

The Last Sunday After Pentecost: Christ the King

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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

St. John's Episcopal Church Royal Oak, MI

St. John's Welcome Statement

We're a Believe OUTLOUD Episcopal Congregation

EVERYONE is WELCOME! EVERYONE BELONGS!

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do. At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here. *Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016*

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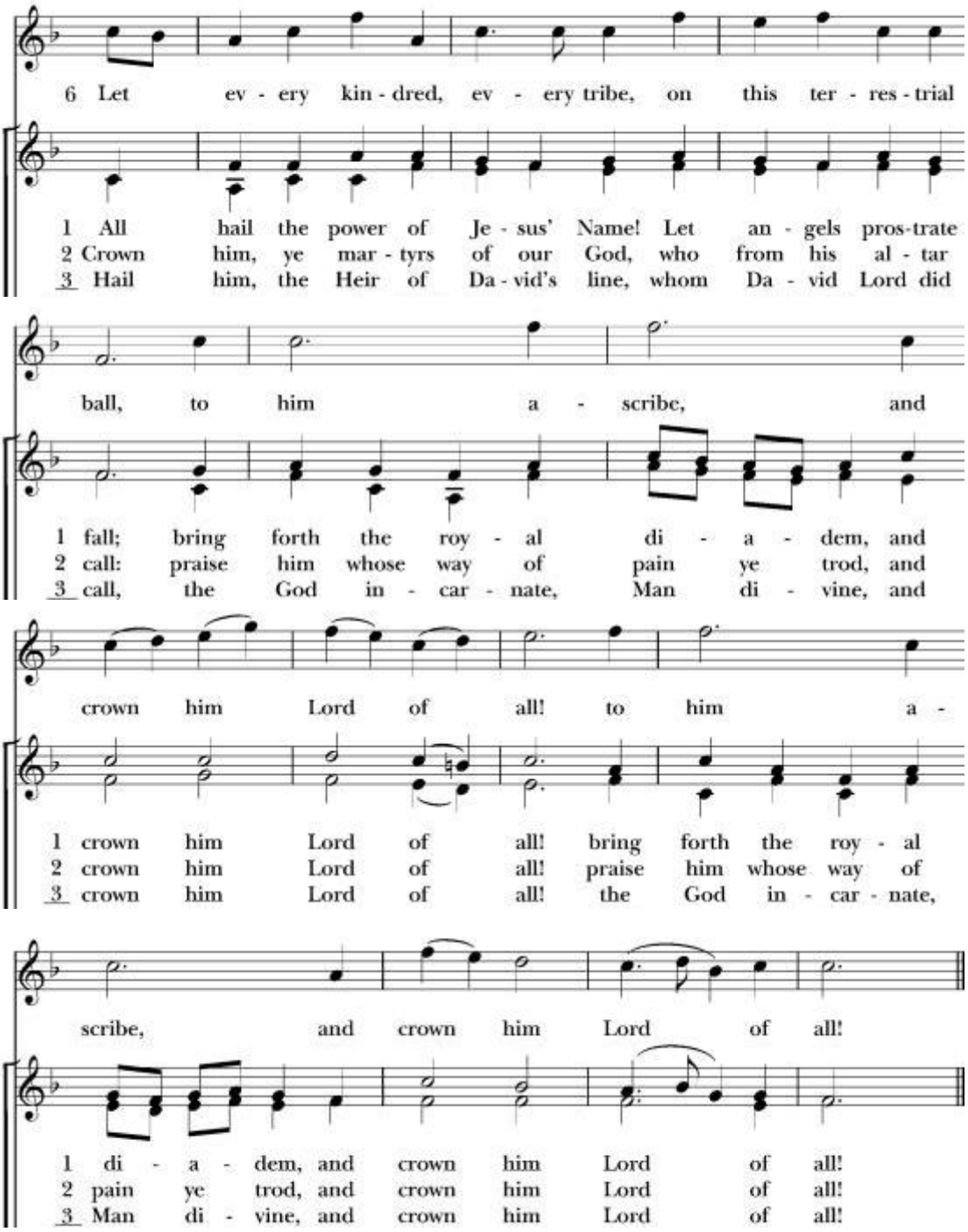
We are so pleased that you are here! All are welcome to receive communion, partaking of the holy food that strengthens us for the journey of life. To facilitate this, our communion bread is gluten-free. A soft space is available in the east wing of the sanctuary for little ones and their parents, as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

