



PRIDE SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist
Celebration of Pride Month

June 7, 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 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.

Welcome to Our Pride Eucharist!



At St. John's, we acknowledge that for centuries, Christian churches have excluded LGBTQ+ people from being a vital part and full participants in the community, denying that they are beloved children of God just as they are, wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God. The Episcopal Church is rooted in a tradition of inclusion, committed to sharing and living out God's love for all people. Individuals of all genders and sexual orientations serve as bishops, priests and deacons throughout our church.

The hymns featured during today's worship service come from *Songs For The Holy Other* (SFHO), a selection of hymns and anthems affirming the LGBTQIA2S+ community. The title, *Songs For The Holy Other* is a collection of music for those who have been labeled as "wholly other". The music and lyrics create a way of claiming holiness, and reclaiming otherness as holy and beloved. This collection emerged from a desire to make queer hymns – hymns by, for or about the LGBTQIA2S+ community – accessible to a wider range of congregations. These musical selections are to be a gift to the church from its authors, with the intention to reflect on the rainbow's beautiful diversity and the love found within God's creation.

We gather today to pray, lament, worship, celebrate! In the words of one of our parishioners, "Pride is not about exalting our hubris; it's about removing our shame." This weekend, we celebrate the beautiful diversity of God's creation and recommit ourselves to being a community where all are welcomed, valued and loved. No matter who you are, who you love, or where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.

PRELUDE

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

OPENING HYMN (at 10:15am)

All the Colors of the Rainbow

SFHO



1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan-ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres-sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
head and hand must work to - get-ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie den, Mir.
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
so the church needs all its mem-bers for a range of min - i - stries:
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."
long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

THE WORD OF GOD

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.

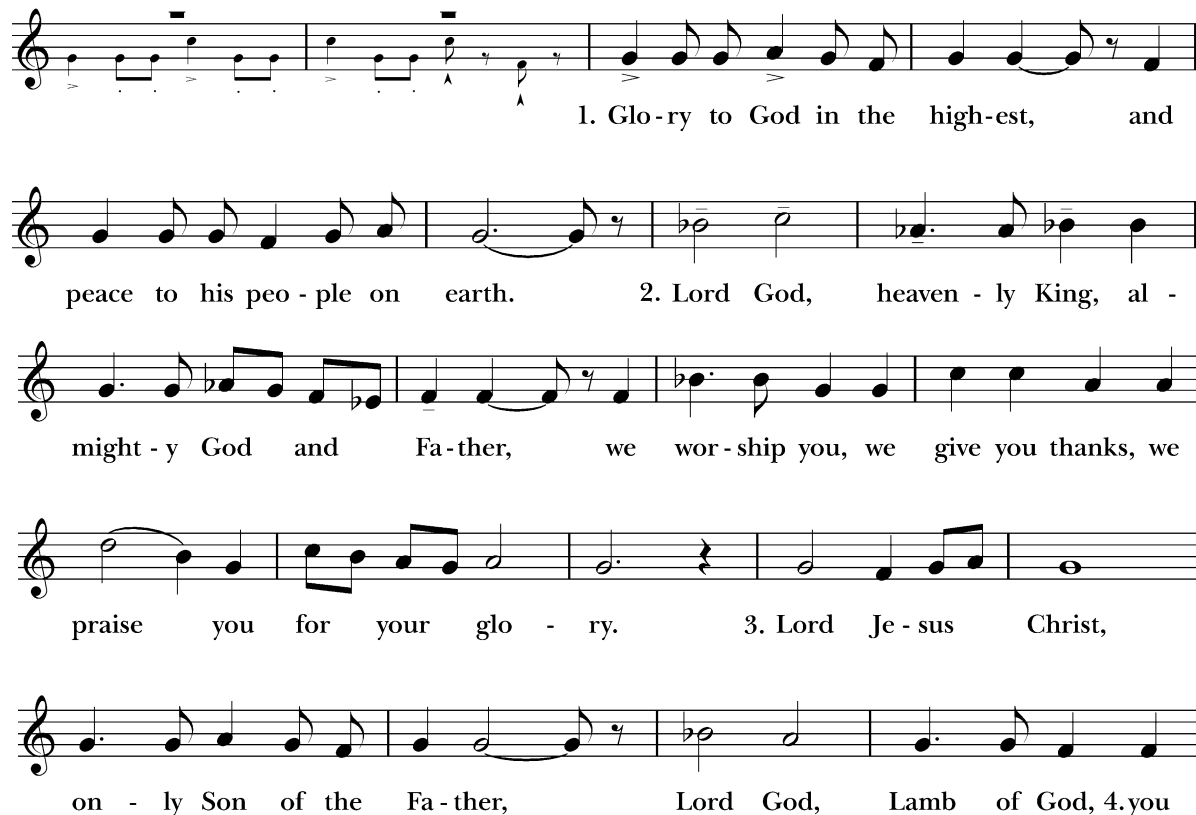
All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

