

# Maundy Thursday



**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026**  
**IN-PERSON WORSHIP 7:00PM**

**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!

### Welcome Newcomers!

**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 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 gluten-free. All are welcome to St. John's programs and events.

### The Triduum (Three Days)

The three days leading up to Easter are called the Triduum, which means "three days." During this time, we gather for what is really one continuous act of worship, experienced in three parts, remembering Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus' command to love one another and we celebrate the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday, we pause to remember his crucifixion. Then, at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, we celebrate his passage from death to life and the joy of the Resurrection.

### Maundy Thursday

The word *Maundy* comes from the Latin phrase *mandatum novum*, meaning "new commandment." On this day, we remember Jesus' call to love one another as God loves us, and to serve one another as he served. As a sign of that love and service, we may take part in the washing of feet, following Jesus' example with his disciples. We also celebrate the Eucharist, remembering that on this night Jesus shared bread and wine and asked us to continue doing this in remembrance of him. After communion, some of the consecrated bread and wine are set aside and taken to the Altar of Repose, reminding us of Jesus going to the garden to pray. We are invited to spend time in quiet prayer, keeping watch with him. The service ends with the Stripping of the Altar, when everything is removed from the altar. This simple but powerful act reminds us that Jesus was betrayed, stripped of everything, and left to face the cross alone.

PRELUDE Sonia Lee, *violin*

*At the ringing of a bell, the people stand*

ENTRANCE HYMN (*sung twice*)

A new commandment

My Heart Sings Out, 92

A new com - mand - ment that I give to you, is to  
love one an - o - ther as I have loved you; is to  
love one an - o - ther as I have loved you. By  
this shall all know you are my dis - ci - ples: if  
you have love one for an - o - ther; \_\_\_\_\_ by  
this shall all know you are my dis - ci - ples: if  
you have love one for an - o - ther. \_\_\_\_\_

----- THE WORD OF GOD -----

*Presider* †Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Presider* Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection. This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room for a holy meal. This is the night when Christ taught us to humbly serve one another in love. This is the night to watch and pray with Christ. Come, let us prepare for this night by faith with open hearts.

### THE CONFESSION

*The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*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 only your will. Amen.**

### THE ABSOLUTION

*The people stand as they are able.*

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

### TRISAGION *(an ancient prayer of the church, sung three times)*

**H1982, S102**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. Almighty God, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

## Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 116:10-16

I love the LORD, because GOD has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
and inclined an ear to me whenever I cried out.

How shall I repay you, O LORD \*  
for all the good things you have done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all the chosen people.

Precious in your sight, O LORD \*  
is the death of your servants.

O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
 you have freed me from my bonds.  
 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
 and call upon the name of the LORD.  
 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
 in the presence of all the people.

## THE SECOND LESSON

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Lector* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN

### Stay with us

Taizé, 21

Stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then

stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

*Presider* †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Presider* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## MEDITATION

**The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck**

*The people remain seated.*

## INVITATION TO THE FOOT WASHING

*Those who wish to participate may come forward at this time to have their feet washed. At the seats in front of the first pew, please remove your shoes and socks. After your feet are washed, you may remain and wash the feet of the next person. Accommodations will be made for those with special needs.*

## MUSIC MEDITATION (DURING THE FEET WASHING)

*The people stand as they are able.*

## THE GIVING OF THE NEW COMMANDMENT

*Presider* The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”

*People* **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

*Presider* I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

*People* **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

*Presider* By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Presider* As we begin these sacred three days, let us earnestly pray to God for all those gathered tonight with Christ and for all people everywhere.

