



**Annual Meeting Sunday
and
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2024
One Combined Service at 9:30am**

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! 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 welcome 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

THE WORD OF GOD

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

OPENING HYMN

Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives Songs for the Holy Other

1. Im - par - tial, com - pass - ion - ate God of all lives,
 2. Un - ho - ly, un - just - i - fied fear we in - cite,
 3. Cre - a - tor of beau - ty, we stand not in pride,
 4. Our hope is your free - dom, for both great and small,
 5. All hon - or - we give you, O help us to see,

in Christ you have shown us your love ac - tual - ized,
 when we shun our neigh - bors yet cling to our rights.
 we do not as - sume you will stay on our side.
 to strive for per - fec - tion and know all means all.
 your chil - dren are wor - thy to claim vic - to - ry.

in - car - nate and weak in the arms of the poor,
 Your chil - dren still wan - der the streets left in pain,
 For yours is the sa - cred, un - tar - nished by sin,
 We chal - lenge and quest - ion each law with - out grace,
 And so let our ac - tions flow out of our praise,

de - stroy - ing all sys - tems that keep closed the door.
 we pass laws a - gainst them to prove our dis - dain.
 a re - fuge for out - casts that all may come in.
 af - firm - ing the im - age of Christ on each face.
 to seek trans - for - ma - tion, your Kin - dom to raise.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider †Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

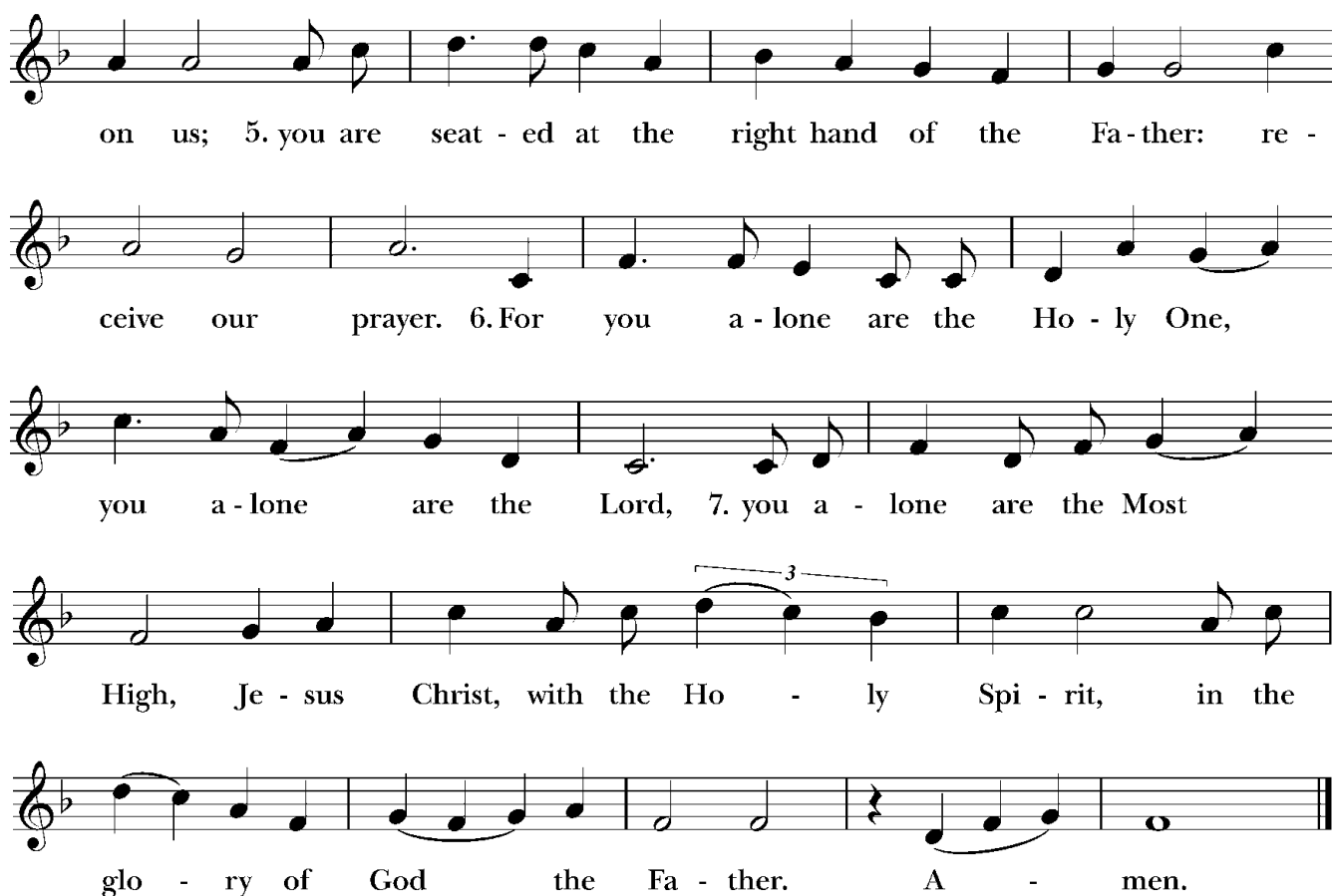
PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