Genesis 12: 1-9

Lector A Reading from the book of Genesis

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33: 1-12

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for the LORD a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word, O LORD is right, *
and all your works are sure.
- 5 You love righteousness and justice; *
your loving-kindness, O LORD, fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word, O LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of your mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and store up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in reverence.

- 9 For the LORD spoke, and it came to pass; *
the LORD commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
and thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of the LORD'S heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people you have chosen to be your own!

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

Lector A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

GOSPEL HYMN (at 10:15am)

God of Many Faces

SFHO

God of many faces, we offer our praise,
sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.
Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,
car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves contain the lyrics 'God of many faces, we offer our praise, sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.' The third and fourth staves contain the lyrics 'Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong, car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.' The music is primarily homophonic, with a clear melody line and supporting chords.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Dean Aponte-Safe

A period of silence is kept.

NICENE CREED

The people stand as they are able.

Presider Let us affirm our faith.

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for †the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider Let us offer our prayers to God for all people.

Reader Holy One, we lift our praises to you for you have created us in Your image, in every imaginable variety of human expression. You have named and claimed each of us as holy and worthy of love. We give special thanks this day for our LGBTQIA+ siblings, who embody the diversity of your boundless creation. God of Wisdom –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Teach us to see, name, and care for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and to honor the fullness of our lives, and the stories we experience. Open our mouths to boldly speak out against injustice and discrimination. Empower us to be advocates and activists for equity, and to work boldly to create safe and affirming spaces in which to live, worship and thrive. God of Justice –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We reaffirm this day that at St. John's – regardless of cultural background, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – no one will be

singled out or excluded here; that all will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated!; and that we are better because each of us is here. God of Welcome –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Expand our hearts and minds to embrace that which we do not yet know or understand in each other. Humble us in our shortcomings to acknowledge when we have been wrong and seek public accountability for the silence, stigma and pain the church has directed toward our beloved LGBTQIA+ siblings. We seek your forgiveness for the false hatred spoken in the name of God. Restore us and center us in your grace. God of Mercy –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We thank you for the joy and pride that is celebrated this day. We pray in gratitude for the blessings of this life, especially those things we now name _____. God of Blessing

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader O God, you hear the hearts of all who are burdened: For the widowed and orphaned, for the aged and the homebound, for the sick and the suffering, Accept our prayers on behalf of those for whom we intercede: Bob, Gloria, Kathy, Gayle, Sue, Martha, Kristen, Barbara, Rich, Carolyn, Cheryl, Don, Wayman and those we now name _____. Fill them with comfort and peace. God of Healing –

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We commend to God all who have †died, and for those we now name _____. We remember today those killed by bigotry, violence and ignorance. We pray for those who have died and are known to God alone. May they rest in eternal peace. God of Comfort

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION

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

The people stand or kneel as they are able.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is,
Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image
and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you
in the great diversity of the human family.**

**We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the
varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold
those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,
united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. 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

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

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

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)