*Leader* On this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples’ feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility. God of grace,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us in your love. God of grace,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to follow his Way of Life through the disciples’ message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal to love and to serve others as Christ loved us. God of grace,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself. As we open our hearts to those who are rejected and cast out, fill us with your compassion and mercy. God of grace,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* On this night, Jesus reminded his people to love one another. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace. God of grace,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end. As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Barbara, Gloria, Carolyn, Mimi, Sandor, Kathy, Nancy, Madiba, Gayle, Sue, Elliot, David, Elaine, Allie, Jim, Cole, Tom, David, Rich, Jennifer, Owen, Bob, Don, Rich, Brody, and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_ . Bring them the joy of your salvation.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* On this night, we pray for all those who have †died, especially for Jamiel’s father Hisham and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_; for those whose witness has strengthened and encouraged us; and for those who have died who are known to you alone. God of grace,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us our daily bread. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place, and grant that all who come to your table may love and serve you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Presider* Christ has reconciled us to God into one body.  
May the peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Peace is exchanged among the people.*

*The people are seated.*

## **GREETING AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**Steal Away (Traditional Spiritual)**

**arr. Howard Helvey**

*Oblation bearers bring forward the gifts of bread and wine on behalf of the congregation. The ushers pass collection baskets to gather our gifts of pledges and other offerings. At the Presentation Hymn, all stand. The ushers present our gifts at the altar. The Eucharistic ministers join the clergy to prepare for Eucharist.*

***Thank you for your giving.*** *Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, outreach, and 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.*



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## PRESENTATION HYMN

Brother, sister, let me serve you

My Heart Sings Out, 94, vv. 1

1 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as  
Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my ser - vant too.

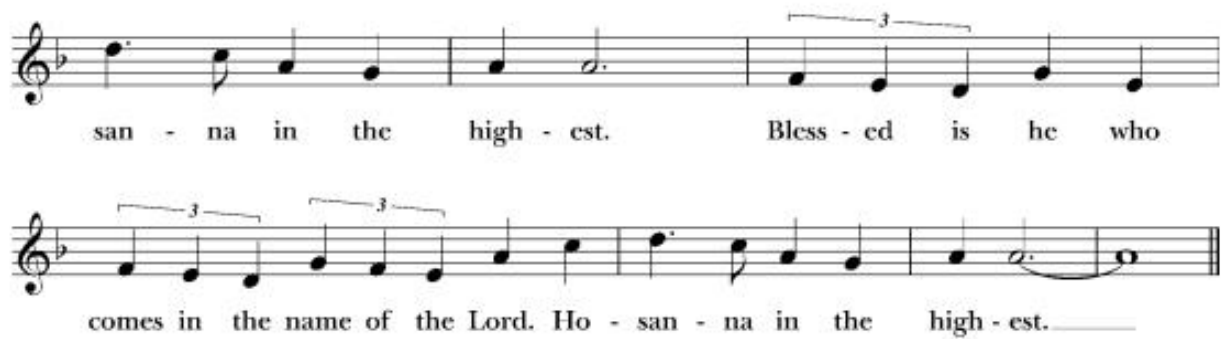
## ----- THE HOLY EUCHARIST -----

- 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. 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:

## SANCTUS

The Hymnal 1982, S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



*The people kneel or stand as able.*

*Presider* We remember that on this night, the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the 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, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Bells ring as we remember.*

*Presider* 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Bells ring as we remember.*

*Presider* 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. We give thanks for all that you have done. Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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. Open our eyes that we might see on this night that the impossible is possible, and that we, however young or old, might be born anew. Quiet our fears and strengthen us with joy and courage. Show us, O God, that hunger may be ended, justice done, mercy given, bread broken, and peace shared among all your people.

All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
*All* **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. A period of silence is kept.*

## Lamb of God

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 270

Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world: grant us peace.

*Presider* These are the gifts of God.  
*People* **And we are the people of God.**  
*Presider* Behold who you are, and become what you receive.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. Please follow the directions of the ushers toward a communion station. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten-free.*

*Healing - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to the healing stations on the sides of the altar during communion. The person greeting you will anoint you with oil, lay hands on your shoulders and offer prayers for you.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

In remembrance of me, eat this bread

LEVAS II 149

1. In re - mem - brance of me,  
2. (In re - ) mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -  
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is  
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

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2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

1. done. In re -  
2. in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber  
too. That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for  
you, shed for you. In re - mem - brance of me  
search for truth. In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. In re -  
mem - brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart  
— look for God. Do this in re - mem - brance of me.

