

The Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 2025 8:00am In Person Worship 10:15am Online/In Person Worship

St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak MI



# St. John's Welcome Statement

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do.

At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay,

bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here.

Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016

# Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs!

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

If you are here for the first time, please help us to get to know you by signing our Guest Book (clipboard in the entry of the church) and/or filling out a yellow card found in each pew. Place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We are so pleased that you are here and want to do everything we can to help you make the most of St. John's Episcopal Church and its resources for your spiritual journey.

All are welcome to communion, where we share one bread, one body. To facilitate this, our communion bread is all gluten free. All are welcome to St. John's programs and events.

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#### Sunday Morning Schedule at a glance:

- 8:00am **Worship**
- 10:10am Children age 4 through 5th grade gather at the stairs on second floor in the entry/narthex) and sign in before going up to the third floor for Sunday School. Children are also welcome to stay with family in church if they prefer.
- 10:15am **Worship**
- · 10:15am 10:45am Sunday School (age 4 through 5th grade) meets on the third floor
- · 10:45am Sunday School children join their families for Communion
- 11:00am **Youth Group** (grades 6-12) is to receive Communion, leaves to meet on the third floor with youth leaders

### **Epiphany Outreach Opportunity:**

**Pennies for Epiphany:** For the next few weeks, the children are collecting pennies and pocket change for a project called Pennies for Epiphany. Each year the children pick out an animal (or two or three) to provide a living for a family somewhere in the world through Episcopal Relief and Development. Please add whatever you can spare to the giant jars in the narthex. Peace and thank you.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### THE WORD OF GOD

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand

# **OPENING HYMN** (at 10:15am)



#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

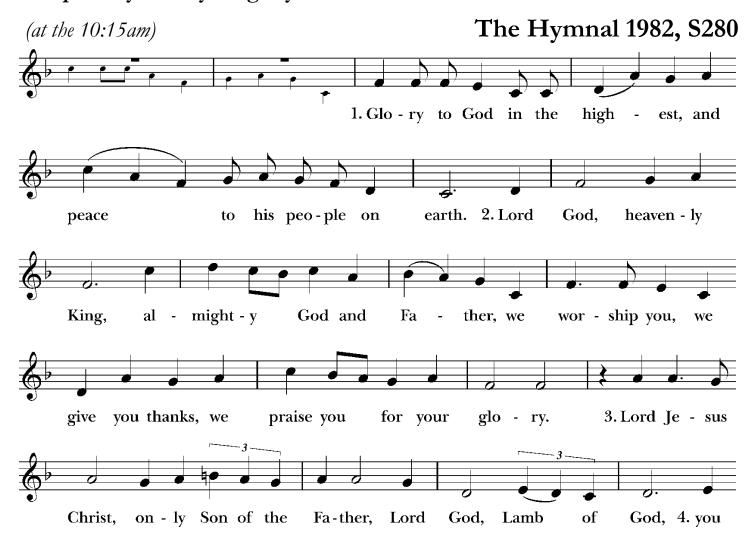
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

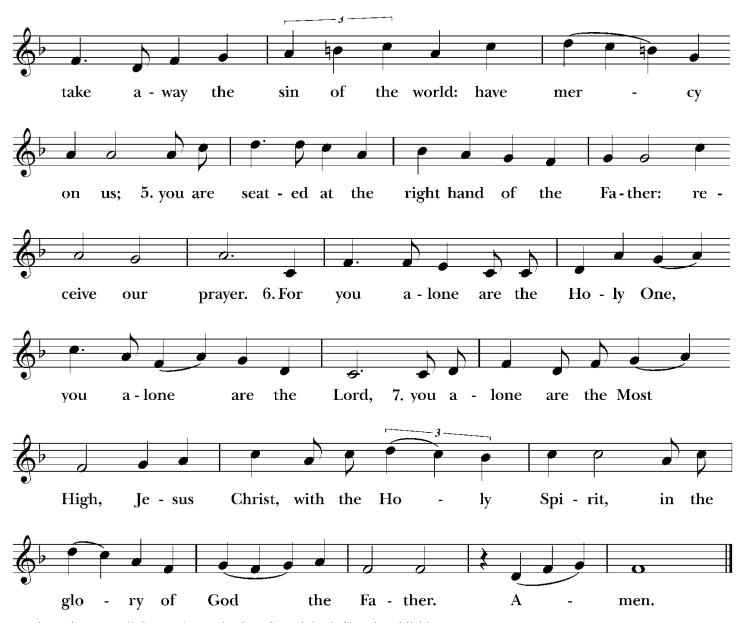
#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 the 8:00am)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, Almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!





