



The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 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

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Episcopal Congregation

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. Everyone is welcome, everyone belongs! *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.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Season of Creation 2026

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all of creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. For more information, visit seasonofcreation.org.

PRELUDE

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

OPENING HYMN (at 10:15am)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (Hymn to Joy)

The Hymnal 1982, 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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.

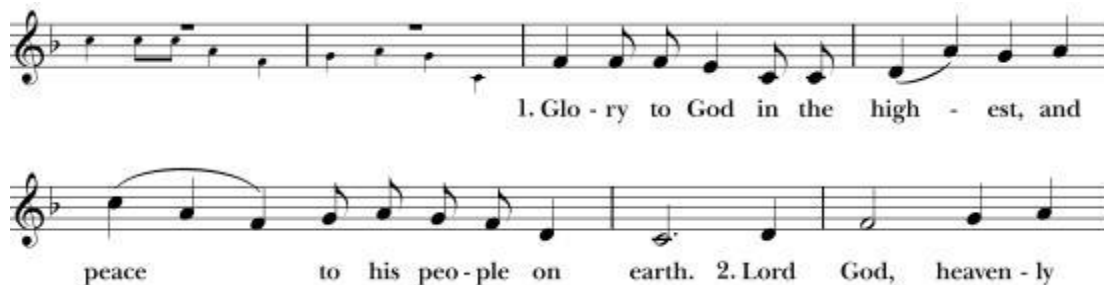
All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



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
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Lector A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

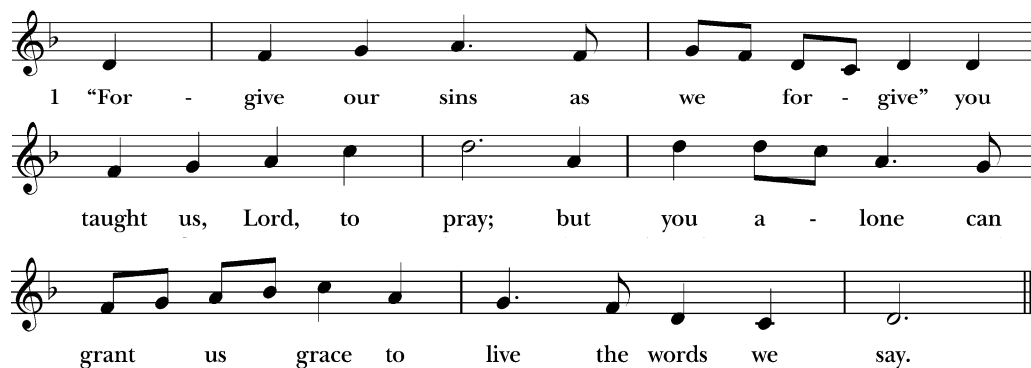
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

GOSPEL HYMN (at 10:15am)

"Forgive our sins as we forgive" (Detroit)

H1982, 82 v. 1



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 or 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. God of peace.

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, June, Bernie, Marcy, David, Angela, Bob, Joyce, Dale, Jeffrey 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, especially for Adelino Ascarruz and Ernesto Sanchez. 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



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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*)

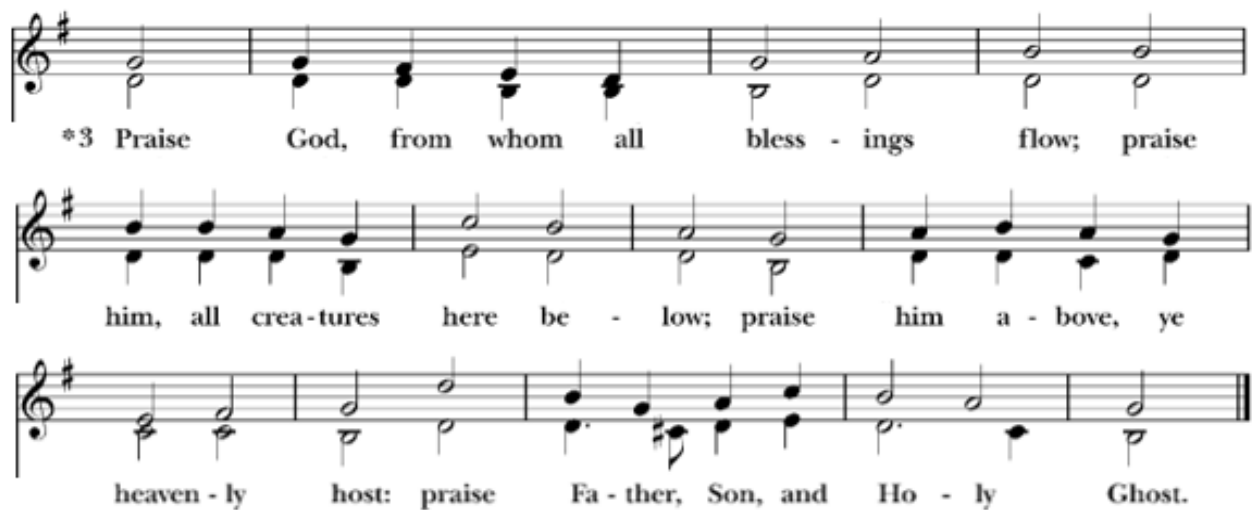
Where the joys and hopes of living

by Norah Duncan IV

PRESENTATION HYMN (*at 10:15am*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3



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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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*)

Where charity and love prevail

H1982, 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.