All God, we are a reflection of your Holy Spirit.
By your grace we are blessed with many gifts that enable us to be
your hands and feet and voice in the world.
Help us to serve others with love, to be animated by generosity,
and to live without fear.
Today, and every day, let us each hear the answer to the question,
"God, what do you want to do through me?" *Amen.*

GLORIA

The Hymnal 1982, S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will

die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 Full of majesty and splendor, is the work of the LORD,*
whose righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 God is gracious and full of compassion; *
whose marvelous works are to be remembered.
- 5 The LORD gives food to the God-fearing; *
ever mindful of the covenant.
- 6 The LORD has shown the chosen people works of power *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The hands of the LORD work faithfulness and justice; *
all the commandments of the LORD are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 The LORD sent redemption to the chosen people;
commanding the covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is the name of the LORD.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
the praise of the LORD endures for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing as the Gospel book is processed to the nave.

GOSPEL HYMN

Jesus, name above all names

Voices Found, 81

Je - sus, name a-bove all names, beau-ti-ful sav - iour, glo-rious

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal melody on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The vocal line includes three triplet markings over the words 'name', 'sav', and 'glor'. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Lord; _____ Em - man - u - el— God is

The second system continues the melody. It includes a long horizontal line under 'Lord;' indicating a breath or a pause. The vocal line has triplet markings over 'Em', 'u', and 'is'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure.

with us, bless-ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing word.

The third system concludes the phrase. It features triplet markings over 'Re', 'er', and 'word'. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained note in the left hand.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Gospeller †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

SERMON

The Rev. Beth Taylor

A period of silence is kept.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Clergy Gathered as believers in Christ, and made one body through Christ, let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

We pray for the Church; for all the people of St. John’s in their many ministries. Help us to remember that we are the Church, called and sent into the world, serving wherever it is we are present. God of love –

Hear our prayer.

O God, in the midst of turmoil throughout the world, we seek your guidance and your light. Guide the hearts of your servants and all leaders to do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth. God of love –

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those who ask questions, for those who give voice to doubt, and for those who deliberate and discern. For those who are new to the St. John's community, and for those preparing to be baptized, confirmed and received into the Church. God of love –

Hear our prayer.

For all who work for justice, that they may be sustained with hope, empowered with courage, and filled with the grace to persevere in love. God of love –

Hear our prayer.

For the widowed and orphaned, for the aged and the homebound, for the sick and the suffering, especially Barbara, Greg, Gloria, Carolyn, Janet, Allyson, Elaine, Sandor, Kathy, Gabby, Jeffernell, Trudy, Gayle, Bob, Jo Anne, Sue, Emma, Scout, and those we now name _____; for the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, and for all prisoners, refugees, and immigrants. God of love –

Hear our prayer.

Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty and worth of every human being. God of love –

Hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the blessings of our lives, especially for signs and symbols of hope, new seasons, and new life. God of love –

Hear our prayer.

We commend to God all who have †died, especially those whom we now name _____; and for those who have died and are known to God alone.

May they rest in eternal peace. God of love –

Hear our prayer.