PRELUDE

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

OPENING HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

All hail the power of Jesus' Name — H1982, 450, vv. 1,2,3,6



6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider † Blessed be God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
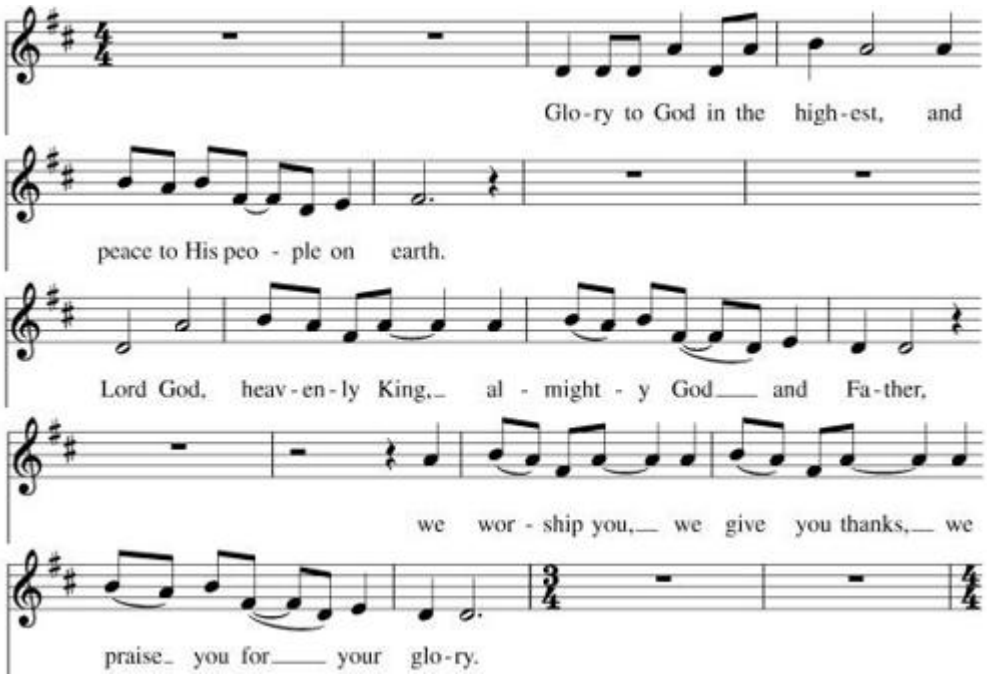
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

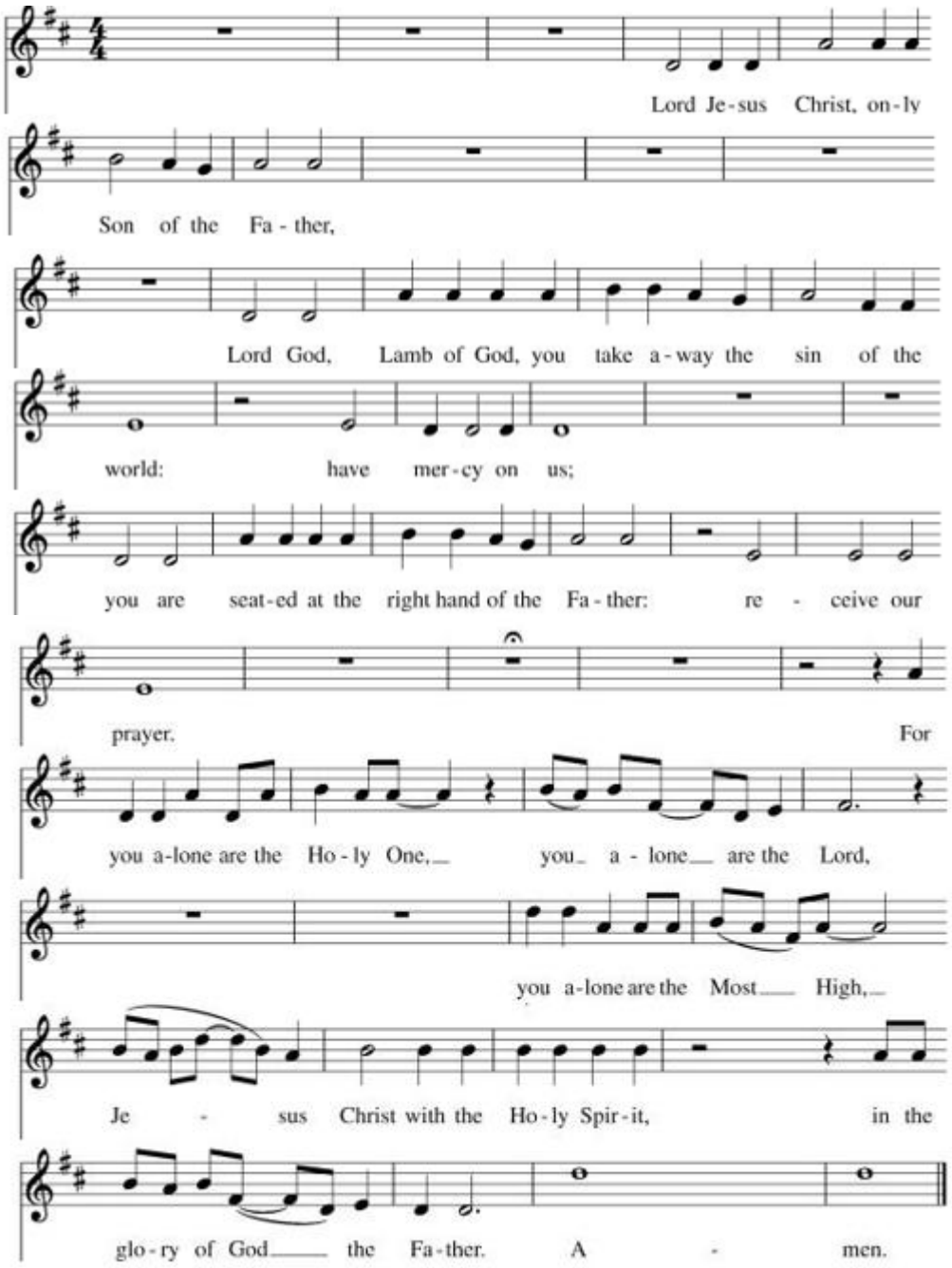
Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.
All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify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