In the bulb there is a flower

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1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
 2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter -
 dy; there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing
 ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our

flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
 hope to you and me. From the past will come the
 life, e - ter - ni - ty; in our death, a res - ur -

win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 fu - ture, what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
 rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Clergy In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

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)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation H1982, 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



Altar Flowers

In loving memory of Jane Todd

By Cynthia Todd

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

Acolytes

(8:00a.m.) Joey Spano

(10:15a.m.) Annalise Galat, Julia Bartleman,
Renee Mazurek

Altar Guild

(8:00a.m.) Kate Weide

(10:15a.m.) Martie Falconer, Bette Ann Wright

Bread Bakers

Jennifer Bartleman, Julia Bartleman

Eucharistic Ministers

(8:00a.m.) Joey Spano, Kayleigh Long

(10:15a.m.) Barb Moran, Chris Moran,
Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios, Rachel Andrews

Greeters

(8:00a.m.) Gregory Gmerek

(10:15a.m.) Lisa Phillips, Marie Donigan

Greeters during service

(8:00a.m.) Gregory Gmerek

(10:15a.m.) Gregory Taub

Healing Ministers

(8:00a.m.) -----

(10:15a.m.) Cindy Fellner

Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Emma Bruns

8:00a.m. Lectors

Mary Gilhuly – First Lesson and the Psalm

Rosemary Spatafora – Second Lesson and the
Prayers of the People

10:15a.m. Lectors

Eliza Stewart – First Lesson

Rachel Andrews – The Psalm

Deborah Shepherd – Second Lesson and the
Prayers of the People

Musicians

Dr. Steve McGhee, *Organist and Music Director*

St. John's Chancel Choir

Brooklyn Pfeiffer, Laila Robleh, Cailin Weber,
Choral Scholars

Opener/Closer

Dennis Spatafora, Chris Moran

Parking Lot Greeters

Dallas Deyampert, Gregg Barnett

Tech Team

Laurie McLaughlin, Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones,

Tales Lima

Ushers

Bruce Donigan, Chris Davis, Gregory Taub

Vergers

Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews

Interim Rector

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck



UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Sunday, September 13

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

All Parish Picnic after 10:15am Worship

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 19

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

Sunday, September 20

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

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

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

Sunday, October 25

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Trunk-or-Treat after 10:15am Service

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

Need a room for a meeting or event?

Contact the office at 248-546-1255 / office@stjohnro.org



Interested in joining the St. John's Chancel Choir?

SJCC rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm in the sanctuary.

Questions? Contact Music Director Dr. Steve McGhee at stevmcgh@gmail.com



A Heartfelt Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to all of our Sunday School volunteers and Youth Group leaders! Your time, energy, and love help our children and youth grow in faith, friendship, and community. We are so grateful for all that you do and for the gift you share with our youth! 💛

Veronica Griffith
Melanie Macey
Gaby Berndt-Webb
Tyler Berndt-Webb
Hannah Sells
Jenny Galant
Nicole Stewart
Megan Clark
Jennifer Taub
Kevin McLogan

Join us for Confirmation/Reception Class – All are welcome!

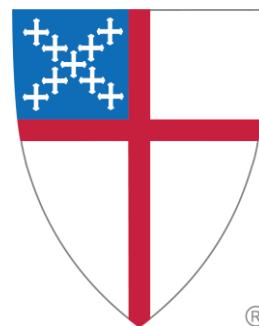
Join us for Reception and Confirmation classes in September. These classes are open to the parish community. **All are welcome** to attend any of the sessions below as we explore the teachings and traditions of The Episcopal Church. Class meets in the Church Library.

Sunday Sessions

- Class 1: Sunday, September 13 | 12:30–3:30 PM
- Class 2: Sunday, September 20 | 12:00–3:00 PM

Saturday Sessions

- Class 1: Saturday, September 19 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
- Class 2: Saturday, September 26 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM





ALL-PARISH PICNIC TODAY

Join us TODAY after 10:15AM service for the All-Parish Picnic!

All are welcome to attend!

We are looking for a few volunteers to assist with clean up and tear down after the picnic.

Many hands make light work! Please see Cathy Holcomb if you can assist, thank you!



ST. JOHN'S
HIKING GROUP

Join the St. John's Hiking Group!

Come enjoy the beauty of God's creation, fellowship, and a little adventure! All are welcome—come walk with us! Contact Veronica Griffith for more information at

vgriffith777@gmail.com



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 (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), Oliver, Olivia (by Alyson Frank), John Trace, Bruce Robson, Bob Walsh, Angela Stough, Dale Gilbertson, Sharon Walters, Marcy Darin, James, Barbara Thornton, Dave Onslow, John Trace, Kevin McLogan. *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

⚠️ SCAM ALERT: “Special Party” Email Invitations ⚠️

How the Scam Works

You may receive an email invitation to a “special party” that appears to come from someone you know, such as Ann Ruggirello, Maria Walter, or another person in your address book. These invitations are scams and may contain harmful links.

▶ Red Flags to Look Out For

- An unexpected invitation to a “special party”
- An email that seems unusual or out of character for the sender
- Links or attachments you were not expecting
- Requests for personal information or payment

What You Should Do

- **Do NOT open the invitation or click any links.**
- Delete the email.
- If you’re unsure whether the invitation is legitimate, **contact the person directly by phone** to confirm they sent it.
- If the email appears suspicious, do not reply or provide any personal information.

Stay Safe & Vigilant

Please stay safe and vigilant when opening unexpected emails, even when they appear to come from someone you know. When in doubt, take a moment to verify the message directly with the sender before clicking any links or opening attachments. A little extra caution can go a long way in keeping you and your information safe!