



The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 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
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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.

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

Everyone is welcome! Everyone belongs!

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

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 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.

PRELUDE

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

OPENING HYMN (at 10:15am)

The Church's one foundation

H1982, 525



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider †Blessed be the Triune God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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, S278



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

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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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 1: 8-2:10

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew

women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 124

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

Lector A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

GOSPEL HYMN (at 10:15am)

Day by day (Sumner)

H1982, 654



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 13-20

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Henny Haigh Grossoehme

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 In confidence that the Lord hears our prayers, we offer them up saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie, our bishop; for Maryjane, our clergy; for priests, deacons and lay leaders in their many ministries.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That the church 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. John's in Plymouth, Church of the Redeemer in Southfield and All Saints' in La Romana, Dominican Republic.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That each of us may open the door to whomever knocks in search of a rewarding life with you.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That we may be instrumental in alleviating the pains of oppression, by reaching out to the poor, the homeless, and the neglected.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That our own community, and families, may know God's presence and embody God's love.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the sick and suffering, especially for Gloria, Kathy, Gayle, Sue, Kristen, Barbara, Rich, Carolyn, Don, June, Bernie, Marcy, Kelly, David, Joyce, Angela, Bob, Sharon and those we now name either silently or aloud _____. May we provide support and comfort them.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for the †departed, that we may always remember them, especially those we now name, either silently or aloud _____. Inspire us anew with the assurance of resurrection.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: Creator of the world, accept the praise and thanks of our worship, and grant us that which makes us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

The people stand or kneel.

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, 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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY



Give online: stjohnsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE
Text: Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256
Mail: St. John's, 26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067
Envelopes: Available upon request 248-546-1255 or
OR scan this code to be directed to the giving page.

PRESENTATION (*at 8:00am*)

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC (*at 10:15am*)

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Debbie Smith, Vocalist

(Music by C.H. Gabriel, lyrics by C.D. Martin, arr. J. Schrader)

PRESENTATION HYMN (*at 10:15am*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Book of Common Prayer 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

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

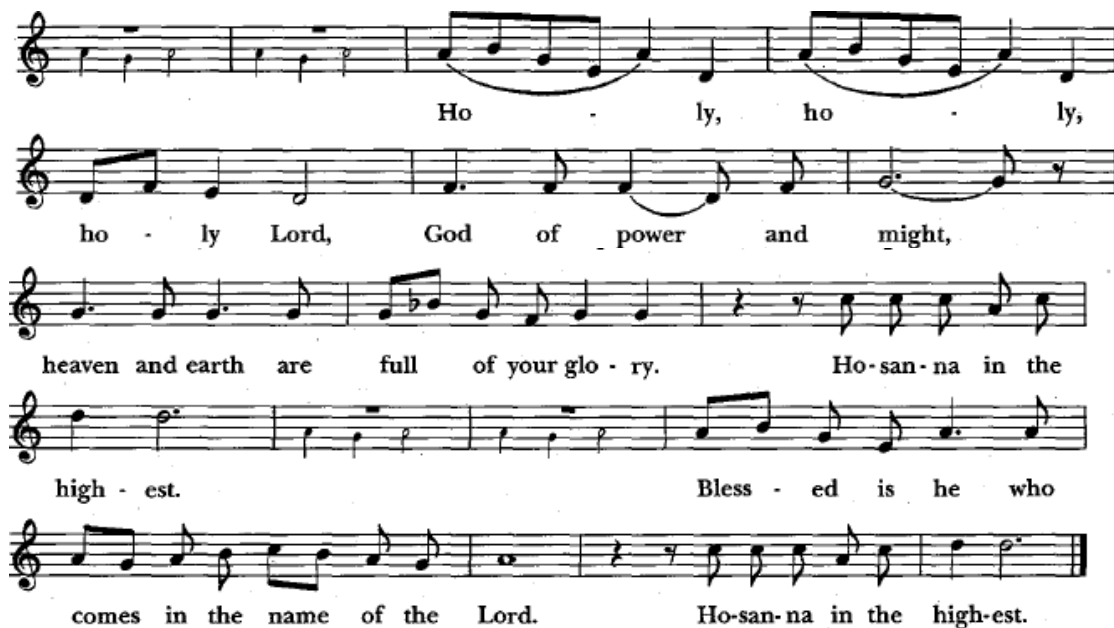
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels 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, S128



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."

Presider

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. 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.