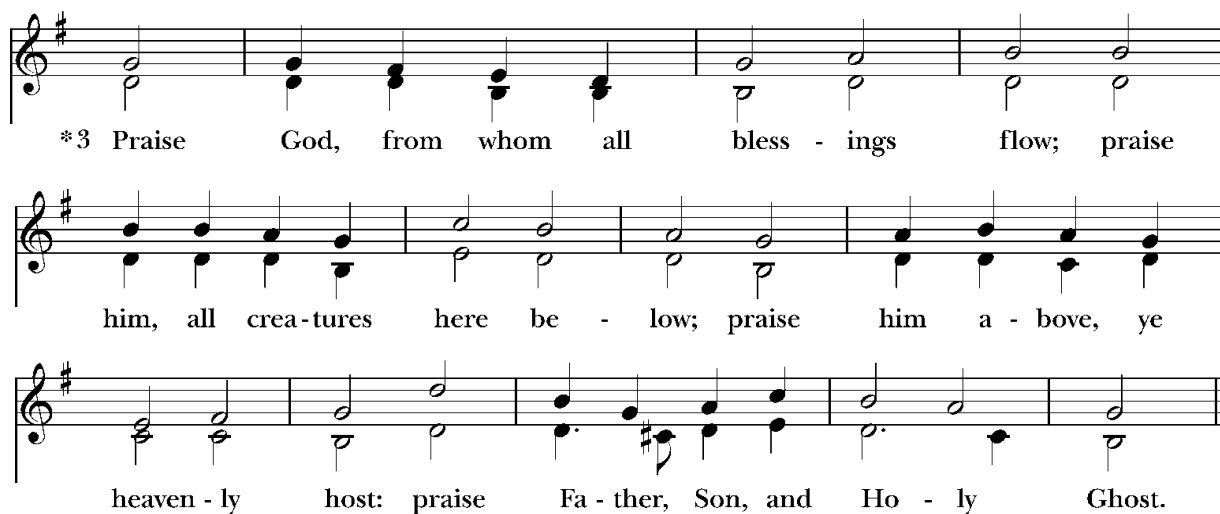
For everyone born by S.E. Murray, and B. Mann, arr. Tom Trenney

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.

PRESENTATION HYMN (at 10:15am)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3



*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer B – Book of Common Prayer

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 Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into relationship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and saying (singing):

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef. The first staff contains the melody for the words "Ho - ly, ho - ly," with a long note on "Ho" and a dotted note on "ly,". The second staff contains the melody for the words "ho - ly Lord, God of power and might," with a long note on "ho" and a dotted note on "ly".

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Presider Blessed are you, O Holy One: When Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Presider At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched the sick and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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." Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope:

People **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ. Fill us with that same Spirit and sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Presider Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O Source of all life, 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!

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

The Hymnal 1982, S154

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

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)

Alchemy of Healing

SFHO

1. The cour - age we bor - row, the cour - age we bring
 2. Bring grace and bring kind - ness, to all that you sing,
 3. The dark - ness we ban - ish, the sha - dow we blame
 4. Come ga - ther your pow - er with good friends a - round.

shall bind us in strength to the heal - ing we sing.
 to heal and to hon - our each fierce ten - der thing.
 though hid - den, may help us to find our true name.
 To - geth - er we stand in the truth of this ground.

The cour - age to face an - y wound that we fear
 Each shame left un - spo - ken may yet shine a light,
 So bring all your cour - age that all be made whole,
 Our cour - age can make us, can heal and can mend,

shall bind us in beau - ty and bless ev - ery tear.
 a place that seemed bro - ken, that place can give life.
 trans - form - ing your stor - y in bo - dy and soul.
 and a wound can be sa - cred, an - y wound we tran - scend.

For All the Children

SFHO

1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to
 2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that
 3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut
 4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when

raise our song a - bove, and we dare to claim the
 one day they be free; and we sing for gen - er -
 short by fear and shame so a - fraid of who they
 chil - dren far and wide can— live their lives with

6

pro-mise of Your love, _____ though the day may not yet
 a - tions yet to be, _____ that they nev - er have a
 are and whom they love. _____ May the mess - age now be
 dig - ni - ty and pride. _____ As they grow in strength and

10

be here, we trust it soon will be, when your
 rea - son to _____ doubt that they are blest. May they,
 ban - ished that Your love is for the few, may their
 sta - ture, may they join us hand in hand, as a -