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

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.***

THE 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. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Presider May the Peace of Christ always be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The peace is exchanged among the people.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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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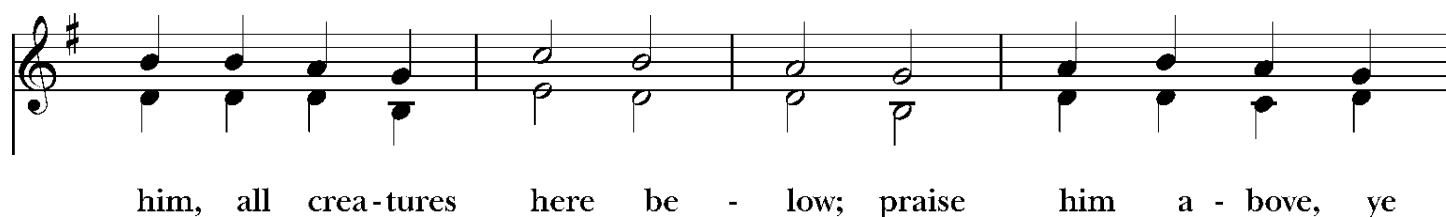
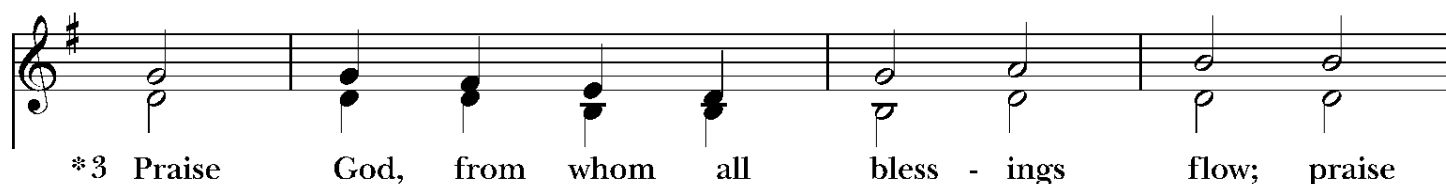
OFFERTORY MUSIC Ubi caritas et amor Richard Proulx

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Hymnal 1982, S128

Presider and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Mary the Mother of God, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

†Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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/FRACTION ANTHEM

Litany of Saints

Adapted from Psalm 113

Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Congregation

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics 'Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -'. The third staff concludes the phrase with 'lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - - - jah!'. Above the staves, various guitar chords are indicated: D, Dmaj7, Em, G(add2), F#m, Bm, Bm/A, G(add2), D(add2) on the first staff; Em7, G(add2), D on the second staff; and D(add2), Em7, G(add2), D on the third staff.

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.***

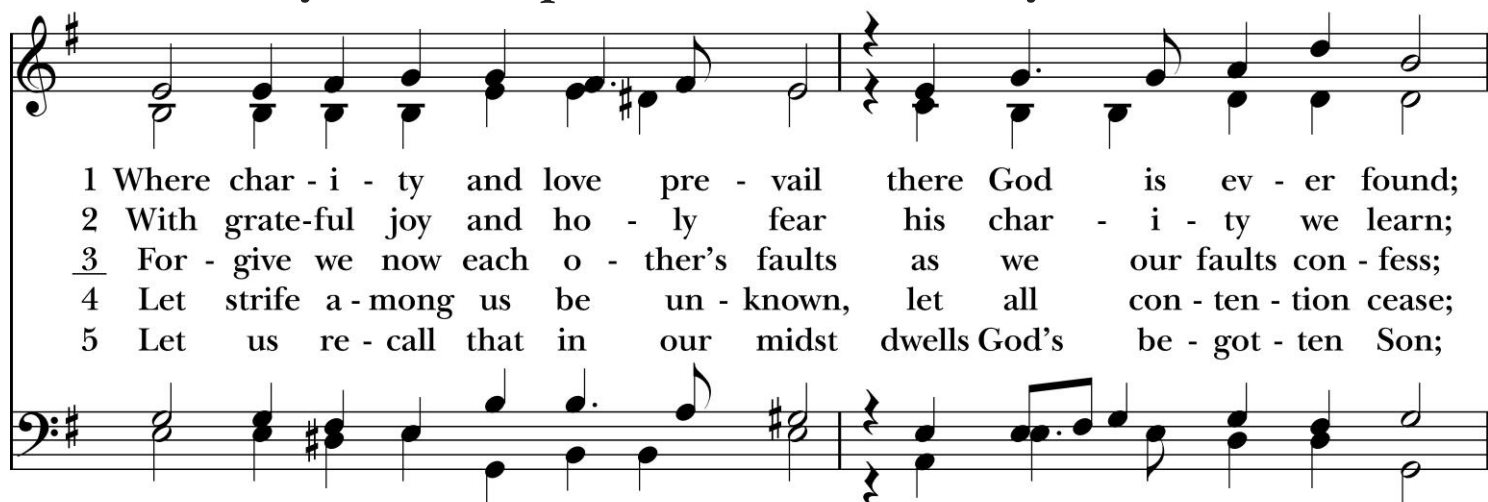
Presider Behold who you are and become what you receive.

