ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

learning to embody love

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

October 8, 2023 ● Holy Eucharist (8:30am)

READINGS

The Lesson (8:30/10:30): Job 12:7-10
The Psalm (8:30): Psalm 121:1-2, 5-8
The Gospel: Matthew 11:25–30

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THANK YOU TO OUR LITURGY VOLUNTEERS

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like St. John's to offer prayers for you, for loved ones, or for concerns for the world, please contact sophie@stjohns-mpls.org. We also have a confidential prayer ministry.

***Prayers for healing**: Ruth Hagestuen; Stephen & Shelagh MacLeod; Laura Tucker; Megan Gallek; Ken & Jymie Anderson; Peter Simons; Doris Cash; Charles Taliaferro; Sarah; Ed Crandall; Pat; Joanie Hawkinson; Scott & Michelle Wilson; Amy Lussier & family; Bren Crosby & family; and Rhonda Wolk.*

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Jean Olsen and Children
in loving memory of Douglas Olsen, husband and father.

To make a gift of flowers in memory or celebration, contact Angie@stjohns-mpls.org or 612-922-0396.

We congratulate those celebrating birthdays this week, *especially Dan Vogel, Thomas Mickelson, Doug Olsen, Elizabeth Stewart, Carita Zimmerman, Tyler Anderson, Russ Bremner, Otto Dregni, Marcus Jensen, Dorothy Baker, Mark Lindberg, Norah Brusco, Jane Phillips. Harper Slade, and Peter Stebinger*
and, also, those celebrating anniversaries, *especially Stephen & Dana Koelmel, John & Elizabeth McClure, Adam NaPier & Katie Reiske, Chris Robinson & Margaret Miller, John Bellaimey & Lynnell Mickelson, and Victoria & Daniel Lange.*

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Ubi caritas et amor

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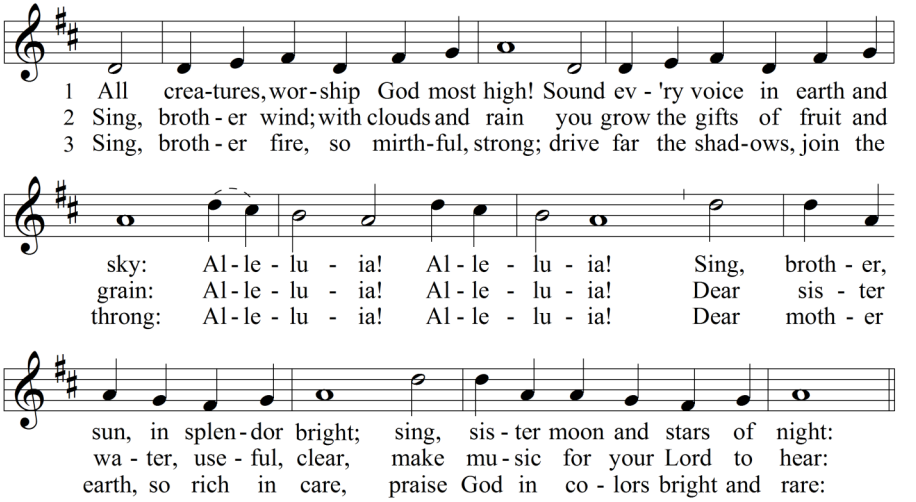
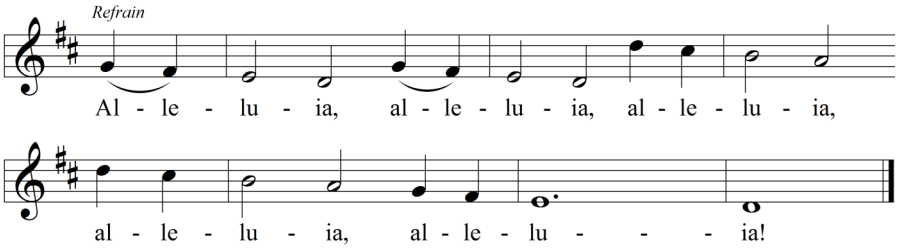
GATHERING HYMN

All creatures, worship God most high!