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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

The people are seated

FIRST LESSON Malachi 3:1-4

Lector A reading from Malachi

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

# PSALM 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*
  My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
  my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \* by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my Sovereign and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \* and the God of gods will appear in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* hearken, O God of Jacob.

- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \* and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \* and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \* the LORD will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \* from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, \* happy are they who put their trust in you!

#### SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:14-18

Lector A reading from Hebrews

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand and sing

# GOSPEL HYMN (at 10:15am) Give me Jesus

# Lift Every Voice and Sing II 91, v. 1



#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

#### **SERMON**

The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe

A period of silence is kept

### NICENE CREED

The people stand

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

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Clergy In gratitude for all that we have and all that we are, let us earnestly call on God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples.

Leader

We pray for this beautiful and broken world and all who love it and work to heal it.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

come. Amen.

We pray for your faithful disciples everywhere, but especially for your faithful ones here at St. John's as we strive each day to proclaim your Good News by our words and our example in the face of fear, anxiety, and pain.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for St. John's in this time of transition, especially for our clergy and lay leaders. Strengthen our bonds, sustain us with joy, guide us to make wise decisions, and fill us with grace for one another as we navigate change.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for justice and peace to reign in every nation, state, city, and community, so that the dignity of every human being may be protected and upheld.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need of compassion and care, especially Barbara, Gloria, Cheri, Carolyn, Mimi, Sandor, Kathy, Nancy, Madiba, Trudy, Gayle, Sue, Jenny, Lonnie, Linda, Mark, Elliot, David, and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_\_. May we be a source of love and strength to all in need.

# Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer thanksgiving and praise for all the good gifts you shower upon us. In this season, help us to look for the light of Christ, to take bold steps, and to follow where you lead.

# Lord, hear our prayer.

We rejoice in the whole communion of saints – seen and unseen – who surround us with their love. We remember those who have †died, especially those we now name, \_\_\_\_\_, and those who are known to you alone.

# Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider

God of abundance, accept the prayers we offer on this day. Fill our hunger with your word of truth and summon all who thirst to the banquet of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Clergy All Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, +forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

#### THE PEACE

The people stand as they are able. The peace is exchanged among the people.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's. Gifts of pledges and offerings may be placed in collection baskets or at the basins at the steps of the altar as you come up for communion.

Give online: stjohnsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE

Text: Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256

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# BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, MILESTONE BLESSING

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

# OFFERTORY MUSIC (at 10:15am) Ave verum corpus

W. A. Mozart

10:15am At the Presentation Hymn, all stand. The ushers present our gifts at the altar. The Eucharistic ministers join the clergy to prepare for Eucharist.

#### PRESENTATION HYMN

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





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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider God be with you. And also with you. People Lift up your hearts. Presider

crea-tures

We lift them to the Lord. People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Presider

It is right to give our thanks and praise. People

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#### The Presider continues

him.

all

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **SANCTUS**

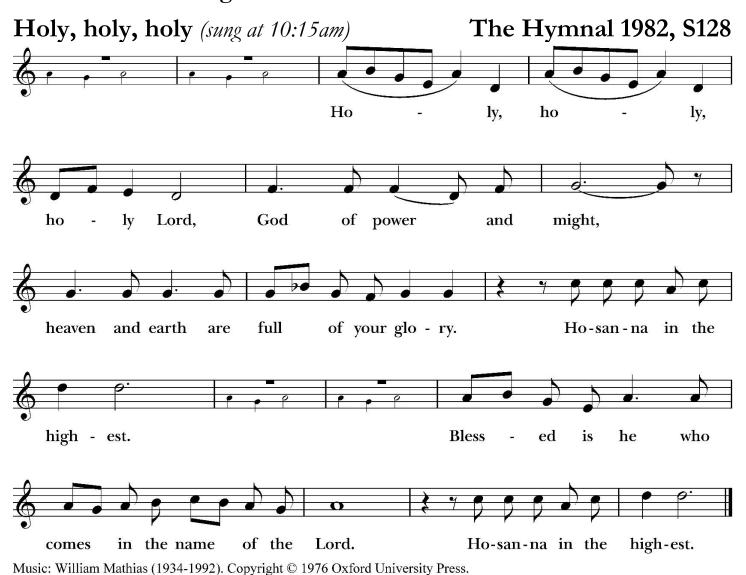
Presider and People (spoken at 8:00am)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