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 (*spoken at 8:00am*)

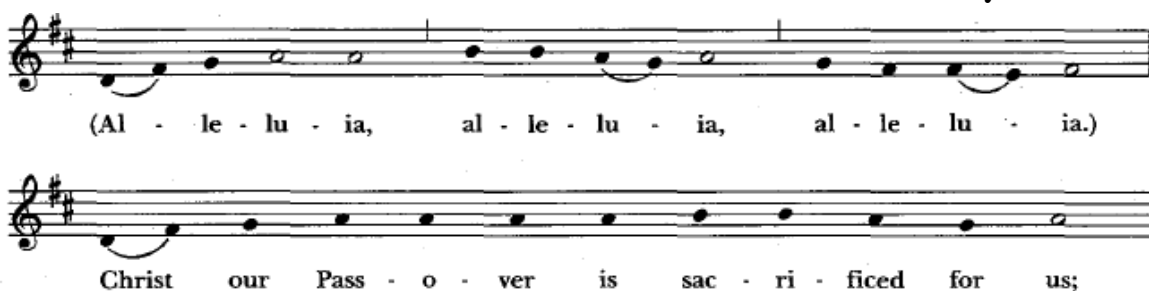
Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God (*at 10:15am*)

The Hymnal 1982, S154





Presider Alleluia! These are the Gifts of God!
People And we are the people of God. Alleluia!

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)

Muchos resplandores/Many are the lightbeams

WLP, 794

1. Mu - chos res-plan - do - res, só - lo u - na luz; es la
 2. Mu - chas son las ra - mas, un ár - bol hay, y su
 1. Man - y are the light - beams from the one light. Our one
 2. Man - y are the bran - ches of the one tree. Our one

luz de Cris - to. _____ Mu - chos res-plan - do - res,
 tron - co es Cris - to. _____ Mu - chos son los tron - cos,
 light is Je - sus. _____ Man - y are the light - beams
 tree is Je - sus. _____ Man - y are the bran - ches

só - lo u - na luz que nos ha - ce u - no. _____
 un tron - co hay y en el so - mos u - no. _____
 from the one light; we are one in Christ. _____
 of the one tree; we are one in Christ. _____

3. Muchos son los dones, uno el amor:
el amor de Cristo.
Muchos son los dones, uno el amor
que nos hace uno.
4. Muchas las tareas, uno el sentir,
el sentir de Cristo.
Muchas las tareas, uno el sentir
que nos hace uno.
5. Muchos son los miembros, un cuerpo hay,
ese cuerpo es Cristo
Muchos son los miembros, un cuerpo hay
y en El somos uno.

3. Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one.
Love's the gift of Jesus.
Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one;
we are one in Christ.
4. Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one;
servant spirit of Jesus.
Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one;
we are one in Christ.
5. Many are the members, the body is one;
members all of Jesus.
Many are the members, the body is one;
we are one in Christ.

Take my life, and let it be

H1982, 707



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider 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 **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 and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider 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 you forever.

All **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN (*at 10:15am*)

Glorious things of thee are spoken

H1982, 654, vv. 1-2

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, he well sup - ply thy sons and

bro - ken formed and thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



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

Acolytes

(8:00a.m.) Joey Spano
(10:15a.m.) Jennifer Smigielski, Lauren Oakes,
Lillian Smigielski

Altar Guild

(8:00a.m.) Pam Lupinski
(10:15a.m.) Barb Moran, Denise Barnett,
Mary Ann Morrow

Bread Baker

Mary Ann Morrow

Eucharistic Ministers

(8:00a.m.) Cathy Holcomb, Chuck Tucker
(10:15a.m.) Chris Moran, Cindy Fellner,
Jennifer Bruns, Rachel Andrews

Greeters

(8:00a.m.) Paulynn Auger
(10:15a.m.) Janice Pedersen, Joyce Morey

Greeters during service

(8:00a.m.) Paulynn Auger
(10:15a.m.) Richard Le Jeune

Healing Ministers

(8:00a.m.) -----
(10:15a.m.) Joyce Morey

Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Emma Bruns

8:00a.m. Lectors

Angela Stough – First Lesson and the Psalm
William Weide – Second Lesson and the Prayers
of the People

10:15a.m. Lectors

Amelia Scott – First Lesson
Chris Bosley – The Psalm and the Second Lesson
Mozhgon Rajae – Prayers of the People

Musician

Dr. Steve McGhee, *Organist*

Opener/Closer

Tim Morgan, Richard Le Jeune

Parking Lot Greeters

Gregg Barnett, Richard Le Jeune

Presider

The Rev. Henny Haigh Grossoehme

Tech Team

Laurie McLaughlin, Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones,
Tales Lima

Ushers

Jonatan Asccarruz-Asencios, Kurt Wicker,
Tales Lima, Kristine Sprague

Vergers

Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews

Interim Rector

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

There's a place for everyone at St. John's! Whether you enjoy welcoming others, helping behind the scenes, caring for our community, or sharing your unique gifts, we invite you to become part of one of our ministry teams. No matter your experience, **all are welcome**. Interested in learning more?