GLORIA *(spoken at 8:00am)*

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

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





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 — Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Lector A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

PSALM 100

1 Be joyful in The LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before God's presence with a song.
2 Know this: The LORD alone is God; *
we belong to The LORD, who made us ;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
3 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;
go into the holy courts with praise; *
give thanks and call upon the name of The LORD.
4 For good is The LORD,
whose mercy is everlasting; *
and faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE SECOND LESSON — Ephesians 1:15-23

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

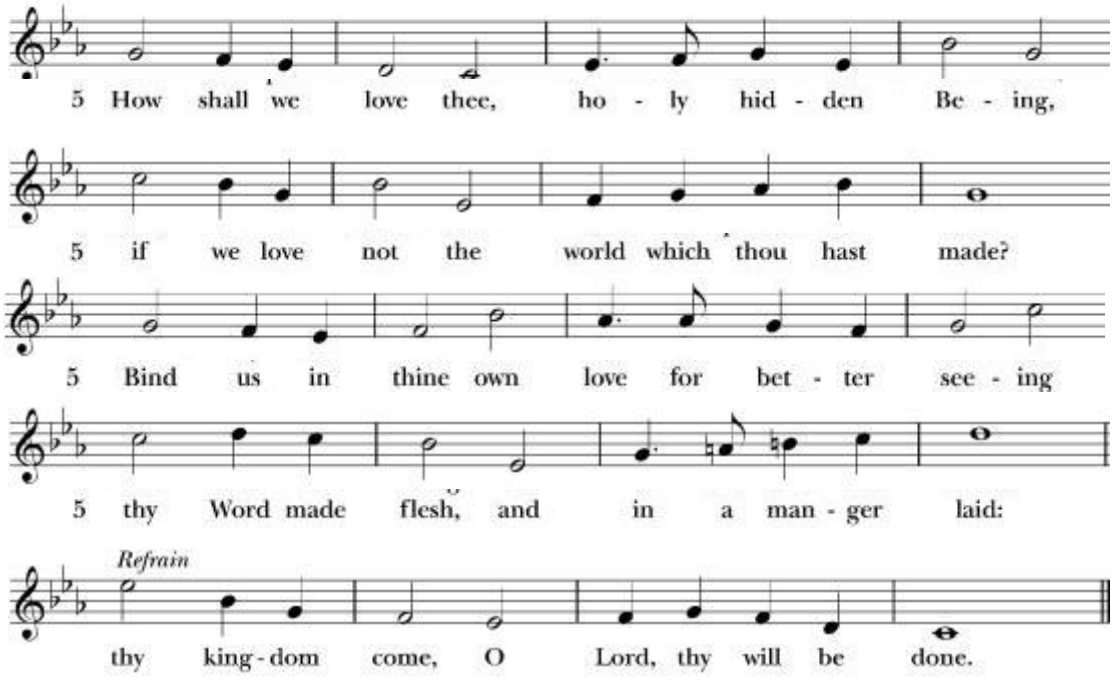
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

The people stand as they are able.

GOSPEL HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

Father eternal, Ruler of creation — H1982, 573, v.5



THE HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 25: 31-46

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON — Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios

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.**

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

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

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

Leader: We pray that our sacred family may always fix its gaze on the life that lasts forever through a faithful witness to you. We pray especially for the people of St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's in Detroit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leader: We remember all the saints & souls gone before us. Especially for Susan, stepmother of Rachel Andrews, who passed away on November 16. We invite you to say aloud together the names of the special people in your lives who have died_____. Remind us that we know that once the Chosen One (Christ) was raised to life from the dead, he would never die again. Death no longer has the power to rule over him or us,

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

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

The people stand or kneel.

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other; in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The peace is exchanged among the people. The people are seated.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

