



# **The Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 23, 2025**

**8:00am In Person Worship**

**10:15am Online/In Person Worship**

**St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak MI**

## St. John's Welcome Statement



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

At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here.

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

### EMBRACING THE WILDERNESS: A JOURNEY OF LENT

This year, as we navigate a series of transitions in our lives, our parish, and our nation, we invite you to reflect on the journey of the people of God through the wilderness. After being delivered from enslavement in Egypt, the Israelites wandered through the desert for 40 years. The wilderness tested their resolve, their patience, their sense of identity, and their trust in their destination. And yet, God showed up there, constantly and miraculously providing bread, water, protection, and presence.

This Lent, as we lament what has gone wrong and what is missing, let us also search the ways God shows up in the wilderness of our lives. We invite you to visit and meditate at the Intercessory in the West Transept before or after the services. We invite you to join us on Wednesdays for dinner, fellowship and meditation/contemplation in our program called "Soup and Stillness: A Lenten Journey Through the Wilderness." Finally, we invite you to come on Sundays in Lent, hear the stories of the wilderness, and be strengthened by being in communion with God and this community. May we allow ourselves this Lent to go into the unknown of the wilderness and trust to find God's presence there.

### Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs!

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

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

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# PRELUDE

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

The Hymnal 1982, 149

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different parts of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church; 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,; 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,; walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,; so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,; you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead; led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,; we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,; and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,; moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:; know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:; glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,; far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.;; so we are dead and live with you in God.;; so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

## LENTEN ACCLAMATION

*Presider* †Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* God's mercy endures for ever.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

**KYRIE** (*Spoken at 8:00am*)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Kyrie eleison** (*at 10:15am*)

The Hymnal 1982, S86

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*Translation: Lord have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated*

## THE FIRST LESSON

**Exodus 3:1-15**

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will

be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you!':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.”

*Lector*      The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 63:1-8**

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

## THE SECOND LESSON

## 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Lector*      A reading from First Corinthians

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN** (at 10:15am - sung three times)

**Oh Lord hear my prayer**

**Taizé**

1. O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I  
2. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my

1. call an - swer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O  
2. hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the

1. Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O  
2. Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life. The

*Fine*

\*This tune is sung to words 1. or 2.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 13:1-9**

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



At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of Christ.

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

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe**

*A period of silence is kept*

**NICENE CREED**

*The people stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for †the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

*Amen.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Clergy* As we wander in the wilderness, let us earnestly pray to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples.

*Leader*

We pray for the Church: for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people in their many ministries, that they may be filled with wisdom and grace to live out the calling of the Gospel. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they may be filled with your guidance and light to do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need: for those without a safe home or reliable access to food, for those who have lost jobs, those who are in prison, and those seeking refuge and safety. Be present to them in their struggles and strengthen us to do our part and care for all our neighbors. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Barbara, Gloria, Carolyn, Mimi, Sandor, Kathy, Nancy, Madiba, Trudy, Gayle, Sue, Elliot, David, Elaine, Allie, Jim, Cole, and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_. God of love –  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for St. John's in this time of transition. Help us to serve and care for one another, to be open-hearted to the Spirit's wisdom, and to remain faithful to our mission to welcome and embrace all as beloved. God of love –  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have †died, especially those we now name \_\_\_\_\_; and for those who have died and are known to you alone. May they all rest in eternal peace. God of love –  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Receive the prayers we offer this day, O God our Creator. Fill us with hope and joy, protect us from despair and apathy, and guide us to live into your everlasting covenant of love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

## CONFESSION

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

*Clergy* 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,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. *Amen.***

## 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. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The peace is exchanged among the people*

## COMMISSIONING OF THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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## OFFERTORY MUSIC

**The Lord is my light**

**Peter Hallock**

*Oblation bearers bring forward the gifts of bread and wine on behalf of the congregation.*

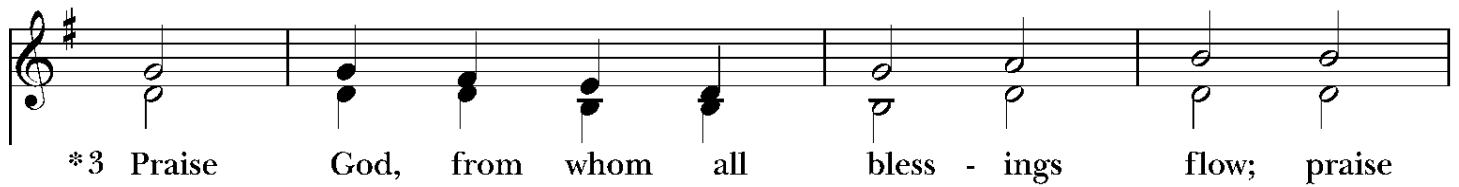
*8:00am - Gifts of pledges and other offerings may be placed in collection baskets at the steps of the altar.*