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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation and The Collect for Purity

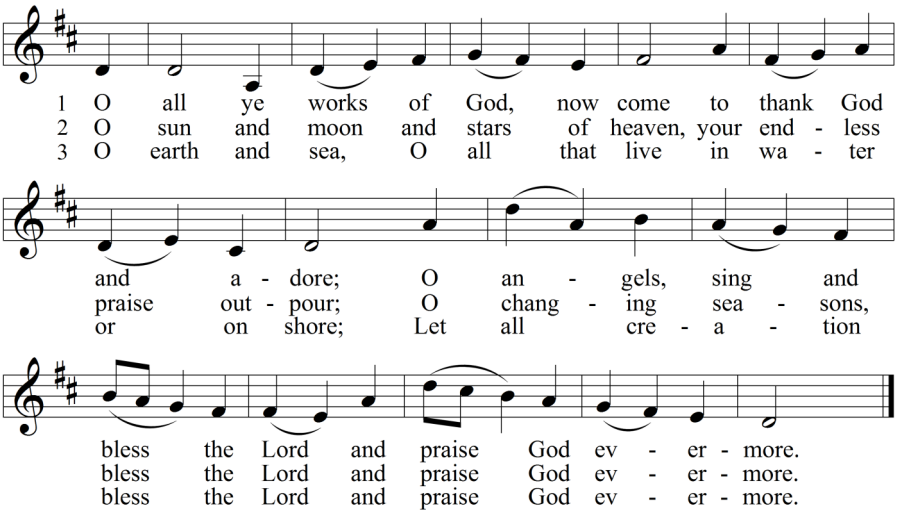
Presider Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Presider 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.**

Invitatory

O all ye works of God, now come



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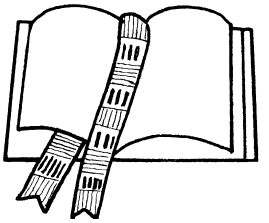
The Collect of the Day

Presider Blessed be our God.
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Please be seated.



The Lesson — Job 12:7-10

But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 121:1-2, 5-8

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1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
2 My help comes from God, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

5 The Holy One watches over you *
and is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 God shall preserve you from all evil *
and is the One who shall keep you safe.
8 God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

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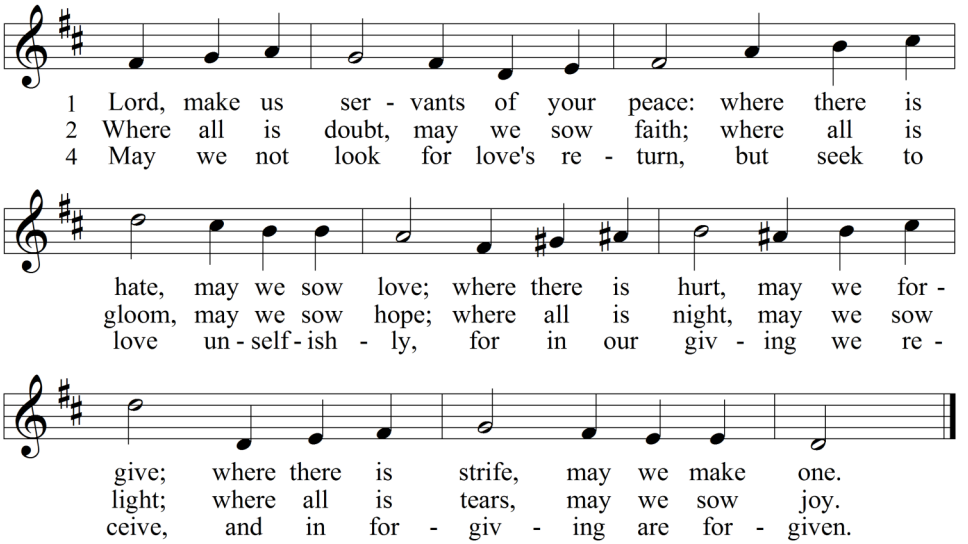
THE GRADUAL HYMN *Lord, make us servants of your peace*



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THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 20:1-16

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Gospeler This is the Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON Heidi Joos

A period of silence is kept.