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PRESENTATION *(at 8:00am)*

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

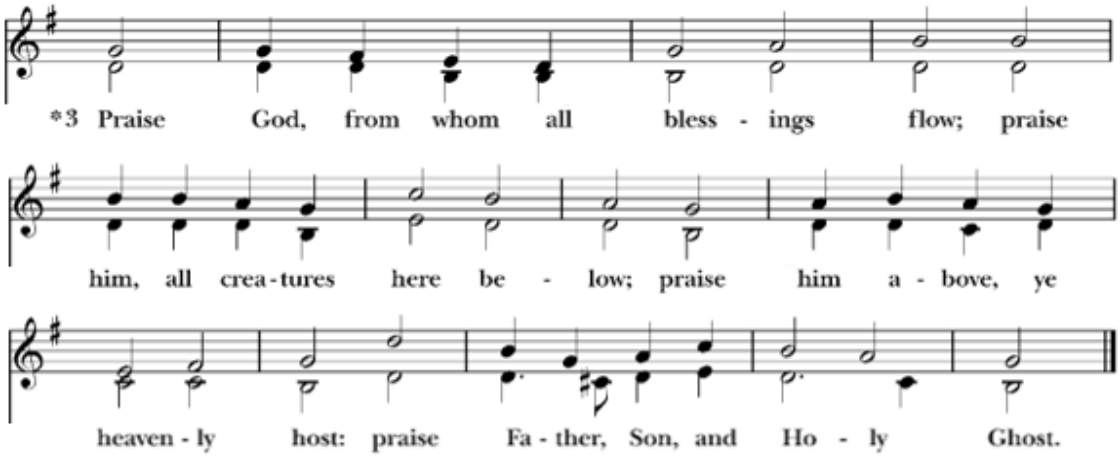
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC *(at 10:15am)*

How Great is our God by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves, arr. Jack Schrader

PRESENTATION HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

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



BLESSING OF PLEDGE OFFERINGS

Presider Let us pray, asking God to bless today's pledges and offerings.

All **Lord, we give thanks for the blessings you have bestowed upon us. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we do so with grateful hearts. May these gifts be used to further your kingdom. Lord, we pray for wisdom and discernment for those who are entrusted with the stewardship of these offerings. May they use them with integrity, guided by Your Spirit, so that every resource is directed according to Your divine will and purpose. Let every dollar, every coin, and every act of generosity be a seed sown into fertile ground, yielding a harvest of righteousness, salvation, and transformation in the lives of many.**

Presider Bless, O Lord, those who have given today. Pour out Your favor upon them, meet their needs, and open the windows of heaven to bless them abundantly. For those who have given sacrificially, may they experience Your provision in miraculous ways. And for those who desire to give but are unable, we ask that You bless them as well, providing for them so that they too may one day give with joy and thanksgiving.

All **Amen.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer B

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.
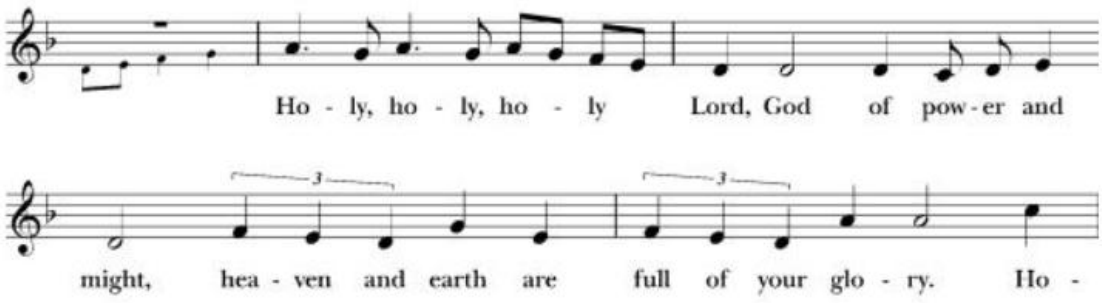
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
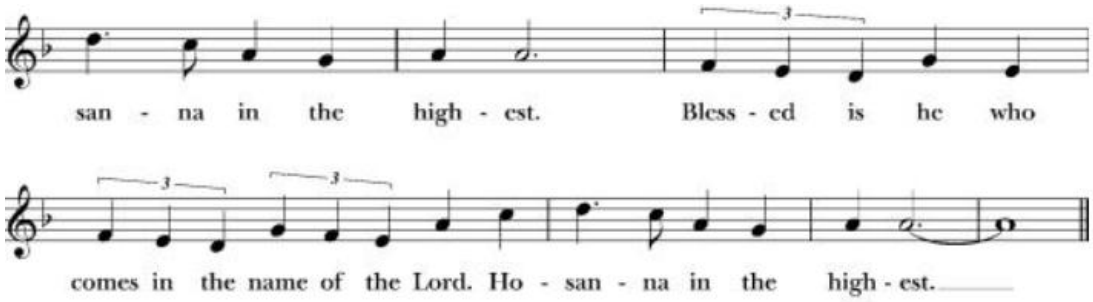
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *(spoken at 8:00am)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. †Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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





Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command O God,

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

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

Presider We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. † Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Blessed John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!**
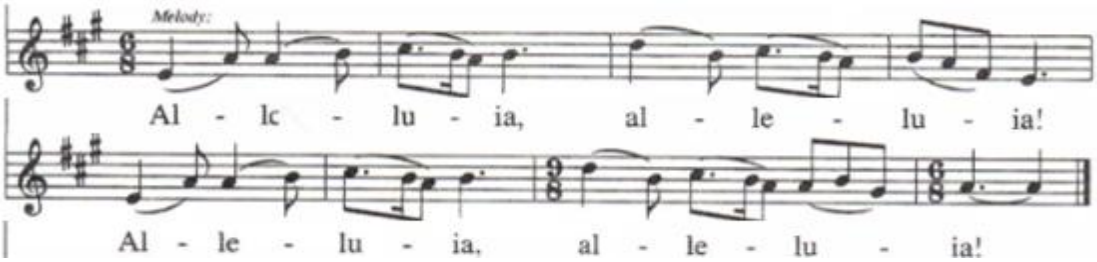
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(spoken at 8:00am)*

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

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



Presider These are the Gifts of God!