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 wafers are gluten-free.

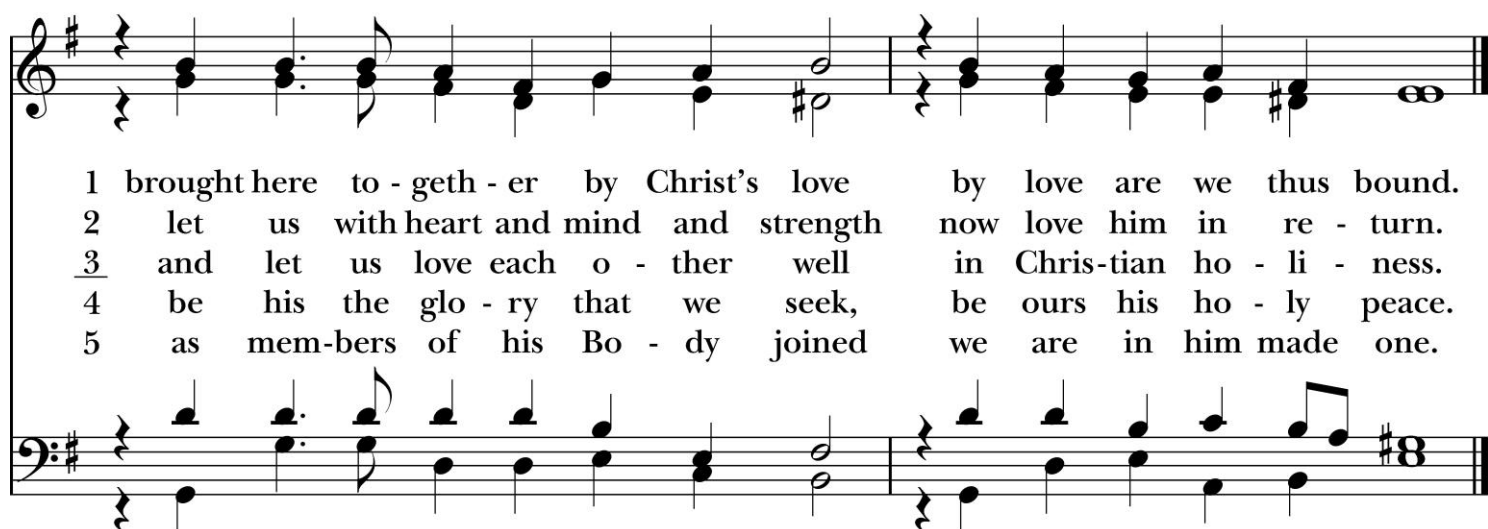
COMMUNION HYMNS

Where charity and love prevail

The Hymnal 1982, 581



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;



1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's Name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

One bread, one body

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, 151

One bread, one bod-y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through-out the earth, We are one

Last time bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

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

D.S.

