



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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.)

The God of Abraham praise

The Hymnal 1982, 401 vv.1-3

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.

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 Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

Lector A Reading from Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

- 3 The LORD will not let your foot be moved *
and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 It is the LORD who watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
The LORD shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

I Shall Not Leave from By Your Side

SFHO, vv.1.2

1. I shall not leave from by your side;
2. Your peo - ple, I shall call my own:
where you will live, I and shall a - bide.
flesh of my flesh, and bone of bone;
Where you will go, God I'll walk with you.
and to your God I'll sing my praise,
Where you will sleep, I'll slum - ber too.
the One whose love shall fill our days.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that

whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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, Ann, Rich, Jennifer, 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.**

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.*)

I will lift up mine eyes (Psalm 121)

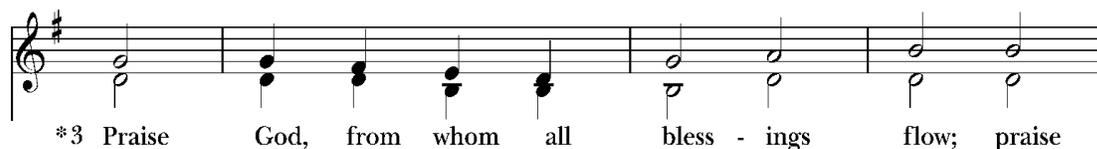
Leo Sowerby

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.

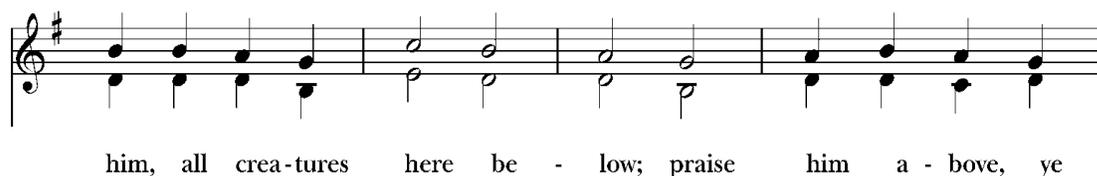
PRESENTATION HYMN (at 10:15a.m.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

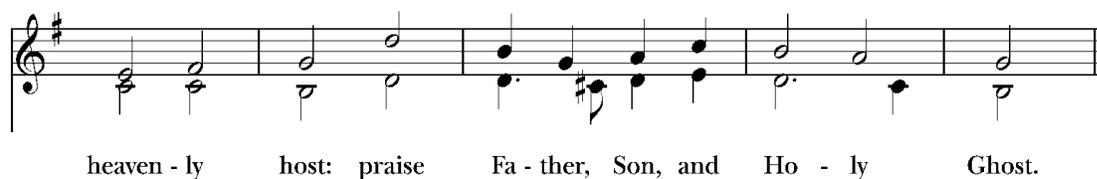
The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3



*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.

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 first system of the musical score consists of 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 features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The text "Lamb of" is written below the vocal line.

The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "God, you take a way the sins of the". The vocal melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a half note G4 and a quarter note F#4. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns. The text "God, you take a way the sins of the" is written below the vocal line.

The third system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "world: have mercy on us. Lamb of". The vocal melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a half note G4 and a quarter note F#4. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns. The text "world: have mercy on us. Lamb of" is written below the vocal line.

The fourth system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "God, you take a way the sins of the". The vocal melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a half note G4 and a quarter note F#4. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns. The text "God, you take a way the sins of the" is written 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.

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.)