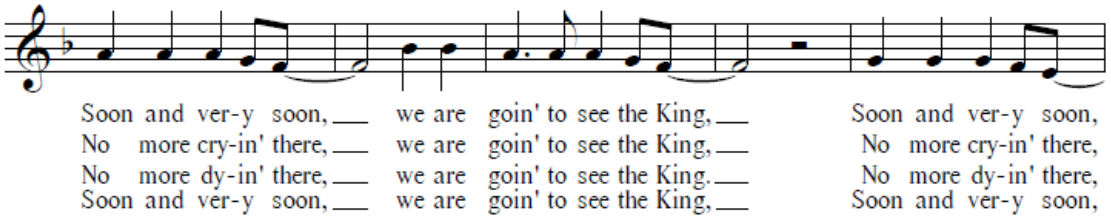
People **And we are the people of God.**
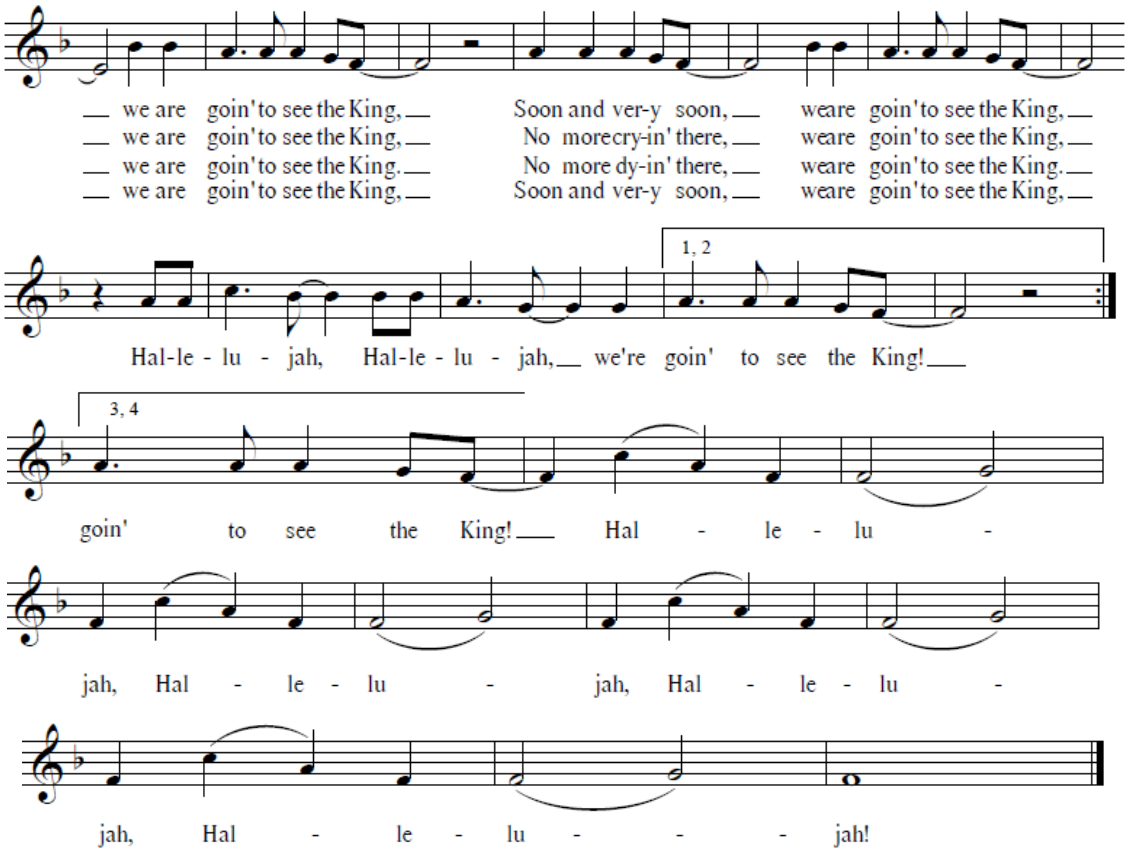
Presider Behold who you are. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten-free. If you are unable to come to the altar, but desire Communion, please notify an usher. Healing - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to the healing station in the west transept for prayers during communion.
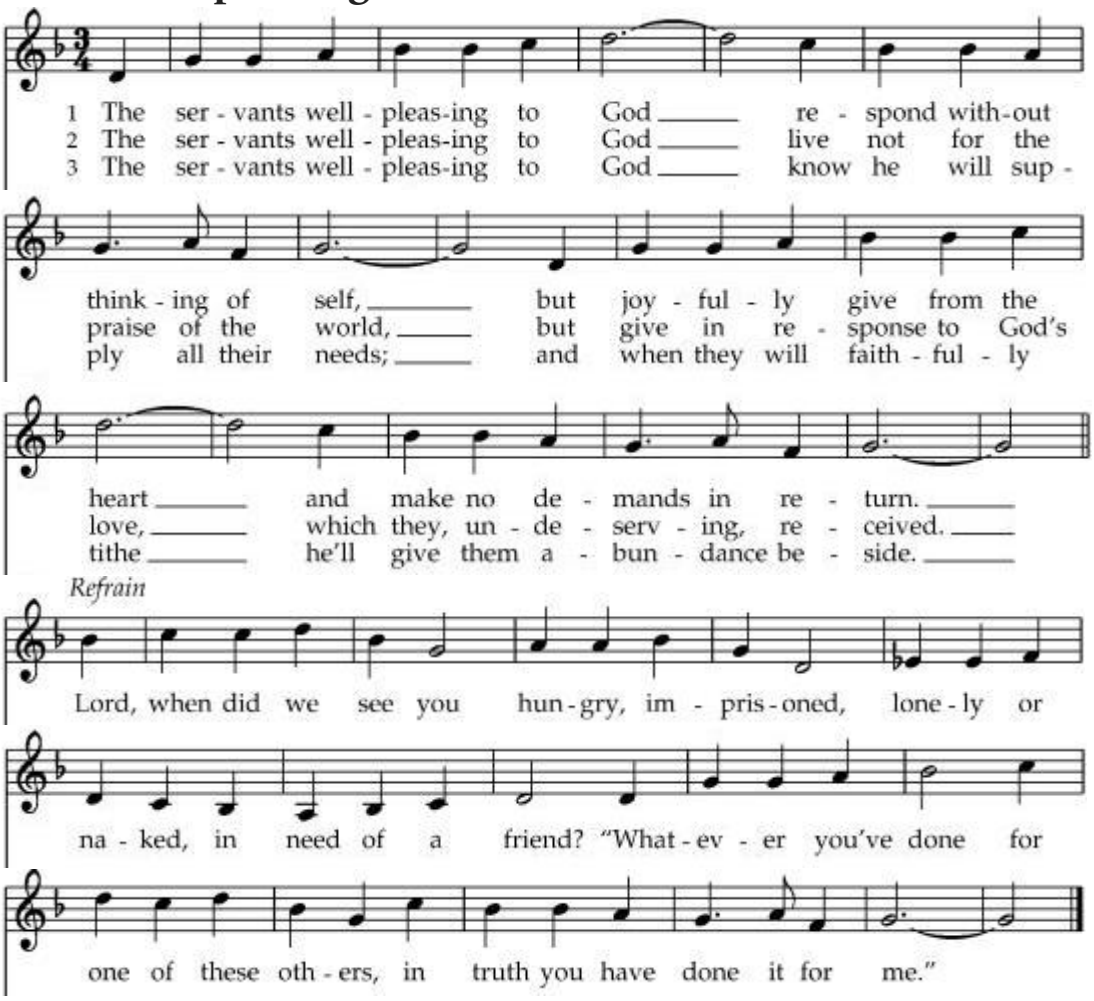
COMMUNION HYMNS *(at 10:15am)*

Soon and very soon — LEVAS II, 14





The servants well-pleasing to God VF 144



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

Presider Eternal God,

All **You have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING
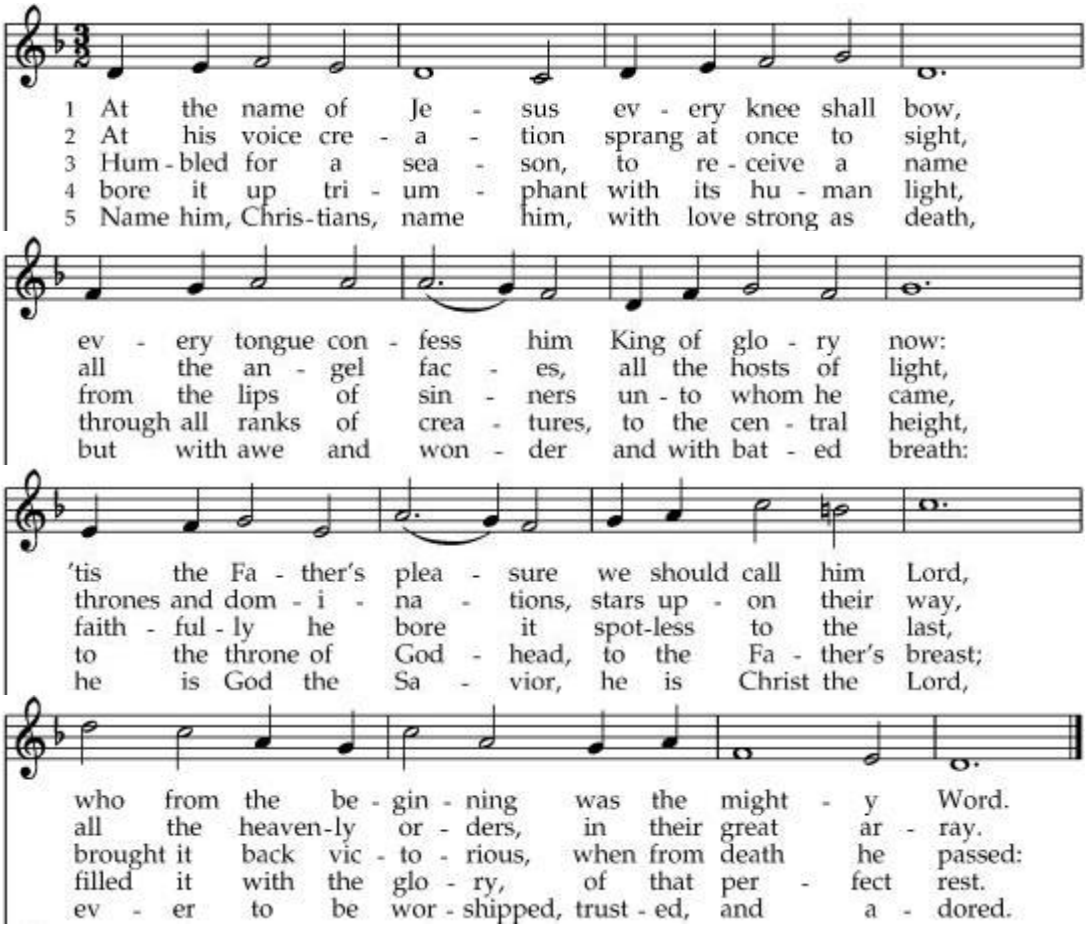
Presider Let us pray.