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

⊕ CODA

Lord. —

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body.
 Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, and renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.***

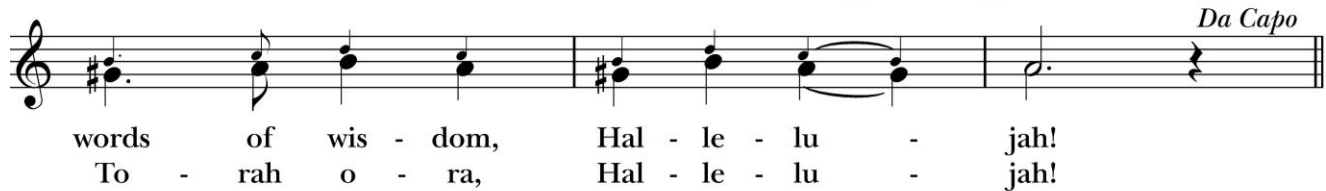
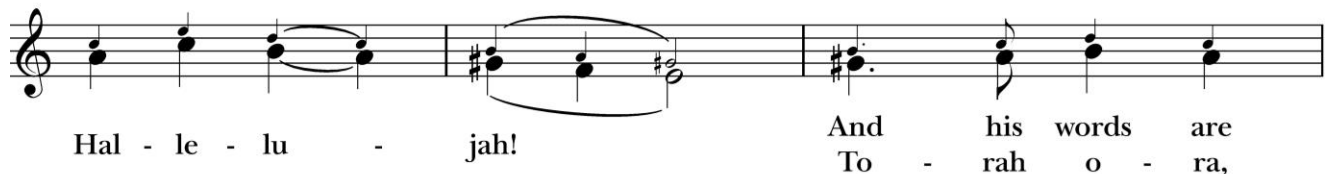
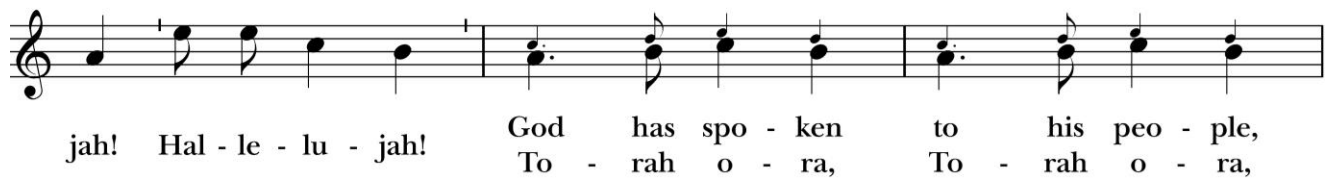
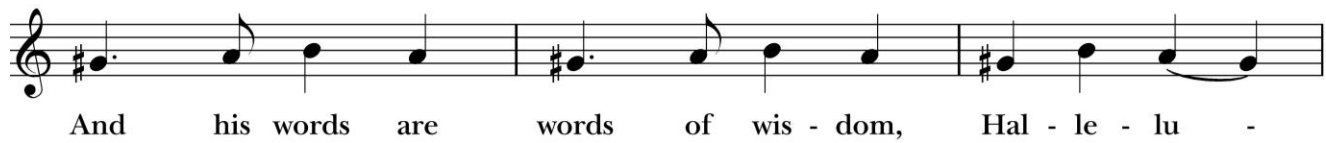
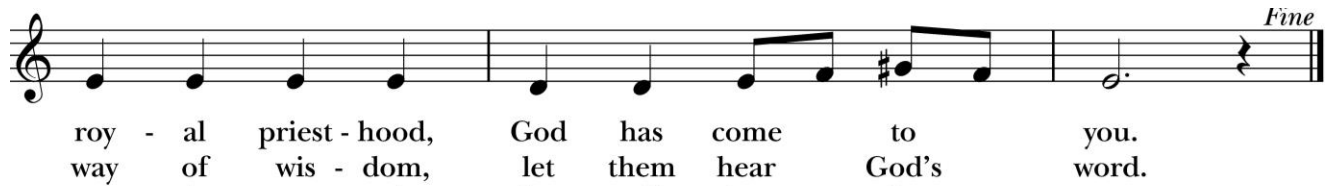
BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

God has spoken to his people The Hymnal 1982 536, vv. 1, 2

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,

o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
 they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the



“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

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DISMISSAL

Clergy Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

St. John's Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting begins today immediately following the service.

Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

In gratitude for

Rachel Andrews, and Nicole Stewart (Co-Wardens)
and Sharon Kennedy, Tim Morgan, and Melissa Thompson
who end their service on the Vestry today.

Thank you for your service.

Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings

We welcome your participation and contributions to this ministry. If you would like to have a flower thanksgiving or memorial placed in the bulletin, please contact Jennifer Perkins at 248-546-1255 or office@stjohnro.org or you can give online by going to the St. John's website at stjohnsroyaloak.org - click on GIVE and then from the "Fund" dropdown options, select "Flower Fund." The suggested minimum donation is \$25.00; however, all donations will be accepted and recognized. Thank you!

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

Lectors	Aubrey Muth – First Lesson; H. Michael Falconer – Psalm; Marcy Darin – Second Lesson; Mary Gilhuly – Prayers of the People
Greeter before the service	Bernadette Ethridge
Greeter during the service	Mary Fairman
Ushers	Jonatan Ascarruz-Ascencios, Veronica Griffith, Janice Pedersen, Kris Sprague
Altar Guild	Barb Moran, Denise Barnett, Mary Ann Morrow
Bread Baker	MaryAnn Morrow
Eucharistic Ministers	Jonatan-Ascarruz-Asencios, Kayleigh Long, Marie Donigan, Sandy Curtis
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	Kevin McLogan
Healing Minister	Barbara Jones
Acolytes	Justice McNeal, Linda Tucker, Nathan Babcock
Tech Team	Christopher Bosley, Laurie McLaughlin, Mark Milotto, Barbara Jones
Acolyte Verger	Kevin McLogan
MC	John Russotto
Opener/Closer	Mark Miliotto
Altar Flower Care	Kate Weide
Musicians	Steve McGhee, Brynn Ward, St. John's Chancel Choir, Bex Conway, Alek Mirinov, Reese Stevens (Choir Scholars)
Associate Clergy/Curate	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe
Rector	The Rev. Beth Taylor

Parish Calendar

January 28 – February 4, 2024

Sunday, January 28	9:30am	One combined service Annual Meeting immediately following
Monday, January 29		
Tuesday, January 30		
Wednesday, January 31	10:00am	Bible Study
Thursday, February 1	11:30am 7:30pm	Healing Service Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 2	9:00am	Open Hands prep
Saturday, February 3	9:00am Open 12:00pm	Hands Food Pantry Distribution First Sunday Breakfast prep
Sunday, February 4	8:00am 10:15am 10:15am	Worship – in person Sunday School Worship – in person/Zoom First Sunday Breakfast following the 10:15am service

Additional Prayer List

Persons being prayed for:

Barbara, Bob, Cathy, Rabia
 Sarah
 Charlotte, Shirley, Jerica, Kayden
 Dottie
 Michele, Jacob
 Briana, Wettona, Ezra, Vic, Jackie
 Sandi
 Lois, Willa, Cheyenne
 Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim
 Larry, Lois
 Gary, Patrick
 Jeanette, Evelyn
 Donna
 Jess
 Pat, Janet
 Angelina, Jamie
 Clyde, Shauna, Shannon
 Donna, MaryPat, Linda, Debbie
 Eluskie family - Gibreal Daoud, Marian and Oriana
 Romaine, Donna, Diedre & family, Terry, Sonya
 JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia
 Lorie, Rosa, Dennis, Ed, Betty, Patty
 Gabrielle
 Mike
 Kathryn, Dave
 The Singer Family
 Bill
 Ashley, Eli, Alex
 Arthur
 Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria
 Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda, Joe, Matt
 Gail, Phil, Steven, Paul
 Randy
 Adam, Don
 Catherine, Bob, Victor, Scott, Marilyn, Shelly, Paul
 Barbara, Bob, Cathy
 David, David
 Dominic, Pam, Cristi, Nancy, Miles, Jackie, Crystal, Maureen
 June
 Jeff
 Catherine
 Brian
 Debbie, Marion, Eileen

Requested by:

