



*Doubting Thomas, Germany, 15<sup>th</sup> century*

# **The Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 27, 2025**

**8:00am and 10:15am**

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



## St. John's Welcome Statement

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

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

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

### **Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs! Welcome Newcomers!**

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

If you are here for the first time, please help us to get to know you by signing our Guest Book (clipboard in the entry of the church) and/or filling out a 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.

### **Sunday Morning Schedule at a glance:**

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- 8:00am – **Worship**
- 10:00am – Children age 4 through 5th grade gather at the stairs on second floor in the entry/narthex) and sign in before going up to the third floor for Sunday School. Children are also welcome to stay with family in church if they prefer.
- 10:15am – **Worship**
- 10:00am - 10:45am – **Sunday School** (age 4 through 5th grade) meets on the third floor
- 10:45am – Sunday School children join their families for Communion

## PRELUDE

# THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Crown him with many crowns

The Hymnal 1982, 494, vv. 1-3

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

## ACCLAMATION

*Presider* †Blessed be God, the Holy and life-giving Trinity.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## 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.*

## GLORIA *(at the 8:00am)*


Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king,  
Almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory!

## SONG OF PRAISE *(at the 10:15am)*

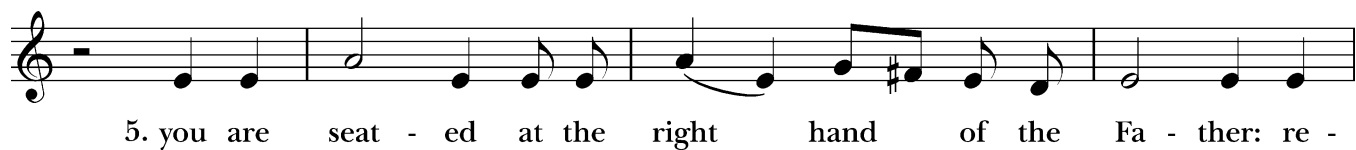
The Hymnal 1982, S278

*The people remain standing.*

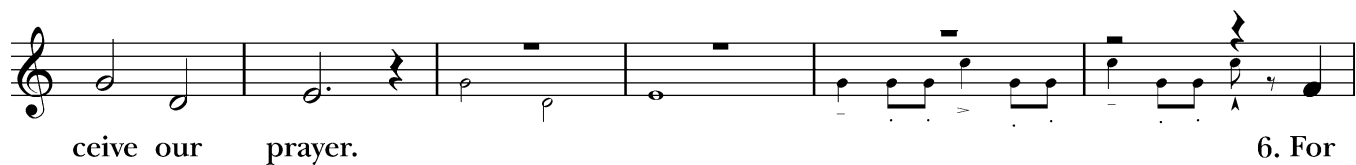
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



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 -



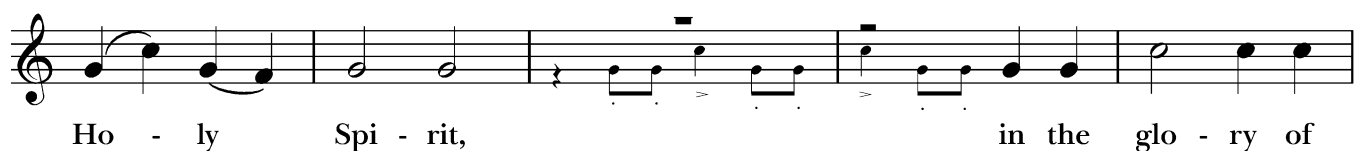
ceive our prayer. 6. For



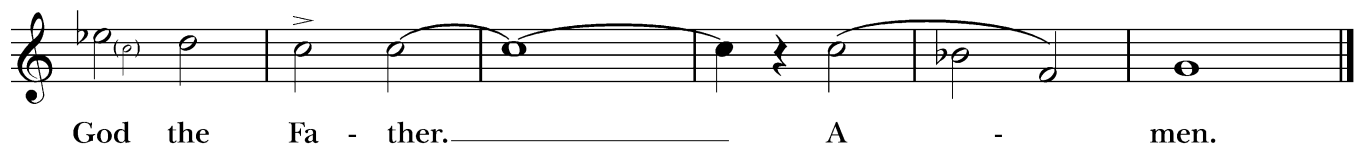
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

**Acts 5:27-32**

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 150

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise God in the holy temple; \*  
give praise in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise God who is mighty in deed; \*  
give praise for God's excellent greatness.