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

All **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

At the name of Jesus — Voices Found 135



6 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

7 Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

We continue to pray for …

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

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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent Week One: Sunday, November 29 (Worship at 8:00 & 10:15am)
Advent Week Two: Sunday, December 6 (Worship at 8:00 & 10:15am)
Advent Week Three: Sunday, December 13 (Worship at 8:00 & 10:15am)
Blue Christmas: Tuesday, December 15 (Worship at 7:00pm)
Advent Week Four: Sunday, December 20 (Worship at 8:00 & 10:15am)

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24
(Worship at 5:00pm at 10:00pm)
Christmas Day: Friday, December 25
(Combined Service at 9:30am)

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

Acolytes
(8:00a.m.) Yve Jones
(10:15a.m) Carol Aaron, Jennifer Bartleman, Julia Bartleman

Altar Guild
(8:00a.m.) Pam Lupinski
(10:15a.m.) Barb Moran, Denise Barnett

Bread Baker
Linda Tucker

Eucharistic Ministers
(8:00a.m.) Kayleigh Long, Peg Coury
(10:15a.m.) Chris Moran, Nicole Stewart, Rachel Andrews, Sandy Curtis

Greeters
(8:00a.m.) Gregory Gmerek
(10:15a.m.) Marie Donigan

Greeters during service
(8:00a.m.) Gregory Gmerek
(10:15a.m.) Steve Fairman

Healing Ministers
(8:00a.m.) ----------
(10:15a.m.) Cindy Fellner

Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry
Emma Bruns

8:00a.m. Lectors
Chuck Tucker – First Lesson and the Psalm
John Trace – Second Lesson and the Prayers of the People

10:15a.m. Lectors
Amelia Scott – First Lesson
Chris Bosley – 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
Cailin Weber, *Choral Scholar*

Opener/Closer
Steve Fairman, Kirk Wicker

Parking Lot Greeters
Sarah Muth, Veronica Griffith

Tech Team
Barbara Jones, Chris Bosley, Laurie McLaughlin

Ushers
Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios, Kirk Wicker, Tales Lima

Vergers
Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews

Interim Rector
The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

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

Thursday, November 26
THANKSGIVING DAY (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)



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

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

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

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

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

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



Join us for Healing Service every Thursday in the Church Library at 11:30AM

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



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

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

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

Friday, December 11



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

Sunday, December 13
(Rev. Maryjane's last service at SJRO)
Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Tuesday, December 15
(Welcome Pastor Becca Kello!)
Coffee with a Cause meeting at 10:30am



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

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

Sunday, December 20



Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am
Children's Christmas Pageant at 10:15am
Greening of Church after 10:15am service

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

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

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

Thursday, December 31
NEW YEARS EVE (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)
Blessing of Calendars Worship Service at 5:00pm

Friday, January 1
NEW YEARS DAY (SJRO OFFICE CLOSED)

St. John's Holiday Jam!

Together, We Create a Place for Everyone

EXCITING HOLIDAY JAM UPDATE:

We raised $5,000 before the Holiday Jam, which means the cost of the food, band and beverages for the event are already covered! As a result, the money raised through ticket sales, the silent auction and 50/50 raffle will go directly to our $30,000 goal of supporting St. John's.

Thank you to the generous anonymous parishioner who kicked things off with a $2,000 gift, and another anonymous donor who matched additional contributions dollar for dollar, up to $1,500!

Every donation, no matter the size, helped us achieve this goal before the big night and we are tremendously grateful to everyone who contributed! Now let's celebrate! Grab your ticket, bring a friend (or two!), and join us Friday, December 11, for a night of great music, exciting auction finds, good company, and a whole lot of SJRO spirit!