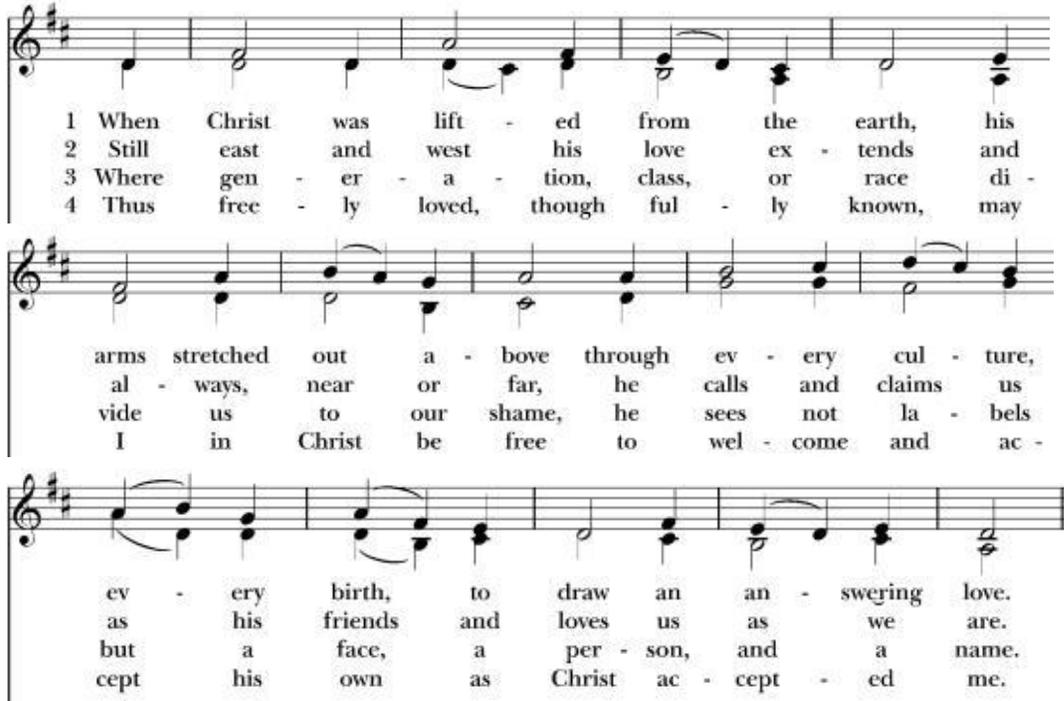
And now, O Father, mindful of the love

The Hymnal 1982, 337

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come: O draw us to thy feet. most
 bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so
 him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery
 forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and
 eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

When Christ was lifted from the earth

The Hymnal 1982, 603



1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
as his friends and loves us as we are.
but a face, a per - son, and a name.
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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.*)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

The Hymnal 1982, 636



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

DISMISSAL

The people turn to face the Clergy

Clergy Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Rachel Andrews	3/2	Therese Nottingham	3/26
Lincoln Austin*	3/3	Kanata Richardson	3/6
Elijah Barnett	3/23	Nancy Sever	3/9
Clarence Craft	3/27	Debbie Smith	3/6
Sandy Curtis	3/28	Dennis Spatafora	3/4
Lisa Dion	3/13	Russell Sykes	3/25
Alex Fagenson	3/11	Perry Threatt	3/23
Steve Fairman	3/20	Sara Troyer	3/20
Martie Falconer	3/11	Bob Walsh	3/22
Anthony Gaglio	3/31	Jim Whipple	3/2
Bill Hamilton	3/3	Timi Wittig	3/3
Joe Holcomb	3/19	Anna Youngblood	3/18
Lori Knoth	3/19	Blake Youngblood*	3/17
Sarah Lee	3/14	* = child	
Case Lowler	3/7		
Barbara Lugger	3/1	ANNIVERSARIES	
Kelly Mankin	3/26	Karelyn Dippel & Jessica	
Alex Mueller	3/9	Hoagland	
Sophie Mulligan-Kirk*	3/31	Nathan & Denise McMurray	
Aubrey Muth	3/5		
Gary Neighbors	3/12		
Ricky A. Marinco	3/3		

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Sunday, March 1 – Worship at 8:00a.m. & 10:15a.m., First Sunday Breakfast in Jatho Hall AND Community Conversations with Emma Bruns following 10:15a.m. service

Wednesday, March 4 – Lenten Evening & Prayer at 6:15p.m.

Saturday, March 7 – Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30a.m. – 10:30a.m.,

Ann H. Davis Memorial Service at 11:00a.m. in Sanctuary,

Episcopal 101 at 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m. in Church Library

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

Blessing Bags Intergenerational Service Project with Emma Bruns following 10:15a.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 - 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 – Worship at 8:00a.m. & 10:15a.m.

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

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

Acolytes

(8:00a.m.) LeeAnn Morgan

(10:15a.m.) Carol Aaron, Griffin Bruns, Jennifer Bruns

Altar Guild

(8:00a.m.) Ray Kwiatowski

(10:15a.m.) Kathy Stricker, Maryann LeComb

Bread Baker

Linda Watkins

Eucharistic Ministers

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

(10:15a.m.) Askari Asante, Aubrey Muth, Bruce Donigan,
Marie Donigan

Greeters

(8:00a.m.) Paulynn Auger

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

Greeters during service

(8:00a.m.) Paulynn Auger

(10:15a.m.) Mary Fairman

Healing Ministers

(8:00a.m.) LeeAnn Morgan

(10:15a.m.) Debbie Smith

8:00a.m. Lectors

Chuck Tucker – First Lesson and the Psalm

Rosemary Spatafora – Second Lesson and Prayers of the
People

10:15a.m. Lectors

Deborah Shepherd – First Lesson and the Psalm

Linda Watkins – Second Lesson

Marie Donigan – 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

Ray Kwiatowski, Pete Kelley

Parking Lot Greeters

Gregg Barnett, Richard LeJeune

Sunday School Teachers

Melanie Macey, Emma Bruns

Tech Team

Laurie McLaughlin, Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones, Tales Lima

Ushers

Carl Jones, Cole Gluklick, David Landis, Eric Babcock, Joan
McFeaters

Vergers

Rachel Andrews, Kevin McLogan

Interim Rector of St. John's

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck



Please join us downstairs in Jatho Hall for Breakfast.

First Sunday Breakfast is a tradition at St. John's. It's a great way to see friends and make new ones! Suggested donation of \$5 - \$10 *sliding scale* per person. You may use this QR code to donate.



Join Us for 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 (3/4, 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.

✦ Episcopal Church 101

Saturday, March 7 | 1:00–3:00 PM

Curious about the Episcopal Church? Want to go deeper in your understanding of our faith and traditions? Join us for this two-session interactive forum exploring our history, teachings, worship, and what it means to be Episcopalian. Bring your questions — the ones you've always wondered about or wanted to explore more deeply. All are welcome, whether you're new to St. John's or a lifelong member.

✝️ 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.

We hope you will 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:



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