- 3 Praise God with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
give praise with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise God with timbrel and dance; \*  
give praise with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise God with resounding cymbals; \*  
give praise with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND LESSON

## Revelation 1:4-8

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Revelation

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand and sing (10:15) as the Gospel book is processed to the nave.*

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

We walk by faith and not by sight

The Hymnal 1982, 209, vv. 1, 2



The musical score is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two vocal parts: Part 1 and Part 2. The second system continues the melody. The third system concludes the piece. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."



A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**SERMON**

**Dan Martin**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Clergy* Gathered as followers of the Risen Christ, let us offer our prayers to God for the needs and concerns of all people.

We pray for the Church; for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people in their many ministries. Help us to remember that we are called and sent into the world to serve right where we are, according to our abilities. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world; in the midst of turmoil and violence, may your light shine on us. Bless all who tirelessly work for peace, sustain those who feed the hungry, and strengthen those who defend the rights of all. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those seeking a deeper relationship with God, especially those preparing for baptism, confirmation, and reception. Grant us wisdom in our journeys, inspire us to ask hard questions, and grant us courage to not settle for easy answers. Grant us to set our minds and hearts on your Way of Love. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for St. John's in this time of transition. Help us to remain committed to serve and care for one another gracefully and faithfully as we navigate change.  
God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in need or trouble, for those facing injustice, for the sick and the suffering. We pray especially for Gloria, Sandor, Kathy, Madiba, Trudy, Annalise, Gayle, Sue, Elliot, Kanata, Cole, Cheryl, Martha, Annalise, and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_. Fill them with comfort and peace. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to God all who have †died, especially Pope Francis and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_. We pray for those who have died and are known to God alone. May they rest in eternal peace. God of love –

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who meets us in our belief and our doubt. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

## **THE PEACE**

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

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

*The peace is exchanged in place among the people.*

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

*Oblation bearers bring forward the bread and wine on behalf of the congregation. The ushers collect our gifts of pledges and other offerings. Gifts of pledges and offerings may also be placed in collection baskets at the steps of the altar. Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's.*



Give online: [stjohnsroyaloak.org](http://stjohnsroyaloak.org) and click on GIVE

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## OFFERTORY MUSIC (at 10:15)

**Psalm 150 with Cantad al Señor**

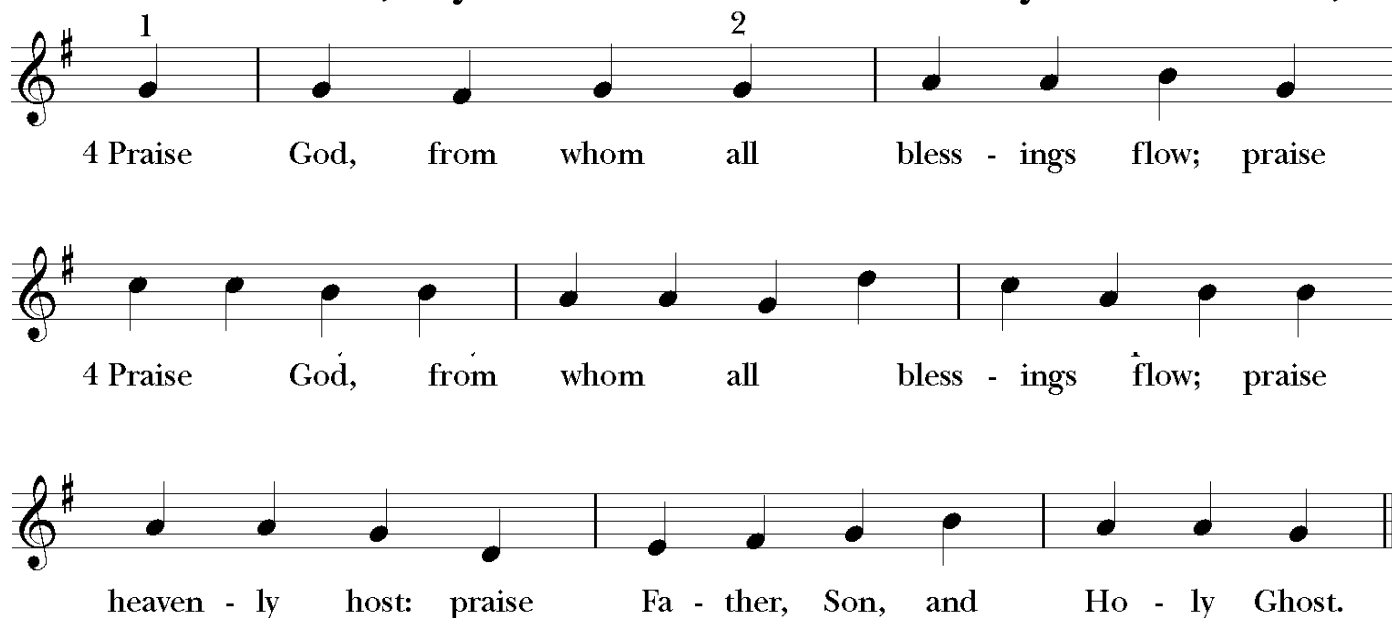
**Hal H. Hopson**

*10:15am 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 10:15)

