

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

8:00AM IN-PERSON WORSHIP
10:15AM ONLINE/IN-PERSON WORSHIP

St. John's Episcopal Church Royal Oak, MI

St. John's Welcome Statement

We're a Believe OUTLOUD Episcopal Congregation

EVERYONE is WELCOME! EVERYONE BELONGS!

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*

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

We are so pleased that you are here! All are welcome to receive communion, partaking of the holy food that strengthens us for the journey of life. To facilitate this, our communion bread is gluten-free. A soft space is available in the east wing of the sanctuary for little ones and their parents, as well as a kid's corner with books, coloring trays, and fidget toys in the Narthex/Atrium. If you are visiting us for the first time, we invite you to fill out a card found in each pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. All are welcome to attend St. John's programs and events. Everyone is welcome, everyone belongs!

PRELUDE

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

OPENING HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah — H1982, 690



THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

GLORIA *(spoken at 8:00am)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GLORIA *(at 10:15am)* LEVAS II,241





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON — Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

Lector A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."
But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78: 1-7

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our ancestors have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works God has done.
5 God set up decrees for Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
commanding them to teach it their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep God's commandments.

THE SECOND LESSON — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

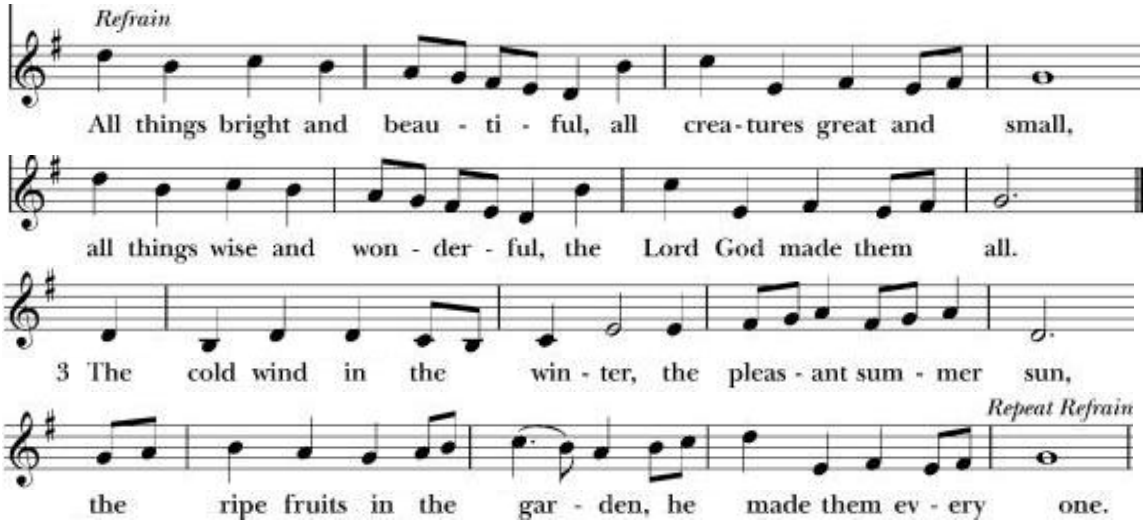
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

GOSPEL HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

All things bright and beautiful (Royal Oak) — H1982, 405, v. 3



THE HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 25: 1-13

Gospeller †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Gospeller 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

During Native American History Month, the Prayers of the People incorporates the language of the First Nations Version of the New Testament.

Presider In confidence that our LORD, the Honored Chief hears our prayers, we offer them up saying: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: For our sacred church family throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie, our bishop; for Maryjane, our clergy; for priests, deacons and lay leaders in their many ministries.

People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: That our sacred family that it may always fix its gaze on the life that lasts forever through a faithful witness to you. We pray especially for the people of St. Andrew's in Waterford and for St. Margaret's in Santo Domingo of the Dominican Republic

People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: Our prayers rise like smoke to the Great Spirit, that he will see and answer us. Every step is a prayer, and as we welcome those who dance upon the earth for the things they seek, let the way open before them. In the same way, as we search for the true ancient pathways, that we will find them.