The Presider continues

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

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

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

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

† Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By 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. **AMEN!** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *People and Presider* 

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

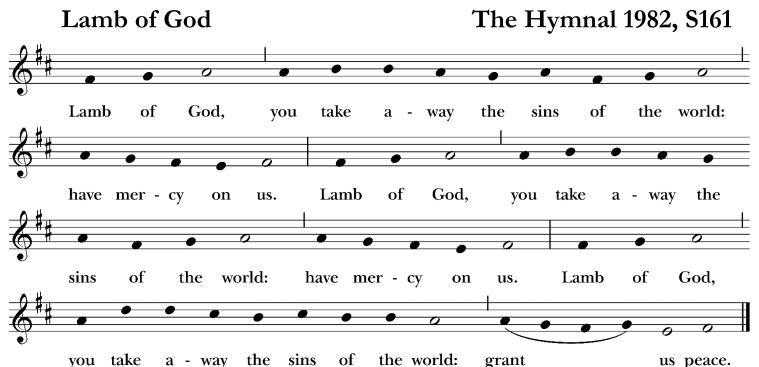
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider breaks the consecrated Bread



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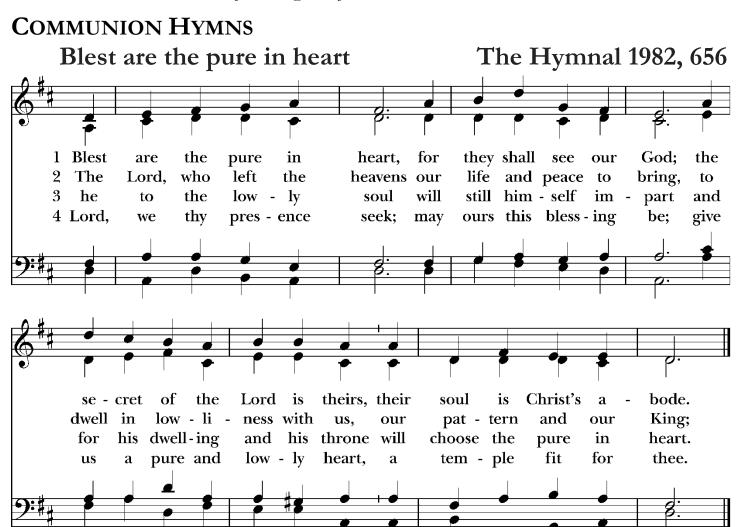
Presider These are the gifts of God.

People And we are the people of God.

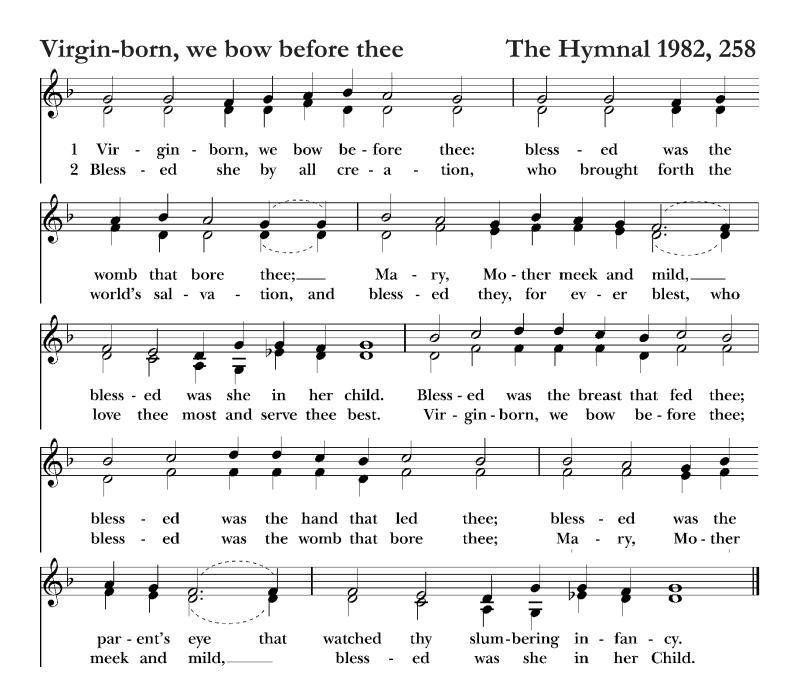
Presider Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him