Safyan Afzul & Bob Stevens
 Rachel Andrews
 Gerardo Aponte-Safe
 Anne & Pete Baird
 The Bennett Family
 Gloria Brown
 Jen Bruns
 Janet Craft
 Carolyn Darling
 Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton
 Ann Davis
 Cheryl Donigan
 Ellen Ehrlich
 Leesa Elkins
 Mary Fairman & Sue Brown
 Allyson Frank
 The Gilbertsons
 Diana Graor
 Veronia Griffith
 Jeffernell Howcott
 Kathy Kustowski
 Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker
 Pam Lupinski
 Leah Lynady
 Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda
 Maryann Maiuri and Kim Unrau
 Barbara & Chris Moran
 Maryann Morrow
 Janice Pedersen
 Mapley Extended Family
 Mary Ann Morrow
 Bob & Trudy Nagaj
 Marilyn Robinson
 Jeff & Nancy Sever
 Joey Spano
 Bob Stevens
 Elizabeth Swanchara
 The Sykes Family
 Barbara Thornton
 Sue Tower
 Mark Valenti
 Bob Walsh
 Tamra Zakar



Ash Wednesday

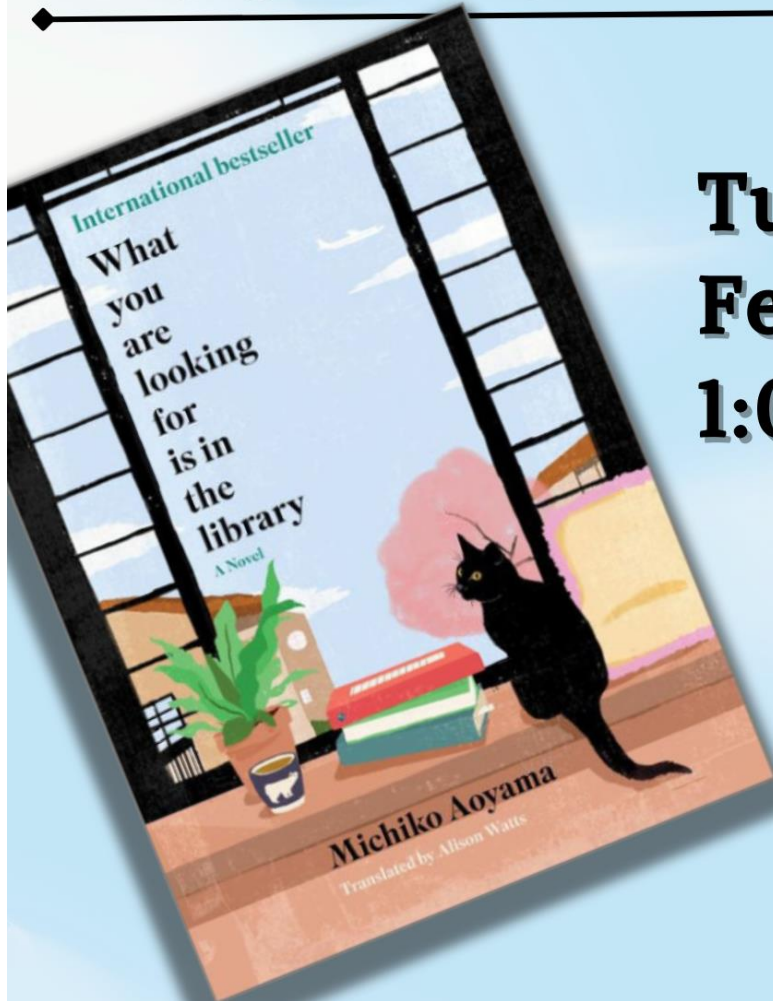
February 14, 2024
7am, 12pm, 7pm

Imposition of Ashes at 7:00am, 12noon, 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of fasting, prayer, self-examination and preparation for the Easter Feast.

The imposition of ashes is an ancient sign of repentance. The translation of the Greek word for repent has a three-fold meaning: to turn around, to go in a new direction (the direction of God), and to be transformed. And so on Ash Wednesday, we long and pray for return, rebirth, and renewal. As we are + marked with ashes on our foreheads in the same manner that we are signed with the cross at Baptism, we are reminded that we are + marked as Christ's own forever.

St. John's Reads



**Tuesday,
February 13
1:00pm**

Please join us for a lively discussion of the charming novel, “What you are Looking for is in the Library” This is a delightful story from Japan translated into English about five unrelated people who find themselves at crossroads in their lives. At the local library they make discoveries and connections for their journey in this life.

This is a charming, thoughtful uplifting tale.

**NEW LOCATION -- meet in the Community Room.
All are welcome. Bring a friend!**