People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until it was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and deserts, forests, and plains; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. The circle of your creation has been broken time and again by greed and violence and many lives have been shattered. Renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all your people to one another; that they and all the earth may live and be drawn toward you and through the power of your son, Creator Sets Free, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and always.

People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: We pray for all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, and their families; especially for Gloria, Kathy, Gayle, Sue, Kristen, Barbara, Rich, Carolyn, Don, Kathy, Joyce, Jeffrey, Kris, Karen, Linda, Mary Ann and those we now name_____; As the Great Spirit walks with us through times of trouble, giving us courage and well-being, allow us to give to others the same comfort he has given to us.

People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: We remember all the saints & souls gone before us. We invite you to say aloud together the names of the special people in your lives who have died_____. Remind us that we know that once the Chosen One (Christ) was raised to life from the dead, he would never die again. Death no longer has the power to rule over him or us,

People: **Honored Chief, show us kindness.**

Leader: So then through our Creator, Jesus, let us keep giving thanks as a sacrificial offering to the Great Spirit. This is the fruit of our lips, giving honor to him and all that his name represents.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

The people stand or kneel.

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

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 your will. 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.

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. The people are seated.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Give online: stjohnsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE
Text: Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256
Mail: St. John's Episcopal Church Royal Oak
26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067
Envelopes: Available upon request 248-546-1255 or
OR scan this code to be directed to the giving page.

PRESENTATION *(at 8:00am)*

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

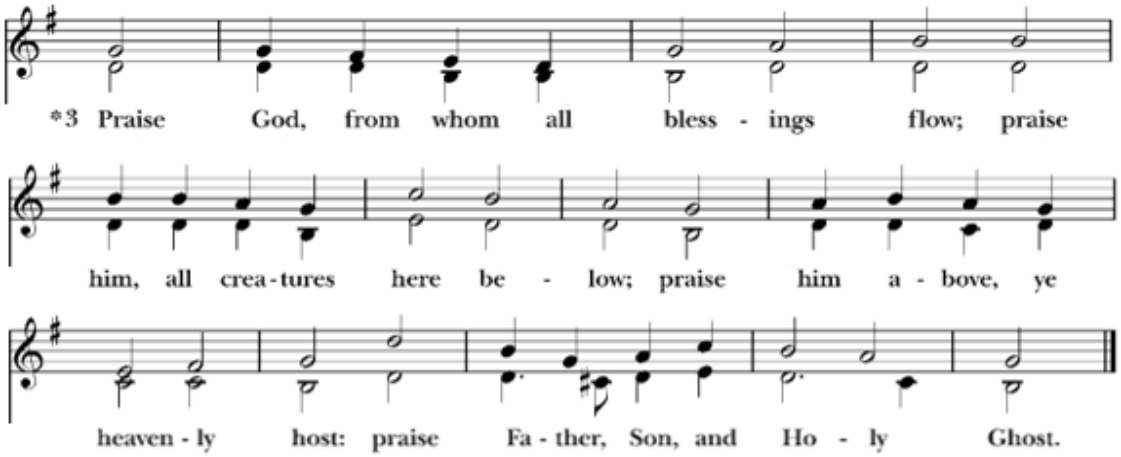
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC *(at 10:15am)*

My Lord, what a mornin' (Traditional Spiritual) arr. Howard Helvey

PRESENTATION HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

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



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer B

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

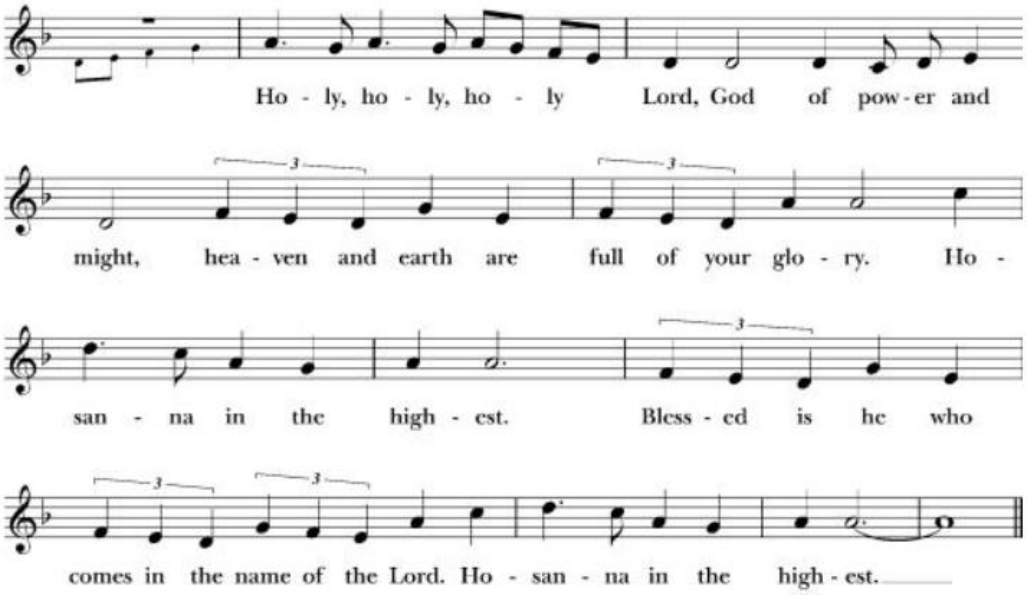
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in 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 *(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.

Holy, Holy, Holy *(at 10:15am)* **The Hymnal 1982, S129**



Presider 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 the Virgin Mary, 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,

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

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

Presider 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 Blessed John and 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 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.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider In one voice, we now pray the Lord's Prayer, as it is given to us in the language of the First Nations.

All **Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(spoken at 8:00am)*

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God *(at 10:15am)* Gather, 266



Presider These are the Gifts of God!

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

Presider Behold who you are. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten-free. If you are unable to come to the altar, but desire Communion, please notify an usher. 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 10:15am)*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence H1982, 324