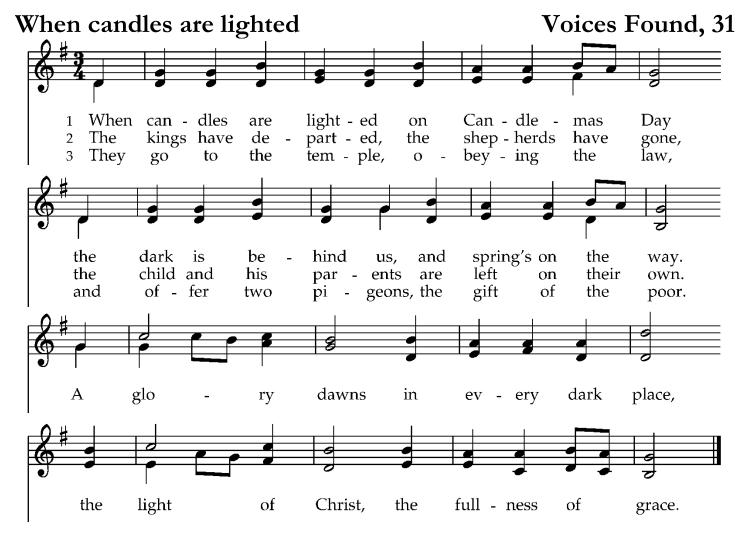
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. Amen.

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The wafers are gluten-free.



Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).





#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray,

#### 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.

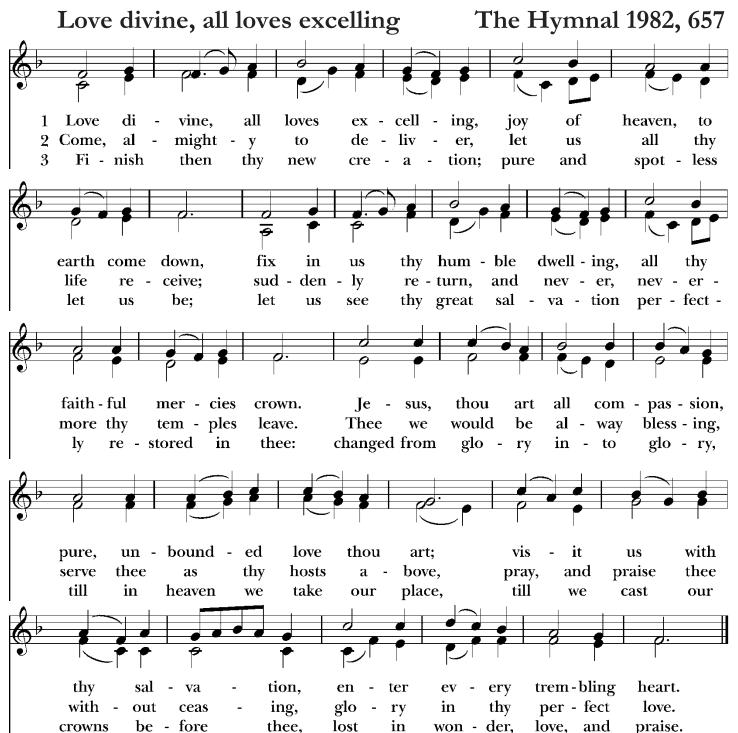
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.* 

The congregation is seated

### **BLESSING**

# **CLOSING HYMN**



## **DISMISSAL**

The people turn to face the Clergy

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Please join us downstairs in Jatho Hall for Breakfast. First Sunday Breakfast is a tradition at St. John's. It's a great way to see friends and make new ones! Suggested donation \$5 -\$10 sliding scale per person.

You may use this QR code to donate.