Contact the church office—we'd be happy to help you find the ministry that's right for you!

office@stjohnro.org / 248-546-1255

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Sunday, August 23

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Sunday, August 30

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Youth Clothing Swap in Jatho

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY (SJRO Office Closed)

First Monday Meditation at 7pm on Zoom

Tuesday, September 8

New To You Opens 10:00am

Card Ministry in Church Library at 10:30am

Thursday, September 10

St. John's Chancel Choir Rehearsal
at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

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

Faith in Justice Meeting at 9:00am in Community Room

Sunday, September 27

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

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 to confirm room availability.



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), Brody (by Bob Nagaj), David (by Janice Pendersen), 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), Scout Osborne (by Kristine Sprague), John Trace, Bruce Robson, Bob Walsh, Angela Stough, Dale Gilbertson, Sharon Walters, Marcy Darin, James, Barbara Thornton, Bernie Ethridge, Dave Onslow, Joyce Morey, John Trace, Kevin McLogan, David Landis, Cathie Hauser. **Visit our website to make a prayer request online OR contact the church office at 248-546-1255 / office@stjohnro.org**

JOIN US SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13!

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ROYAL OAK

ALL-PARISH PICNIC

Following 10:15AM Service

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
EVERYONE BELONGS!

RSVP by SUNDAY AUGUST 30
SIGN UP FOR SET UP/TEARDOWN,
SIDES & DESSERTS

P.S. BRING A LAWN CHAIR!



SCAN HERE TO RSVP
for the All-Parish Picnic. **Please
RSVP by August 30!** Join us for
an afternoon of food, fun and
fellowship with your St. John's
family. All are welcome to
attend!

ST. JOHNS
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

CHILDREN, YOUTH &
FAMILY PROGRAM



CLOTHING SWAP



CLOTHING, BOOK & TOY SWAP

Refresh your kids closet
while simultaneously
cleaning it out



- Bring gently used clothing, books & toys
- Find new favorites
- Support sustainability



Sunday, August 30th

Items may be dropped off early
in collection bins in the Narthex

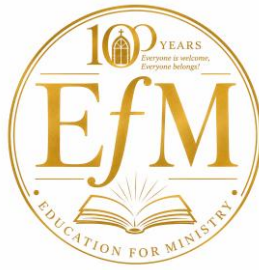
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For more information, contact Emma Bruns at
emmabruns@hotmail.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you play an instrument, love
to draw, enjoy storytelling, or
have a craft or talent you're
excited about? **We're looking for
volunteers to share their special
skills with our Sunday school
kids!** Interested? Please reach out
to Emma Bruns
at emmabruns@hotmail.com



EfM Open House August 31 at 7:00pm

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a weekly program for those seeking to study the Bible and explore how Scripture and faith connect to daily life. Participants learn theological reflection—considering Scripture, Christian tradition, society and culture, and personal experience—to deepen their understanding of God and their relationships with God, neighbor, and creation. The seminar, facilitated by certified EfM mentors Archdeacon Tim Spannaus and Veronica Griffith, meets **Mondays from 7–9 p.m. on Zoom**. The group currently has six participants from several congregations, with space for six more. An **EfM Open House will be held August 31 at 7:00 p.m.**

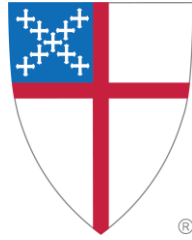
To learn more, visit efm.sewanee.edu or contact Tim Spannaus at tspannaus@edomi.org or Veronica Griffith at vgriffith777@gmail.com.



100th Anniversary Service

Sunday, October 18 at 9:30am

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 18, 2026 for one combined service at 9:30am**. We are delighted to share that Bishop Bonnie Perry has confirmed that she will be with us to celebrate. We ask for your presence, please spread the word to your St. John's friends, former members, neighbors, and anyone who has been touched by this community. This service will also feature Confirmation/Reception and Baptism into the Episcopal Church.



Confirmation/Baptism/Reception Fall 2026

**Baptism, Confirmation and Reception forms are due to the church office
by Tuesday, September 1!**

For those already signed up, please check your email for instructions to register for class preparation happening in September. Interested in Baptism, Confirmation/Reception into The Episcopal Church or have questions? Contact the church office or Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck at mpeck@stjohnro.org



New To You opens TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 at 10:00am!

Interested in helping with NTY summer projects?

Contact Heidi at newtoyou@stjohnro.org

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