# Bread of life

Voice Found, 80

*Refrain*

Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Je-sus Christ, our bro - ther: — feed us now, give us life,

[1.-4. to Verses] *Final*

lead us — to one an - oth - er. one an - oth - er. —

1 As we pro - claim your death, as we re - call your life,  
2 The bread we break and share was scat - tered once as grain:  
3 We eat this liv - ing bread, we drink this sav - ing cup;  
4 Hold us in u - ni - ty, in love for all to see:  
5 You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,

we re - mem - ber your prom - ise  
just as now it is gath - ered,  
sign of hope in our bro - ken world,  
that the world may be - lieve in you,  
bro - ken now for your peo - ple,

to re - turn a - gain.  
make your peo - ple one.  
source of last - ing love.  
God of all who live.  
poured in end - less love.

# Let us break bread together on our knees

The Hymnal 1982, 325

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; —  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; —

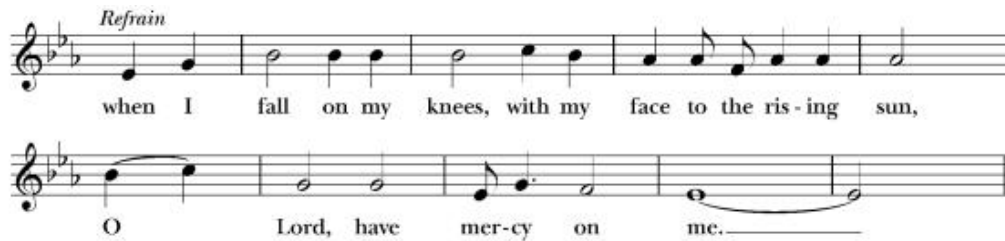
let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; —  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; —

*Refrain*

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; —

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; —



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, 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. Grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HOLY WEEK PRAYER

*Presider* Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

## PROCESSION OF RESERVED SACRAMENTS

*The presider takes the sacraments to the side altar to be received at the Good Friday Service.*

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

### *What is the Stripping of the Altar?*

*During this reflective time, the Altar, Sanctuary, and church are stripped of all ornamentation signifying Christ being left alone to pray before his betrayal, and arrest.*

*Following the stripping of the altar, the **people depart in silence.** Those who wish to do so may visit the altar in the West Transept and pray.*

***The church will remain open for prayer until 9:00pm.***



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

<b>Acolytes</b>	Ethan Scott, Julian Griffin, Ryley Griffin, Yve Jones
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Denise Barnett, Martie Falconer, Allyson Frank, Maryann LeComb, Barb Moran, Joyce Morey, MaryAnn Morrow, Kathy Stricker, Bette Ann Wright
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Linda Tucker
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cathy Holcomb, Chuck Tucker, Marie Donigan, Peg Coury
<b>Greeter</b>	Jackie Speer
<b>Greeter during service</b>	Steve Fairman
<b>Lectors</b>	Amelia Scott – First Lesson, Deborah Shepherd – Psalm, Marcy Darin – Second Lesson, Prayers of the People
<b>Musicians</b>	Dr. Steven McGhee, <i>Music Director</i> ; Sonia Lee, <i>Violin</i> ; Brooklyn Pheffer, Laila Robleh, Cailin Weber <i>Choral Scholars</i> ; St. John's Chancel Choir
<b>Opener/Closer</b>	Chris Moran
<b>Tech Team</b>	Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones, Laurie McLaughlin
<b>Ushers</b>	Bernadette Ethridge, Kristine Sprague
<b>Vergers</b>	Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews
<b>Interim Rector</b>	The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck