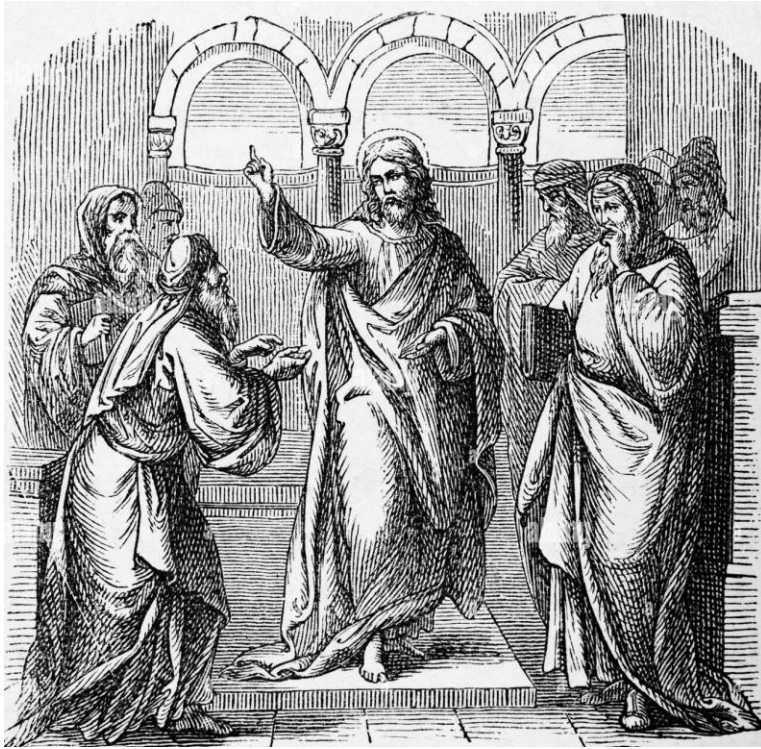




The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 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 are St. John's, a parish that invites you to enter the open doors 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.

St. John's Welcome Statement - Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2010

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)

Come, thou fount of every blessing

The Hymnal 1982, 686

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thv good - ness, like a
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to
flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider †Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God forever and ever. 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

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*)

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 - might - y 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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78: 1-4, 12-16

- 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.
- 12 God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 God split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 God led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 God split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 God brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

Lector A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

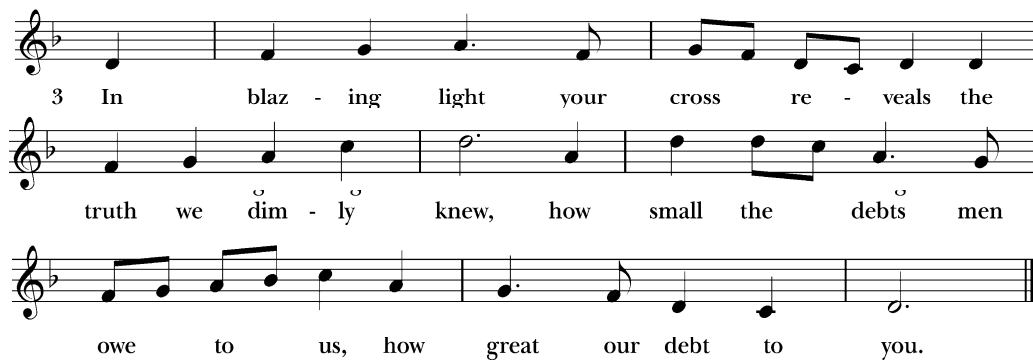
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

GOSPEL HYMN (at 10:15am)

Forgive our sins as we forgive (Detroit)

H1982, 674, v. 3



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

Presider Let us be generous and ready to share with prayer for all the needs of the world.

Leader: We pray for this nation, and the leaders of all nations and all in authority, especially in war torn and despairing places in our world. We pray in thanksgiving for all peacemakers, and for all those who have given their best efforts and attentions to making peace in our own families and communities, within this church, this nation, and throughout the world.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers for peace.**

Leader: We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie our Bishop; for our Diocesan Family of Congregations, laity and clergy in all their many ministries, and for the people of God in every place.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers for service.**

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, Bernie, Marcy, David, Angela, Bob, Joyce, Dale, Jeffrey, Kris and those we now name_____;

For the lonely, and for those who mourn, that mercy and compassion may transform their sorrow into joy.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers for healing.**

Leader: We pray for the deepening spirituality of all those in the St. John's community, and we pray in thanksgiving for the stewardship of this congregation. For ourselves, our families, and those we love, and especially for those worshipping with us for the first time.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers for faith.**

Leader: For those who rest in Christ, for those who have died. We pray for those whose witness has strengthened and encouraged us; for those whom we now name _____; and for those who have died who are known to you alone.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers for new life.**

Leader: We thank you for the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name either silently or aloud _____. You are the Lord who does wonders:

People: **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Leader: With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

People: **And in your light we see light.**

Leader: Hear us, O Lord of life:

People: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Presider: God of the prophets, hear the prayers we offer this day and grant us new life through your Son risen from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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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)

Just a closer walk, arr. Jack Schrader

PRESENTATION HYMN (at 10:15am)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3

Musical notation for the hymn 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: '*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 second staff continues the melody, and the third staff concludes the hymn with a double bar line. The lyrics are: '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

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2

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 God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

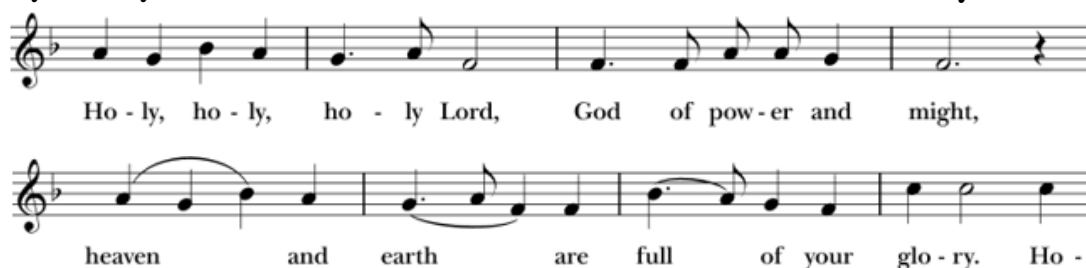
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

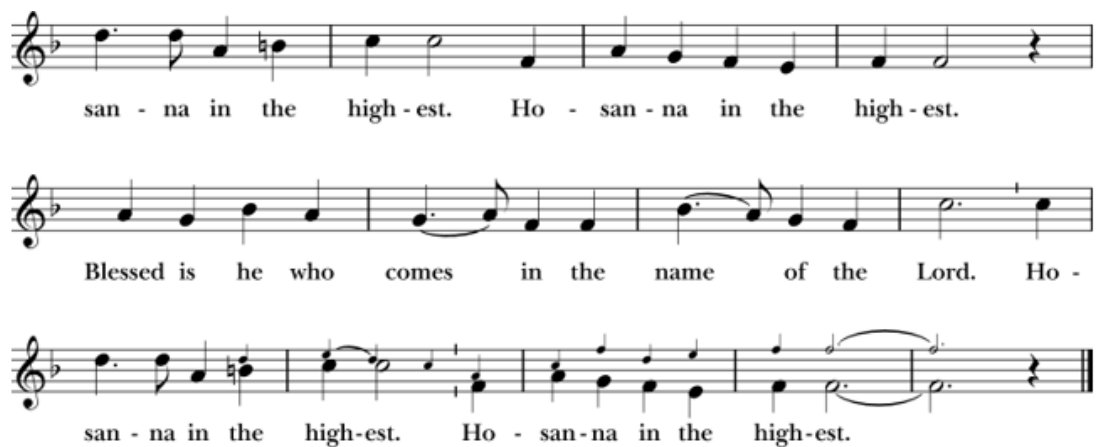
SANCTUS (*spoken at 8:00am*)

**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, S125





Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

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.

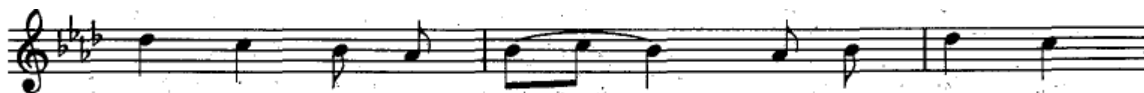
COMMUNION HYMNS (at 10:15am)

Morning glory, starlit sky

The Hymnal 1982, 585



1 Morn - ing glo - ry, star - lit sky, soar - ing
 2 O - pen are the gifts of God, gifts of
 3 Love that gives, gives ev - er more, gives with
 4 Drained is love in mak - ing full, bound in
 5 There - fore he who shows us God help - less
 6 Here is God: no mon - arch he, throned in



1 mu - sic, schol - ar's truth, flight of swal - lows,
 2 love to mind and sense; hid - den is love's
 3 zeal, with ea - ger hands, spares not, keeps not,
 4 set - ting o - thers free; poor in mak - ing
 5 hangs up - on the tree; and the nails and
 6 eas - y state to reign; here is God, whose



1 au - tumn leaves, mem - ory's trea - sure, grace of youth:
 2 a - go - ny, love's en - deav - or, love's ex - pense.
 3 all out - pours, ven - tures all, its all ex - pends.
 4 man - y rich, weak in giv - ing power to be.
 5 crown of thorns tell of what God's love must be.
 6 arms of love ach - ing, spent, the world sus - tain.

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

H1982, 348

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed:

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

Presider Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

BLESSING

Presider Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing in the name of God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit the Sanctifier be with you always.

All Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (at 10:15am)

Lord, we have come at your invitation

H1982, 348



1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion
3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,
4 So, in the world where each du - ty as - signed us

cho - sen by you, to be coun - ted as friends:
ev - er to cher - ish the gifts you pro - vide;
vows are re - newed, and our cour - age re - stored:
gives us the chance to cre - ate or des - troy,

yours is the strength that sus - tains our vo - ca - tion,
teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing
help us to make those de - ci - sions that bind us,

ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
led by your Spi - rit, de - fend - er and guide.
all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.
Lord, to your - self, in o - be - dience and joy.

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



Altar Flowers

In honor and thanksgiving for Cheri Whalen
and her faithful ministry of music at the 8:00 a.m. service.

By Linda Tucker

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

Acolytes

(8:00a.m.) Joey Spano

(10:15a.m.) Annalise Galat, Julian Griffin,
Ryley Griffin

Altar Guild

(8:00a.m.) Pam Lupinski

(10:15a.m.) Barb Moran, Denise Barnett,
Mary Ann Morrow

Bread Baker

Linda Tucker

Eucharistic Ministers

(8:00a.m.) Peg Coury, Cathy Holcomb

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

Greeters

(8:00a.m.) Paulynn Auger

(10:15a.m.) Bernadette Ethridge

Greeters during service

(8:00a.m.) Tim Morgan

(10:15a.m.) Brent McFeaters

Healing Ministers

(8:00a.m.) Ann Marie Piwonski

(10:15a.m.) Joyce Morey

Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Emma Bruns

8:00a.m. Lectors

Cathy Holcomb – First Lesson and the Psalm

Barbara Luggier – Second Lesson and the Prayers
of the People

10:15a.m. Lectors

Christopher Bosley – First Lesson

Sandy Curtis – The Psalm

Rachel Andrews – Second Lesson and the Prayers
of the People

Musicians

Dr. Steve McGhee, *Music Director and Organist*

St. John's Chancel Choir

Laila Robleh, Cailin Weber, *Choral Scholars*

Opener/Closer

Ray Kwiatowski, Chris Moran

Parking Lot Greeters

Richard Le Jeune, Gregg Barnett

Tech Team

Laurie McLaughlin, Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones,

Tales Lima

Ushers

Cole Gluklick, Joan McFeaters, Richard Le Jeune

Vergers

Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews

Interim Rector

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Sunday, September 26

Confirmation/Reception Training in Church
Library from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday, September 27

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
Faith in Justice Meeting at 9:00am in Community
Room

Saturday, October 3

Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am
🐾 Pet Blessing in SJRO Parking Lot at 11:00am

Sunday, October 4

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
First Sunday Breakfast in Jatho Hall

Monday, October 5

First Monday Meditation at 7pm on Zoom

Sunday, October 11

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Monday, October 12

Indigenous Peoples' Day (SJRO CLOSED)

Saturday, October 17

Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am

Sunday, October 18

100th Anniversary Service
Worship at 9:30am



Tuesday, October 20

Coffee With a Cause at 10:30am in Church Library

Wednesday, October 21

St. John's Reads at 1:00pm in the Community
Room

Saturday, October 24

New To You: Name Your Own Price Sale
10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday, October 25

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
Trunk-or-Treat after 10:15am Service

Monday, October 26

New To You: Free Clothing Giveaway
10:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday, November 1

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Saturday, November 7

Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am
Faith & Fun Second Annual Friendsgiving at
5:00pm in Jatho Hall

