks to you, God Almighty, for you sent your Son to teach us to love one another. Joining the song of all creation, with our family and friends, with angels and Archangels, with people of every language and every nation; with those who have gone before us, those who are living, and those in generations yet to come, we lift up our voices in praise as we sing:

SANCTUS

The Hymnal 1982, S124

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 people stand or kneel as able. The Presider continues*

*Presider* We remember that on this night, the night before he died for us,  
 Jesus was at the 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, broken for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Bells ring as we remember.*

*Presider* After supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he have given thanks,  
 he gave it to them, and said:  
 “Drink this, all of you: this my Blood of the new Covenant,  
 which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me”.

*Bells ring as we remember.*

*Presider* Therefore, O God, we offer you our sacrifice presenting to you, from your  
 creation, this bread and this wine. We offer them knowing that, through  
 You, every division is ended, and we are one body; one family, one people.

*Presider and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
 we give thanks to you,  
 and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*Presider* We give thanks for all that you have done. Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray you, Gracious God, †send your Holy Spirit on us;  
open our eyes that we might see on this night  
that the impossible is possible,  
and that we, however young or old, might be born anew;

Quiet our fears and strengthen us with joy and courage.  
Show us, O God, that hunger may be ended, justice done,  
mercy given, bread broken, and peace shared among all your people.  
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 are yours,  
Almighty God, now and for ever. ***Amen!***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### **What is "The Lord's Prayer?"**

*We all join in praying together a special prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. We ask God to help us make it here on earth as it is in heaven. We ask God for our daily food for us and for others, and we ask God to forgive us when we don't do all that we should, and to help us forgive others when they don't do all that they should. We ask God to help keep us from making choices that hurt us and others, and we remember that we belong to God, who loves us and helps us forever and ever.*

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

**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/FRACTION ANTHEM

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

# Lamb of God

# Lift Every Voice and Sing, 270

The first system of music features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with a half note chord (F#4, A4) and a left hand with a half note chord (F#3, A3). The lyrics "Lamb of" are positioned below the vocal line.

The second system continues the vocal line with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with a right hand of quarter notes (F#4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4) and a left hand of quarter notes (F#3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3). The lyrics "God, you take a - way the sins of the" are positioned below the vocal line.

The third system continues the vocal line with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with a right hand of quarter notes (F#4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4) and a left hand of quarter notes (F#3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3). The lyrics "world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of" are positioned below the vocal line.

The fourth system continues the vocal line with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with a right hand of quarter notes (F#4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4) and a left hand of quarter notes (F#3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3). The lyrics "God, you take a - way the sins of the" are positioned below the vocal line.

world: have mer - cy on us, \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb of

God, you take \_ a - way the \_ sins \_ of the

world: \_\_\_\_\_ grant \_ us \_\_\_\_\_ peace. \_\_\_\_\_

Presider

These are the gifts of God.

People

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

Presider

Behold who you are. Become what you receive.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. Please follow the directions of the ushers toward a communion station. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten free.*

*Healing - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to the healing stations on the sides of the altar during communion. The person greeting you will anoint you with oil, lay hands on your shoulders and offer prayers for you.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

In remembrance of me

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 270

1. In re - mem - brance of me,  
2. (In re - ) mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -  
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is  
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

done. In re - in, Let him in.



Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber  
too. That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for  
you, shed for you. In re - mem - brance of me  
search for truth. In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. In re -  
mem - brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart

# Put peace into each other's hands

# Wonder, Love, and Praise, 790

1. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands and like a trea - sure  
 2. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands with lov - ing ex - pec -  
 3. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands, like bread we break for  
 4. As at com - mu - nion, shape your hands in - to a wait - ing  
 5. Put Christ in - to each oth - er's hands, he is love's deep - est

hold it. Pro - tect it like a can - dle flame, with  
 ta - tion; be gen - tle in your words and ways, in  
 shar - ing; look peo - ple warm - ly in the eye; our  
 cra - dle; the gift of Christ re - ceive, re - vere, u -  
 mea - sure; in love make peace, give peace a chance and