**Praise to thee, my God**

**The Hymnal 1982 43, v. 4**



1 2

4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

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

*This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at the distance of one measure.*

*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*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

We thank you for your risen Son, Jesus, who meets us behind the locked doors of our fear and breathes the Holy Spirit into us, commissioning us to proclaim peace and mercy to all the world.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

## **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.**

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

(sung at 10:15am)

## The Hymnal 1982, S129

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

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second line contains 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third line contains 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth line contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_'. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with the number '3') over the notes 'heaven and earth', 'full of your glory', and 'san - na in the high - est'.

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### *The Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God, for To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make †us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary the God-bearer, Blessed John, Blessed Mark, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen!*

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. *Amen.***

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/FRACTION ANTHEM

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

## Celtic Alleluia

Gather, 266

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with various rests and slurs. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a double bar line, a change to a 9/8 time signature, and then a return to 6/8. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below, followed by a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody.

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*Presider* These are the gifts of God.

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

*Presider* Behold who you are, and become what you receive.

*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 wafers are gluten-free.*

*St. John's youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are the first to receive communion and then leave immediately following Eucharist to meet with their leaders. All youth are invited to participate – you are very welcome here!*

# COMMUNION HYMNS (at 10:15)

## In the bulb there is a flower

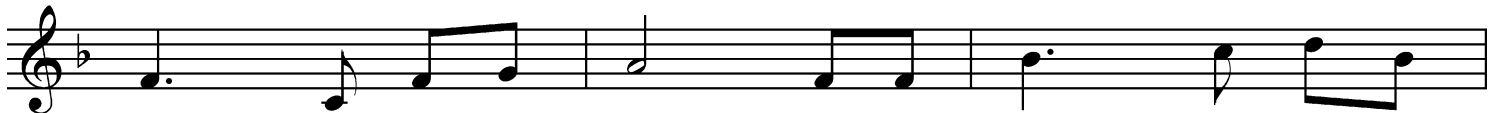
## My Heart Sings Out, 86



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple  
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -



tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter -  
dy; there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing  
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our



flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of  
hope to you and me. From the past will come the  
life, e - ter - ni - ty; in our death, a res - ur -



win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
fu - ture, what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -  
rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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# Let all mortal flesh keep silence

The Hymnal 1982, 324



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
he will give to all the faith - ful  
that the powers of hell may va - nish  
“Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
his own self for heaven - ly food.  
as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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



## DISMISSAL

*Clergy* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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

8:00am Lectors	Elizabeth Swanchara – First Lesson and Psalm; Mary Gilhuly – Second Lesson and Prayers of the People
8:00am Acolyte	Yve Jones
8:00am Greeter/Usher	Paulynn Auger
8:00am Greeter During Service	Greg Gmerek
8:00am Eucharistic Ministers	Chuck Tucker, Kayleigh Long, Bob Lazich
8:00am Healing Minister	Elizabeth Swanchara
8:00am Altar Guild	Therese Nottingham
10:15am Lectors	Ian Babcock – First Lesson; Julia Bartleman – Psalm; Dustin Walker – Second Lesson; Marie Donigan – Prayers of the People
10:15am Acolytes	Carol Aaron, Julian Griffin, Ryley Griffin
10:15am Greeter	Lisa Philips, Marie Donigan
10:15am Greeter During Service	Greg Taub
10:15am Ushers	Bruce Donigan, Marie Donigan, Chris Davis, Lisa Philips, Greg Taub
10:15am Eucharistic Ministers	Cindy Fellner, Woodie Adams, Janice Pedersen
10:15am Healing Minister	Debbie Smith
10:15am Altar Guild	Barb Moran, Denise Barnett, Mary Ann Morrow
Bread Bakers	Megan Clark
Tech Team	Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones, Laurie McLaughlin
Vergers	Rachel Andrews, Kevin McLogan
Opener/Closer	Steve Fairman, Pete Kelly
Parking Lot Greeters	Gregg Barnett, Richard Le Jeune
Musicians	Steven McGhee, <i>Music Director</i> ; Bex Conway, Brooklyn Pfeffer, <i>Choral Scholars</i> ; St. John's Chancel Choir
Priest in Charge	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