*10:15am - 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.*

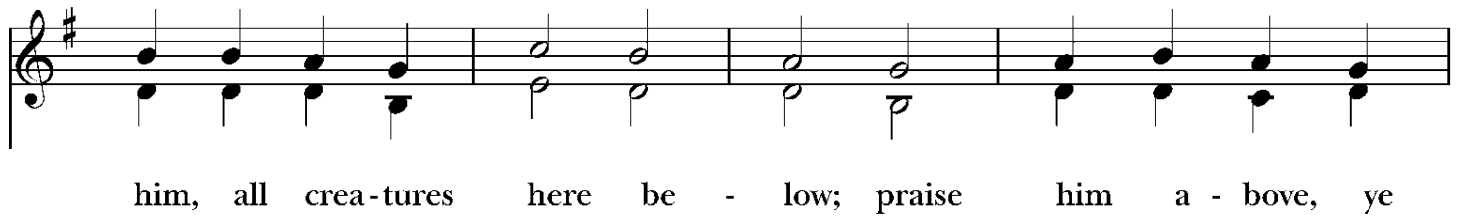
# PRESENTATION HYMN

From all that dwell below the skies

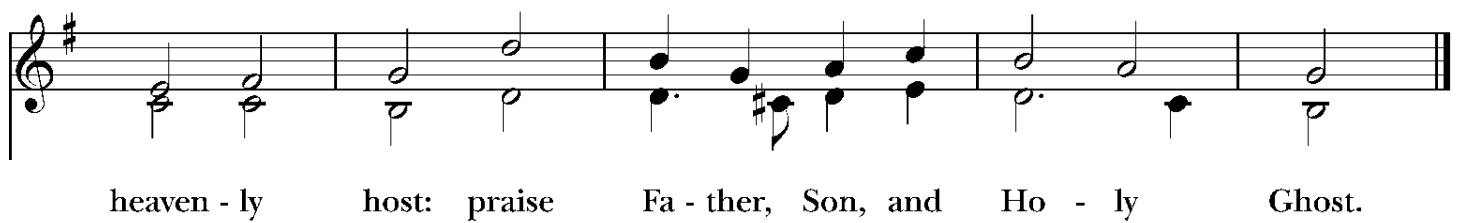
The Hymnal 1982, 380, v. 3



\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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.**

*The Presider continues*

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

We give thanks for your Son, Jesus, who was willing to enter the wilderness, who was tempted in every way as we are, and yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

### **SANCTUS**

*Presider and People (spoken at 8:00am)*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

# Holy Holy Holy *(at 10:15am)*

The Hymnal 1982, S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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## *The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

†Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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* O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world

*People* **Grant us your peace.**



# FRACTION ANTHEM *(at 10:15 am)*

## Lamb of God

Gather, 231



\*Lamb of God,  
Bread of Life, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
Son of God,



have mer - cy on us.

*Last time*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world grant us your peace.

*A period of silence is kept*

*Presider* These are the Gifts of God

*People* **And we are the People of God.**

*Presider* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

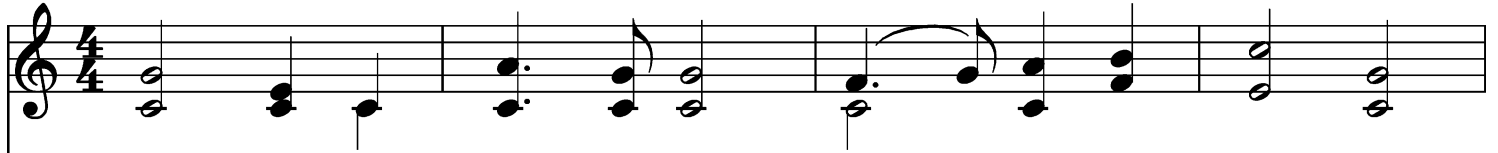
*Please follow the directions of the ushers toward and from a communion station. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