1. 2. 3. 4. || 5.

ten - der - ness en - fold it. \_\_\_\_\_  
 touch with God's cre - a - tion. \_\_\_\_\_  
 life is meant for car - ing. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ni - ted round the ta - ble. \_\_\_\_\_  
 share it like a treas - ure. \_\_\_\_\_

### What is the “Prayer of Christian Discipleship”?

*We end the service by offering a prayer that thanks God for feeding us with the bread and the wine of Jesus and for giving us the strength to go out to help God by helping others.*

### PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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

**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.***

### HOLY WEEK PRAYER

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### PROCESSION OF RESERVED SACRAMENT

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

***What is the Stripping of the Altar?*** *During this reflective time, the Altar, Sanctuary, and church are stripped of all ornamentation signifying Christ being left alone to pray before his betrayal, and arrest.*

*Following the stripping of the altar, the **people depart in silence.** Those who wish to do so may visit the altar in the West Transept and pray. **The church will remain open for prayer until 9:30pm.***

**"Adagio" from Sonata No. 3 in d minor**

**Johannes Brahms**

*Steve McGhee, Piano; Sonia Lee, Violin*

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

<b>Rector</b>	The Rev. Beth Taylor
<b>Associate Clergy</b>	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe
<b>Musicians</b>	Dr. Steven McGhee, <i>Music Director</i> ; Sonia Lee, <i>Violin</i> ; Brynn Ward, <i>Cantor</i> ; Bex Conway, Alek Mironov, Reese Stevens, <i>Choral Scholars</i> ; St. John's Chancel Choir
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Denise Barnett, Bob Davis, Lisa Dion, Marti Falconer, Allyson Frank, Elaine Kapelanski, Ray Kwiatkowski, Mary Ann LeComb, Pam Lupinski, Joyce Morey, Barbara Moran, Mary Ann Morrow, Betsy Morton, Therese Nottingham, JoAnna Prudden, Kathy Stricker, Kate Weide, Bette Ann Wright
<b>Lectors</b>	Deborah Shepherd, Elizabeth Swanchara, Bill Weide
<b>Intercessor</b>	Joey Spano
<b>Acolytes</b>	Carol Aaron, Owen Kornmiller, Kevin McLogan
<b>Ushers/Greeter</b>	Marie Donigan, Janice Pedersen
<b>Greeter during service</b>	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kayleigh Long, Holly McNeal, Mark Miliotto, Chuck Tucker
<b>Healing Minister</b>	Elizabeth Swanchara
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Mary Ann Morrow
<b>Tech Team</b>	Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones, Laurie McLaughlin, Mark Miliotto
<b>Opener/Closer</b>	Tim Morgan, Beth Taylor

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2024

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**Good Friday: Friday, March 29,  
12:00noon Stations of the Cross, 4:00pm Intergenerational/Interactive Stations  
of the Cross, 7:00pm Holy Eucharist**

On Good Friday, we remember Christ's suffering and death, we receive 'reserved sacrament' rather than celebrating a new Eucharist meal to remember that this was the day of Jesus crucifixion and death.



**Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30, 7:00pm  
Lighting of the New Fire, Stories, Baptism and Eucharist**

We light the 'new fire' of the Paschal Candle, hear the stories of God's through the great Salvation Stories (So Good!) and renew of baptismal vows. It's an ancient liturgy with the St. John's twist – celebrating the Resurrection with joy. It is a service of deep mystery, beauty, and darkness which is overcome by light. This service is very appropriate for children! Festive Reception immediately following.

**Easter Sunday: Sunday, March 31, 8:00am and 10:15am  
Bells, Flowers, Holy Eucharist**



This festival Eucharist proclaims the risen Christ, the fulfillment of hope, the triumph of justice, and the immortality of love. Special music is shared. Get ready with bells to ring! Flowers that adorn the altar are delivered to our homebound parishioners during the week (let us know if you can help). Easter egg hunt (trunk or treat style) following.