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

General Admission: $30

VIP Experience: $75

Tickets will be available **online only** (no paper tickets or cash sales).

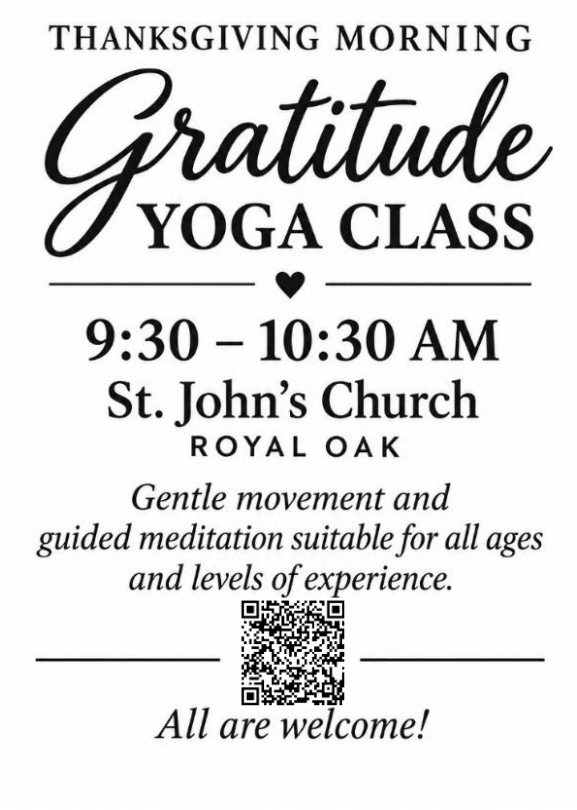
Don't forget to register to bid for the silent auction! **Please remember: Purchasing a ticket does NOT automatically register you to bid in the auction. Both steps must be completed!**

Please scan this QR code to purchase your tickets and register to bid in the silent auction:

Questions?

Reach out to any committee member:

Marie Donigan, Lisa Machesky, Maryann Maiuri, Kelly Mankin,
Elizabeth Moon, Scout Osborne, Andy Stewart.
Mankin, Elizabeth Moon, Scout Osborne, Andy Stewart.



Thanksgiving Morning Gratitude Yoga Class

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

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





Celebrating The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

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

As we send Maryjane off to enjoy her retirement, we're hosting a farewell brunch in her honor! Along with our SJRO parishioners, we've invited members of her previous congregations, fellow clergy, family, and friends to join in the celebration. Chef Dallas will be spearheading the meal, and we're asking our SJRO folks to help round things out with beverages, cupcakes, and fresh fruit. Please use the link below or QR code to sign up to bring something to share:

Donations should be brought to church on Sunday, December 6, and dropped off in Jatho Hall before the 10:15 service. Disposable serving pieces and platters are preferred. If you'd like something returned, PLEASE label it with your name and remember to take it home at the end of the event. We're also looking for volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. Not the most glamorous jobs, perhaps, but both are vital to making the celebration a success! Thanks, everyone, for pitching in and helping us give Maryjane the wonderful send-off she deserves!



As Maryjane begins retirement and pursues her passion for quilting, we invite the St. John's community to contribute to her Clergy Farewell Fund as a special token of our appreciation. Contributions may be made online through the **Clergy Farewell Fund** button on our website or by cash or check marked "Clergy Farewell Fund."

New To You



NOVEMBER DEALS

MONDAYS 50% OFF CLOTHING

TUESDAYS 50% OFF HOLIDAY ITEMS

WEDNESDAYS 50% OFF KITCHEN & DINING

THURSDAYS 50% OFF HOME DECOR & ART

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

New To You

HOLIDAY SALE

11/27 BLACK FRIDAY

HALF OFF entire store
10am-4pm

11/28 SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

HALF OFF entire store
10am-1pm

Some exclusions may apply.





FROM ONE HAND TO ANOTHER: STEWARDSHIP 2027

Thank you for your generous pledge and for supporting the mission and ministry of St. John's! Your commitment helps us continue to grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and create a place where everyone is welcome and everyone belongs. Together, we make a difference in the life of our church and community.

Amanda & Paul Nash
Ann Marie Piwonski & Maria Walter
Anna Ruggirello & Marsha Tuck
Aubrey & Sarah Muth
Barbara & James Karchron
Bernadette Ethridge
Betsy & Larry Morton
Bill & Katie Weide
Bob Nagaj
Bobbie Schillag
Carol & Chris Swan
Cathy Holcomb
Charles & Shelley Baker
Cheryl & Kevin Clouthier
Cheryl Fehan
Chris Davis & Lonnie Shelton
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Richard Le Jeune
Roberta Schillag
Sandra Curtis
Sharon & Brian Kennedy
Tamra Zakar
The Rev. Becca Kello
The Rev. Linda Northcraft & Ellen Ehrlich
Waymon Howard
William & Kate Weide

This list is current as of Wednesday, November 18, 2026. Please note that this list is a work in progress. If you have submitted your pledge and do not yet see your name listed, please don't panic! We are continuing to update our records and appreciate your patience as we make sure everyone is included.
Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. John's!