REFRAIN

13

chil - dren will be free. _____ O, may our
 in Your love, find rest. _____
 faith in You re - new. _____
 gainst all hate we stand. _____

17

hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen wide. May there be

21

room e - nough for ev - 'ry-one in - side. _____ For in

25

God there is a wel - come, in God we all be - long. May that

29

wel - come be our song. _____

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider God's blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
The Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

All Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (at 10:15am)

A Hymn for Self-Acceptance

SFHO



1. When you feel change might be hope - less, when you've giv - en up on God,
2. Years and years, beg - ging for turn - ing in - to some - thing that you're not.
3. You are worth more than you real - ize. You are won - der - ful - ly made

when you feel you're not worth sav - ing, that your be - ing - ness is flawed.
The wrong prayer you have been pray - ing. You are not God's af - ter-thought.
in the im - age of our Mo - ther, Fa - ther, Pa - rent, all the same.

When your prayers still seem un - an - swered, not a sound from the Di - vine,
You are made as God in - tend - ed. You are per - fect—flaw-less too!
Don't let doc - trines of our church - es use the Word to mis - con - stue,

may - be you have been mis - ta - ken. God is send - ing you a sign.
May each one of you re - mem - ber, no - thing sev - ers God from you.
for it's writ - ten in the scrip - tures, sure - ly God de - lights in you!

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



Altar Flowers

In **Thanksgiving for the LGBTQIA+ community** — for the courage to live authentically, for the gifts they share, and for the love, wisdom, and beauty they bring to our church and to the world.

By St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak



Special Coffee Hour

Join us for Coffee Hour following the 10:15 service as we celebrate Pride Sunday! All are welcome for refreshments, conversation, and fellowship as we give thanks for the diversity, gifts, and belovedness of every member of our community.



June Birthdays

Carol Aaron	6/29	Jeffrey Gaglio	6/7	Larry Morton	6/6
Safyan Afzal	6/11	Barbara Gilbertson	6/30	Bob Nagaj	6/8
Jennifer Bartleman	6/4	Abby Gustafson	6/7	Kevin Oakes	6/11
Jared Berousek	6/8	Waymon Howard	6/1	Michael Saggau	6/30
Jennifer Berousek	6/27	Mark Jones	6/7	Kristine Sprague	6/6
Vincent Betanzo	6/7	Ivan Judge*	6/17	Corinne Swan	6/2
Christopher Bosley	6/17	Katherine Judge	6/4	Kristen Swan	6/18
Dayton Brown	6/22	Brian Kennedy	6/8	Maren Swan	6/23
Matthew Clark	6/21	Grace Lakinske	6/6	Susan Trebilcock	6/13
Peg Coury	6/10	Maryann LeComb	6/11	Chuck Tucker	6/12
Janet Craft	6/23	A.J. Lowler*	6/23	Will Wittig	6/22
Michael Dinunzio	6/29	Katie Macey	6/23	* = child	
Bruce Donigan	6/28	Maryann Maiuri	6/5	Bold =special	
Marie Donigan	6/17	Alexander Marcum	6/22	birthday	
Allyson Frank	6/17	Renee Mazurek*	6/4		
Anjela Freeman	6/27	Joyce Morey	6/25		



June Anniversaries

Woodie & Mary Adams	6/22/1974
Rachel Andrews & Kathy Battles	6/27/1993
Dale & Barbara Gilbertson	6/22/1963
Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker	6/4/2016
Melanie & Ned Macey	6/21/2002
Linda Northcraft & Ellen Ehrlich	6/22/1987
Andrew & Nicole Stewart	6/5/2004
Chris & Susan Trebilcock	6/8/2008
John Trace & Michael Perry	6/29/2015

If you celebrate a Birthday or an Anniversary in June, and your name is not on this list, we'd love to have it! Please call 248-546-1255 and leave the information with Jannah Cole, Parish Administrator or email it to us at office@stjohnro.org Thank you!

Joyce Morey is turning 85!

85 and FABULOUS! Please join us in celebrating Joyce Morey on her 85th birthday with a special coffee hour on June 25! We give thanks for Joyce's many years of kindness, faith, and presence in our parish family, and pray that this special milestone is filled with joy, love, and countless blessings.