Signs of endings all around us — WLP 721



Stewardship Reflection — Chuck Tucker

Prayer after Communion

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

Presider Eternal God,

All **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.**

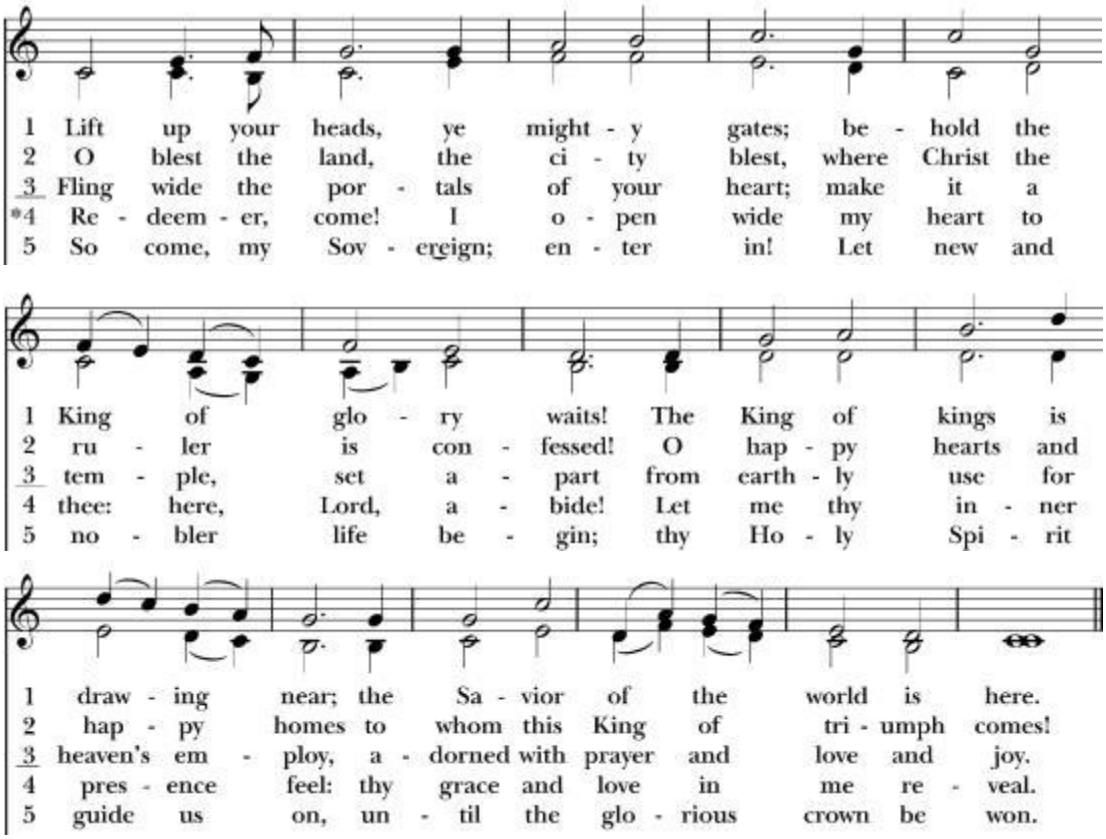
Blessing

Presider Let us pray.
Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with your forever.

All **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates — H1982, 436



DISMISSAL

Clergy Let us go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers

In loving memory of Carl H. Weiler,
whose life and presence will be forever cherished
By Jim Whipple and Michael Weiler

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

Acolytes
(8:00a.m.) Joey Spano
(10:15a.m) Ian Babcock, Owen Kornmiller
Molly Berousek

Altar Guild
(8:00a.m.) Kate Weide
(10:15a.m.) Martie Falconer

Bread Baker
Linda Watkins

Eucharistic Ministers
(8:00a.m.) Kayleigh Long, Peg Coury
(10:15a.m.) Askari Asante, Aubrey Muth,
Bruce Donigan, Marie Donigan

Greeters
(8:00a.m.) Joey Spano
(10:15a.m.) Bernie Ethridge

Greeters during service
(8:00a.m.) Maria Walter
(10:15a.m.) Gregory Taub

Healing Ministers
(8:00a.m.) ----------
(10:15a.m.) Bob Davis

Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry
Emma Bruns

8:00a.m. Lectors
Barbara Lugger – First Lesson and the Psalm
Yve Jones – Second Lesson and the Prayers of the People

10:15a.m. Lectors
Bob Nagaj – First Lesson
Christy Scott – The Psalm
Mary Adams – Second Lesson and the Prayers of the People

Musicians
Dr. Steve McGhee, *Music Director and Organist*
St. John's Chancel Choir
Cailin Weber, *Choral Scholar*

Opener/Closer
Steve Fairman, Chris Moran

Parking Lot Greeters
Richard Le Jeune, Gregg Barnett

Tech Team
Barbara Jones, Chris Bosley, Laurie McLaughlin,
Tales Lima

Ushers
Carl Jones, Cole Gluklick, David Landis,
Joan McFeaters, Richard LeJeune

Vergers
Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews

Interim Rector
The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

We continue to pray for …

Lorie, Patty, Wilma, Nan, Chris, Jan, Dot, Brad, Lori, Lisa, Kristy, Richard (by Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker), Kayson (by Kim Unrau and Maryann Maiuri), Gayle (by Pam Lupinski), Abby, Lois (by Marcy Darin), Johnny (by Susan Bonnen) Pail (by Rachel Andrews), Owen Klein, Woody (by Cheryl Clouthier), Dame (by Celeste Stone & Cindy Fellner) Rich (by Jenny Galat), Jamie (by Debbie Smith), Jennifer, Bob, Gary (by Deborah Shepherd), Ross (by Kevin McLogan) Gene and Marg (by Jannah Cole), Oliver, Olivia, Angelina (by Allyson Frank), Lindsey Anderson (by Joan McFeaters), Dave (by Erica Anculle), Jeanne Findlater (by Scout Osborne), Jillian (by Will Wittig), Bernie Ethridge, Marilyn Robinson (by Janice Pedersen), Dale Gilbertson (by Jennifer Bartleman), John Trace, Bruce Robson, Bob Walsh, Marcy Darin, James, Barbara Thornton, John Trace, Kevin McLogan.

Visit our website to make a prayer request online OR
contact the church office at 248-546-1255 / office@stjohnro.org

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Sunday, November 8
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Tuesday, November 10
Card Ministry meeting at 10:30am
in the Church Library

Sunday, November 15
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
Faith in Justice Meeting at 9:00am

Tuesday, November 17
Coffee With a Cause at 10:30am
in the Church Library

Saturday, November 21
Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am

Sunday, November 22
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
(Stewardship Cards Due)
Bridge of Voices Concert in Sanctuary
2:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday, November 26
THANKSGIVING DAY (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)



Gratitude Yoga Class with Carl & David
(Hosted by Tree of Life Yoga) at 9:30am

Friday, November 27
Black Friday (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)
New To You Black Friday Sale
10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, November 28
New To You Small Business Saturday Sale
10:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday, November 29
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Wednesday, December 2
St. John's Reads at 1:00pm
in the Community Room

Saturday, December 5
Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am

Sunday, December 6
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
(No First Sunday Breakfast)



Retirement Celebration for
Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck at 2:00pm
in Jatho Hall

Monday, December 7
First Monday Meditation at 7:00pm on Zoom

Tuesday, December 8
Card Ministry meeting at 10:30am
in the Church Library

Friday, December 11



St. John's Holiday Jam
Doors open at 6:00pm
Concert begins at 7:30pm

Sunday, December 13
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Tuesday, December 15
Coffee with a Cause meeting at 10:30am



in the Church Library
Blue Christmas Worship Service at 7:00pm

Saturday, December 19
Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am

Sunday, December 20
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
(Welcome Pastor Rebecca Kello!)



Children's Christmas Pageant at 10:15am
Greening of Church after 10:15am service

Thursday, December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)
Worship at 5:00pm and 10:00pm

Friday, December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)
Worship (Combined Service) at 9:30am

Sunday, December 27
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am



HOLIDAY JAM 2026

SILENT AUCTION - The Countdown Is On!
We're still looking for great items for our Holiday Jam silent auction! Think gift baskets, gift cards, experiences, tickets, services, or something unique from a local business. Have an idea or a connection? Now's the time to follow up! Every donation helps make the auction a success and supports the mission of St. John's. *Please have all donations to the church office by* ***Sunday, November 15.***

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!
General Admission: $30 / VIP Experience: $75
Tickets will be available **online only** (no paper tickets or cash sales).

There are TWO steps to complete your Holiday Jam registration:

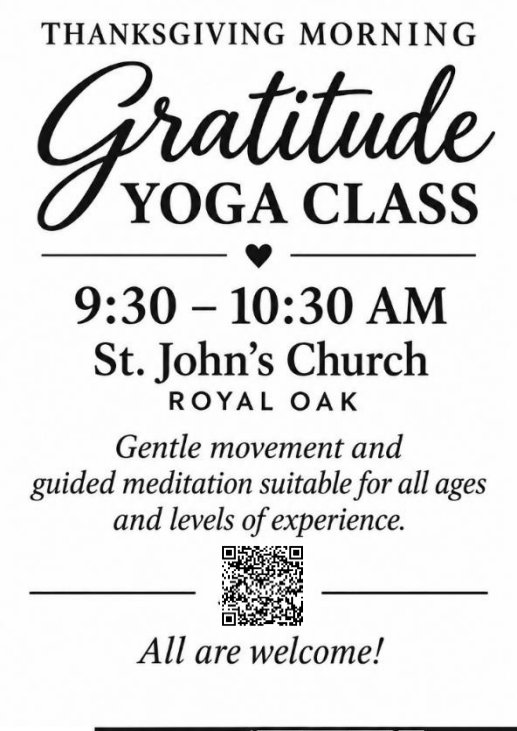
STEP 1: BUY YOUR TICKETS
Click the **"Donate & Tickets"** button to purchase your Holiday Jam tickets.
You will enter your credit card information to complete your ticket purchase.