#### February Birthdays

Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios	2/4	Heather Lyons	2/25
Paulynn Auger	2/16	Brennan McMurray	2/16
Erich Bartleman	2/16	Mark Miliotto	2/27
Kristen Benes	2/16	Deborah Miracle	2/27
Stasi Brown	2/9	Barb Moran	2/27
Jennifer Bruns	2/20	Jacob Nelson	2/4
Jamiel Dado	2/3	Anna Ruggirello	2/10
Elliot Doyle*	2/19	Amelia Scott*	2/9
Norah Doyle	2/23	Alycsa Valentine	2/15
Ellen Ehrlich	2/21	Kate Weide	2/10
David Freeman	2/23	Tamra Zakar	2/4
Beatrix Isakson-Dado*	2/3		
Elizabeth Isakson-Dado	2/5		
Eleanor Judge	2/20	* = child, <b>bold</b> = special birthday	

# February Anniversaries

Elizabeth & Brad Carter	2/14/2005
Pete & Maureen Kelly	2/25/1989
Gary & Martha Shea	2/18/1984

If you celebrate a Birthday or Anniversary in February, and your name is not on this list, we'd love to have it! Please email it to us at office@stjohnro.org Thank you!

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

8:00am Lectors Cathy Holcomb – First Lesson and Psalm; Chuck Tucker -

Second Lesson and Prayers of the People

8:00am AcolyteLeeAnn Morgan8:00am Greeter/UsherJackie Speer8:00 Greeter during serviceMaria Walter

8:00am Eucharistic Ministers Cathy Holcomb, Barbara Lugger

8:00am Healing Minister Elizabeth Swanchara 8:00am Altar Guild Therese Nottingham

10:15am Lectors Bob Davis – First Lesson; Bob Nagaj – Psalm; Marcy Darin–

Second Lesson; Sandy Curtis – Prayers of the People

**10:15am Acolytes** Hannah Oginsky, Kanata Richardson, Madiba Richardson

**10:15am Greeter** Marie Donigan, Lisa Philips

**10:15am Greeter during service** Steve Fairman

10:15am Ushers Chris Davis, Bruce Donigan, Marie Donigan, Lisa Philips,

Greg Taub

**10:15am Eucharistic Ministers** Woodie Adams, Sandy Curtis, Jelane Richardson

**10:15am Healing Minister** Debbie Smith

10:15am Altar Guild Elaine Kapelanski, Maryann LeComb, Kathy Stricker

Bread Baker Mary Ann Morrow

Lay Eucharistic Visitor

**Tech Team** Chris Bosley, Laurie McLauglin, Barbara Jones

Acolyte Verger Kevin McLogan

Opener/CloserTim Morgan, Eric BabcockParking Lot AttendantsGregg Barnett, Richard Le Jeune

Musicians Steven McGhee, Music Director; Brynn Ward; Bex Conway,

Brooklyn Pfeffer, Choral Scholars; St. John's Chancel Choir

**Priest in Charge**The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe

# Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

# In loving memory of **Marie Brierley**

#### Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings

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

# **Additional Prayer List**

Persons being prayed for:	Requested by:
Sarah	Rachel Andrews
Briana, Wettona, Ezra, Vic, Jackie	Gloria Brown
Sandi	Jen Bruns
Willa	Janet Craft
Edward, Ariana, Glenn	Sandy Curtis
Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim	Carolyn Darling
Larry, Lois	Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton
Gary, Patrick	Ann Davis
Jeanette, Evelyn	Cheryl Donigan
Angelina, Jamie	Allyson Frank
Donna, MaryPat, Linda, Debbie	Diana Graor
Kae, Dorothy, Lois. Tammy, Peggy	Elaine Kapelanski
JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia	Kathy Kustowski
Lorie, Patty, Betty, Gail, Dot, Wilma, Nan, Mike	Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker
Jennifer, Richard, Mark	Richard LeJeune
Mike	Leah Lynady
Linda	Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda
Nikki	Holly McNeal
Bill, Dorothy	Barbara & Chris Moran
Arthur, Dan, Winnie	Janice Pedersen
Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria	Mapley Extended Family
Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda, Joe, Dennis, Norma, Ashley, Jak	e, Carson Mary Ann Morrow
Gail, Phil, Steven, Paul	Bob & Trudy Nagaj
Randy, Kelly, Charlotte	Marilyn Robinson
Adam, Don	Jeff & Nancy Sever
Bob, Paul, Scott	Joey Spano
Barbara, Bob, Cathy	Bob Stevens
David, David	Elizabeth Swanchara
Dominic, Pam, Nancy, Miles, Tom, Troy, Frankie, Hadi	The Sykes Family
June	Barbara Thornton
Brian	Bob Walsh
Gabrielle	Pam Lupinski
Debbie, Marion, Harvey	Tamra Zakar