Happy 85th Birthday, Joyce — your light continues to shine brightly in our community!

The FINAL DAY to shop at New to You is SATURDAY, JUNE 13!

We will **NOT** be taking donations over the summer, **THANK YOU!**

New To You will be closed June 14 and will re-open for the fall on Tuesday, September 8. Interested in helping with New To You projects/organizing over the summer?

Contact Heidi at newtoyou@stjohnro.org



THANK YOU

Special thank you to all who attended and volunteered at **Ferndale Pride** this past weekend. Your presence, kindness, and joyful spirit reflected the love and welcome that we strive to embody as a faith community. Whether you staffed the

booth, shared conversation, handed out information, or simply showed up in support, your participation made a meaningful difference. Thank you for helping represent St. John's with compassion, openness, and pride. We are especially thankful for Emma Bruns, Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios and the many hands that made the weekend possible through setup, hospitality, outreach, and encouragement. Your generosity of time and energy helped create a welcoming presence for all who stopped by. **Together, we continue to live out the message that all are welcome, all are loved, and all belong.**



Ministers of Today's Service:
The People of St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak

Acolytes

(8:00a.m.) LeeAnn Morgan
(10:15a.m.) Ethan Scott, Owen Kornmiller,
Mollie Kornmiller

Altar Guild

(8:00a.m.) -----
(10:15a.m.) Kathy Stricker, Maryann LeComb

Bread Baker

Linda Tucker

Eucharistic Ministers

(8:00a.m.) Barbara Lugger, Kayleigh Long
(10:15a.m.) Nicole Stewart, Rachel Andrews,
Sandy Curtis, Sharon Kennedy

Greeters

(8:00a.m.) Jackie Speer
(10:15a.m.) Joyce Morey, Janice Pedersen

Greeters during service

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

Healing Ministers

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

8:00a.m. Lectors

Geoff Benes – First Lesson and the Psalm
Joey Spano – Second Lesson and the Prayers of the
People

10:15a.m. Lectors

Mozhgon Rajacee – First Lesson
Amelia Scott – The Psalm
Marie Donigan – Second Lesson and the Prayers
of the People

Musicians

Dr. Steve McGhee, *Music Director*,
St. John's Chancel Choir, Brooklyn Pfeffer,
Laila Robleh, Cailin Weber *Choral Scholars*

Opener/Closer

Tim Morgan, Steve Fairman

Parking Lot Greeters

Gregg Barnett, Richard LeJeune

Sunday School Teachers

Tech Team

Laurie McLaughlin, Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones

Ushers

Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios, Kirk Wicker,
Kristine Sprague, Tales Lima

Vergers

Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews

Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Emma Brunts

Presider

The Rev. Dr. Dean Aponte-Safe

Interim Rector

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES



Sunday, June 7 - PRIDE SUNDAY

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Tuesday, June 9 – Card Ministry Meeting in the Church Library at 10:30am

Saturday, June 13 – FINAL DAY to shop at New To You before Summer Closing

Sunday, June 14 - Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Education for Ministry Meeting in the Community Room at 2:00pm

Tuesday, June 16– Coffee with a Cause Meeting in the Church Library at 10:30am

Saturday, June 20 – Open Hands Food Pantry open 8:30am – 10:00am,
Double Match Day for Open Hands Food Pantry at Meijer (Woodward Corner)

Sunday, June 21 – FATHER’S DAY

Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

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

Thursday, June 25 – Vestry Meeting in the Church Library at 7:00pm

Sunday, June 28 - Worship at 8:00am & 10:15am

Join us for Healing Service every Thursday at 11:30am!

Need a room for a meeting or event?

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We continue to pray for ...

Lorie, Betty, Patty, Wilma, Gail, Nan, Chris, Jan, Linda, Dot, Ron and Chris (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), Jerry, Susan, Ben, Gene and Marg (by Jannah Cole), Hilda (by Linda Tucker), John Trace, Bruce Robson, Fredrick Romell Webster, Martha Shea, Bob Nagaj, Bob Walsh, Savvi, Marcy Darin

Have a prayer update?

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