**Join us for Healing Service every Thursday in
the Chapel at 11:30am**



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), Angelina, Olivia, Oliver (by Allyson Frank), Abby, Lois (by Marcy Darin), Johnny (by Susan Bonnen) Pail (by Rachel Andrews), Owen (by Cheryl Kline), Dame (by Celeste Stone & Cindy Fellner) Rich (by Jenny Galat), Jamie (by Debbie Smith), Jennifer, Bob, Kristen Tabenske (by Joey Spano), Gary (by Deborah Shepherd), Woody (by Cheryl Couthier), Ross (by Kevin McLogan) Gene and Marg (by Jannah Cole), John Trace, Bruce Robson, Bob Walsh, Angela Stough, Dale Gilbertson, Marcy Darin, James, Barbara Thornton, Dave Onslow, John Trace, Emma Bruns. *NOTE: Our prayer list will be updated monthly, if you have a prayer request update, please contact the church office before October 1. Visit our website to make a prayer request online OR contact the church office at 248-546-1255 / office@stjohnro.org*



SEPTEMBER DEALS

MONDAYS 50% OFF KITCHEN & DINING

TUESDAYS 50% OFF CLOTHING

WEDNESDAYS 50% OFF HOME DECOR & ART

THURSDAYS 50% OFF HOLIDAY ITEMS

FRIDAYS 50% OFF SHOES & ACCESSORIES (PURSES, LUGGAGE, WALLET, HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES)



Join us **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3** at 11:00AM
in the parking lot for a special Pet Blessing
at St. John's!



Pet Blessing at St. John's

Bring your beloved animals (or a photo of your animal) to St. John's parking lot on **Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 a.m.** for a special blessing in celebration of **St. Francis of Assisi**, the patron saint of animals and creation. All creatures, big and small, are welcome!

ST. JOHNS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DONATE TODAY

OPEN HANDS COLLECTION

WE ARE COLLECTING 100
DEODORANTS AND
TOOTHPASTES TO
CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF
ST. JOHNS





Join us for Trunk-OR-Treat on Sunday, October 25 after 10:15am service!

All are welcome to participate in the fun, costumes, candy and all! Sign up for car trunks and more details coming soon!



Faith & Fun

Join us for our second annual Friendsgiving Celebration, on Saturday, November 7 at 5:00pm!

Join us for fun, games, fellowship, and good food. Please bring a dish to share, ages 18 and up welcome.

Please RSVP by Nov 1 by scanning this QR Code.

Questions? Contact Monica DeYampert at dmdey@gmail.com



DON'T FORGET!

100 Year anniversary T-Shirts and Crewnecks are on sale in the Narthex before and after worship.

T-Shirts are \$15

Crewnecks are \$25

Questions? Contact Jennifer Taub at Jennifertaub2010@gmail.com

🎵 Save the Date: Holiday Jam! 🎵

Friday, December 11 | Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for St. John's annual **Holiday Jam**—an evening of live music, holiday cheer, and a fantastic silent auction. Bring your friends and join us for a fun night that makes a **vital contribution to St. John's annual budget**, helping support our ministry, building, and outreach in the community.

And we need your help! We're looking for **donations of great silent auction items**—experiences, services, special gifts, tickets, getaways, baskets, or anything else people would be excited to bid on. Every auction donation helps make the event a success, and every dollar raised helps support St. John's throughout the year.

Auction items can be dropped off in the church office. Start thinking about what you might donate and help us make this year's Holiday Jam the best one yet! When you are ready to donate, please fill out this form (see QR code) and drop it off at the church office. (*The form is also available in the office*).



More details coming soon. Tickets go on sale October 11, 2026.

Holiday Jam Silent Auction Basket Needs

Our **2026 Holiday Jam Concert & Silent Auction** is coming up on **Friday, December 11**, and we're looking for volunteers to help create fun and creative gift baskets for the silent auction!



Proceeds from Holiday Jam are an important part of supporting St. John's annual budget. There are already items available to help get you started in the Cry Room (the last room north of the Community Room), or you can create a basket from scratch. We need all kinds of baskets, and there can be multiple baskets of the same theme! Gather a friend, family member, or church group—Choir, New To You volunteers, Altar Guild, Dinner Group, and more—and make it a fun team project! **For questions or more info on basket themes or items, Please contact Marie Donigan at mariedonigan@yahoo.com.**



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