*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.*

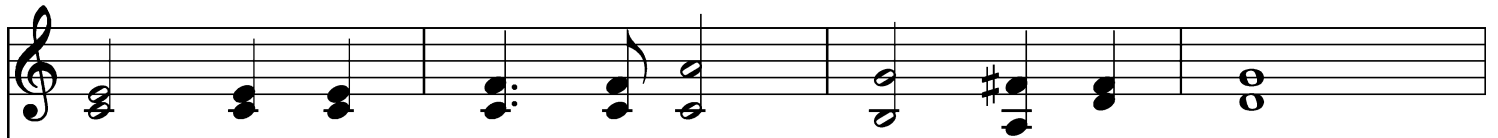
COMMUNION HYMNS (at 10:15am)

Come, ye disconsolate

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, 147



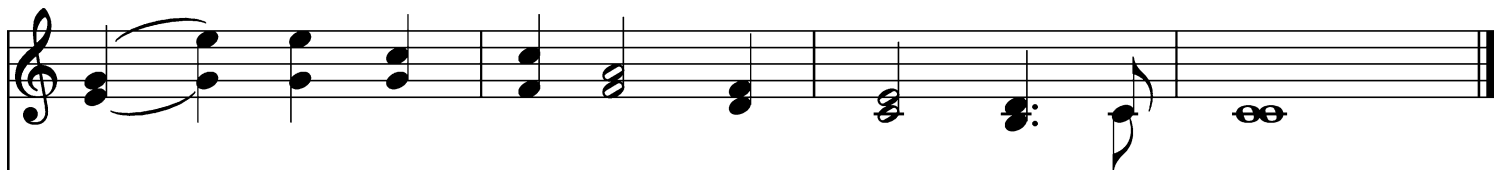
1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,  
2. Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,  
3. Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



1. Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel:  
2. Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!  
3. Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:



1. Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;  
2. Here speaks the com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
3. Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



1. Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.  
2. "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."  
3. Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

# What wondrous love is this

The Hymnal 1982, 439

*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The people may kneel or stand as they are able and pray together.*

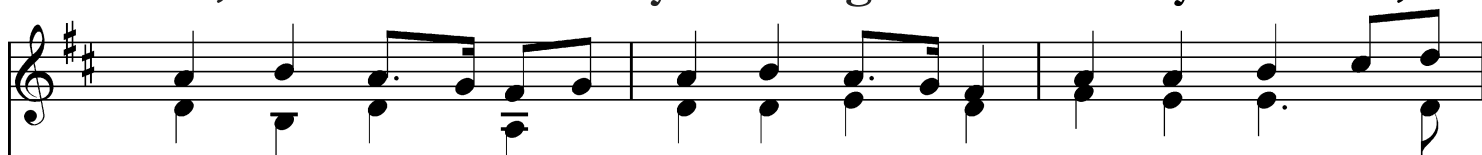
Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us  
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and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

# PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

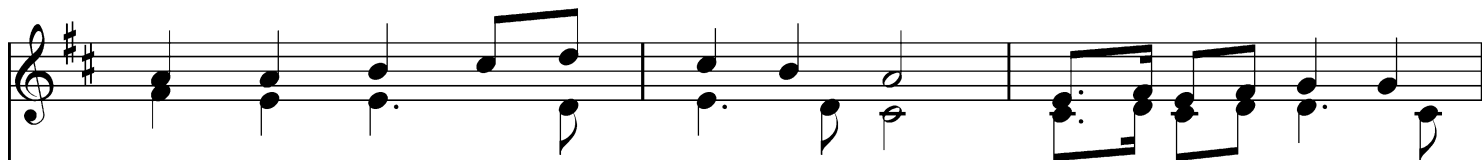
The Hymnal 1982, 344



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

## DISMISSAL

*The people turn and face the clergy*

*Clergy* Let us bless the Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE

## **Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings**

In thanksgiving for  
**Our outstanding St. John's staff:**  
**Jennifer, Kathy, Steve, Tamra, Carlos, and Alice**  
**We appreciate all that you do!**  
by the Vestry and St. John's parishioners