STEP 2: REGISTER TO BID
To participate in the Silent Auction, click the **"Auction"** button at the top of the page, then select **"Register to Bid."** *This is a separate transaction and requires you to enter a credit card and either log in to your existing account or create a new account. If you registered last year, your account should still work.* **Please remember: Purchasing a ticket does NOT automatically register you to bid in the auction. Both steps must be completed!**



WE NEED YOUR HELP! HOLIDAY JAM VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!
We need several volunteers for set up / clean up / check in and raffle ticket sales as well as creating gift baskets for the silent auction. Please scan this QR CODE to volunteer.

Questions? Reach out to any committee member: Marie Donigan, Lisa Machesky, Maryann Maiuri, Kelly Mankin, Elizabeth Moon, Scout Osborne, Andy Stewart.



Thanksgiving Morning Gratitude Yoga Class
Join us for a special Thanksgiving Gratitude Yoga Class on **Thanksgiving morning from 9:30–10:30 AM** with Carl & Dave here at St. John's!

Enjoy gentle movement and guided meditation in a welcoming environment, suitable for all ages and experience levels. All donated proceeds will benefit Open Hands Food Pantry & Garden, supporting our neighbors in need this holiday season. Hosted by Tree of Life Yoga, this is a wonderful opportunity to begin Thanksgiving with gratitude, community, and well-being. All are welcome! We hope to see you there! Scan the QR Code to RSVP!



Please join us on Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. in Jatho Hall as we celebrate The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck and thank her for her ministry to St. John's!

Over the past 18 months, Maryjane has been a steady, caring presence in our congregation, offering thoughtful leadership and dedication during a time of transition. As she concludes her time at St. John's, she will also be retiring after 13 years of ministry! We look forward to celebrating this milestone with Maryjane, her family, and friends, and expressing our gratitude for all she has given to our church.

Maryjane's farewell brunch will take the place of our usual First Sunday Breakfast and will be prepared by our wonderful resident chef, Dallas Deyampert. A Signup Genius will be shared soon for those who would like to bring a few additional items to complement the brunch. We chose a 2:00 p.m. start time to make it possible for Maryjane's fellow clergy, who have their own Sunday morning services, to join us. In the meantime, save the date and plan to be here to send Maryjane off with our love, blessings, and best wishes!

FROM ONE HAND TO ANOTHER: STEWARDSHIP 2027

We're happy to launch our annual Stewardship Campaign this weekend at St. John's! As we celebrate the many hands that make our church so special, we are filled with gratitude for the wonderful community that gathers here. Your presence, your care for one another, and the many ways you bring life to our parish make St. John's the welcoming and loving place it is. We're so thankful to be on this journey together and look forward to celebrating all that God is doing in and through our church family.

What is a pledge?

A pledge is your intention to give a certain amount during 2027. Your pledge supports the mission and ministries of St. John's in the year ahead.

How to pledge

1. Prayerfully consider your total gift for 2027.
2. You can complete the front of your pledge card with your annual pledge, giving schedule and contact information. Or submit your pledge online here by scanning this QR Code:
3. Bring your card to church on **Sunday, November 22, 2026**

   OR mail them to **26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067**

Our hopes for St. John's

Everyone is invited to participate, whether you make a financial pledge. On your special hand (a special item in your pledge envelope) we hope you will write one hope you have for St. John's. This can be hope for growth, service, or a prayer to flourish in the year ahead. Bring or mail it back to church. On Sunday, November 22, we will gather and bless our hands and pledges together. Pledge cards are available by the ushers station.

Questions?

Contact a stewardship committee member.
Stewardship Committee: Peg Coury, Gregg Bloomfield, Nicole Stewart, Lisa Machesky, Jenny Galat or Cathy Holcomb.