## **Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings**

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

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

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<b>8:00am Lectors</b>	Michael Saggau – First Lesson and Psalm; Barbara Lugger – Second Lesson and Prayers of the People
<b>8:00am Acolyte</b>	Yve Jones
<b>8:00am Greeter/Usher</b>	Joey Spano
<b>8:00am Greeter during service</b>	Greg Gmerek
<b>8:00am Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Barbara Lugger, Joey Spano,
<b>8:00am Healing Minister</b>	Janet Craft
<b>8:00am Altar Guild</b>	JoAnna Prudden
<b>10:15am Lectors</b>	Angela Stough – First Lesson; Christ Scott – Psalm; Paul Johnson – Second Lesson; Nicole Stewart – Prayers of the People
<b>10:15am Acolytes</b>	Hannah Oginsky, Kanata Richardson, Madiba Richardson
<b>10:15am Greeter</b>	Bernie Ethridge
<b>10:15am Greeter during service</b>	Richard Le Jeune
<b>10:15am Ushers</b>	Eric Babcock, Ian Babcock, Bernie Ethridge, Cole Gluklick, Joan McFeaters
<b>10:15am Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jennifer Bruns, Elizabeth Moon Carter, Nicole Stewart
<b>10:15am Healing Minister</b>	Cindy Fellner
<b>10:15am Altar Guild</b>	Denise Barnett, Barb Moran, May Ann Morrow
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Breadbakers Class
<b>Tech Team</b>	Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones, Laurie McLaughlin
<b>Acolyte Verger</b>	Kevin McLogan
<b>Opener/Closer</b>	Dennis Spatafora, Kirk Wicker
<b>Parking Lot Attendants</b>	Gregg Barnett, Richard Le Jeune
<b>Musicians</b>	Steven McGhee, <i>Music Director</i> ; Brynn Ward; Bex Conway, Brooklyn Pfeffer, <i>Choral Scholars</i> ; St. John's Chancel Choir
<b>Vestry</b>	Erica Clites, Co-Warden, Richard Le Jeune, Co-Warden Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios, Secretary Maria Walter, Treasurer (non-voting) Class of 2026: Chris Bosley, Kanata Richardson, Dennis Spatafora Class of 2027: Elizabeth Moon Carter, Keith Freeman, Cathy Holcomb, Lisa Machesky Class of 2028: Aubrey Muth, Angela Stough
<b>Priest in Charge</b>	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe

## Additional Prayer List

### Persons being prayed for:

Sarah  
Briana, Wettona, Ezra, Vic, Jackie  
Sandi  
Willa  
Edward, Ariana, Glenn  
Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim  
Larry, Lois  
Gary, Patrick  
Jeanette, Evelyn  
Angelina, Jamie  
Donna, MaryPat, Linda, Debbie  
Kae , Dorothy, Lois, Tammy, Peggy  
JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia  
Lorie, Patty, Betty, Gail, Dot, Wilma, Nan, Mike  
Jennifer, Richard, Mark  
Mike  
Linda  
Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria  
Bill, Dorothy  
Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda, Joe, Dennis, Norma, Ashley, Jake, Carson  
Gail, Phil, Steven, Paul  
Gwen  
Arthur, Dan, Winnie  
Randy, Kelly, Charlotte  
Adam, Don  
Bob, Jennifer, Scott  
Barbara, Bob, Cathy  
David, David  
Dominic, Pam, Nancy, Miles, Tom, Troy, Frankie, Hadi  
June  
Brian  
Gabrielle  
Debbie, Marion, Harvey

### Requested by:

Rachel Andrews  
Gloria Brown  
Jen Bruns  
Janet Craft  
Sandy Curtis  
Carolyn Darling  
Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton  
Ann Davis  
Cheryl Donigan  
Allyson Frank  
Diana Graor  
Elaine Kapelanski  
Kathy Kustowski  
Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker  
Richard LeJeune  
Leah Lynady  
Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda  
Mapley Extended Family  
Barbara & Chris Moran  
Mary Ann Morrow  
Bob & Trudy Nagaj  
Scout Osborn & Kristine Sprague  
Janice Pedersen  
Marilyn Robinson  
Jeff & Nancy Sever  
Joey Spano  
Bob Stevens  
Elizabeth Swanchara  
The Sykes Family  
Barbara Thornton  
Bob Walsh  
Pam Lupinski  
Tamra Zakar

# Special Offering Easter Flowers



It is the tradition at St. John's to adorn the church in spring blooming plants and Easter Lilies. Your special offering will honor a loved one, bring beauty to our Easter worship, and send a colorful greeting to a homebound parishioner.

Please complete this form and **return with check** (*Payable to St. John's Episcopal Church. Memo: Easter Flowers*) by Monday, April 14, 2025.

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for **flowers** for Easter. (A minimum donation of \$25 is suggested; however, all donations will be accepted and recognized).

In memory of / or thanksgiving for (*circle one, please print legibly*)

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *we will only call with questions*

Please mail **with form** to: St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067



or **scan this QR code** and select "Altar Flower" from the drop down menu to give with debit or credit. Thank you!

Questions? Contact: Church Office 248-546-1255