Please stand in body or spirit.

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We pray for our partner congregation in Haiti, St. Philippe & St. Jacques, and all medical professionals/nurses, doctors & EMTs. We pray for our earth. The Episcopal Church in Minnesota is committed to praying for and acting to heal our earth. We encourage you to use the following prayer at home, and to allow it to shape your own learning and action to heal our earth:

O God, you are the source of all creation that sustains our life together. By caring for creation, we accept our first vocation, reflecting your tender love and returning our love to you. Climate change and earth's degradation show that we crave and hoard what we do not need, deepening injustice and causing suffering for our most vulnerable neighbors and imperiling ourselves and one another. Yet you have baptized us into brilliant resurrection hope. Through that hope, teach us to love and persevere, and give us the courage to act, so that our bountiful earth can continue, and we can know your beloved community. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

<*Silence*>

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

<*Silence*>

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

<*Silence*>

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

<*Silence*>

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

<*Silence*>

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer**.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

<Silence>

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Stewardship Ministry Talk

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet those around you. Children enter during the Passing of the Peace.

Please be seated.

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Music *Fugue in F Major, BWV 880* **J. S. Bach 1685-1750**

The offering of money is our way of showing thanks to God and supporting the ministry of our church. Thank you for your generous financial offerings toward the mission of St. John's, as well as your time, compassion, and your uniqueness as a human being. We prefer financial donations to be made online through this QR code. If needed, you can also use the offering plate or mail a check to the church office.
If you are a guest, please know that we consider your presence with us gift enough.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Presider The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Creator of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

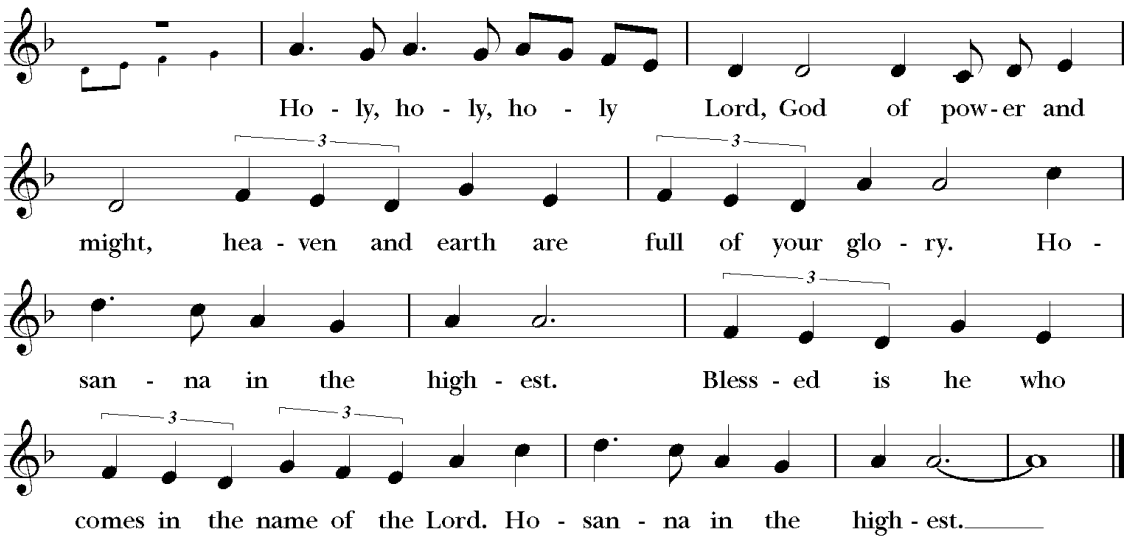
Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, blessed us and made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you and one another; and we betrayed your trust.
People **Have mercy, Lord.**

Presider Through prophets and sages, you called us to return, again and again. In the fulness of time you sent your only Son, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. Therefore we praise you, joining with angels and prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim your glory in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy



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Presider And so, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,**
as we await the day of his coming.

Presider Lord God of our ancestors: of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob, and of our brother Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

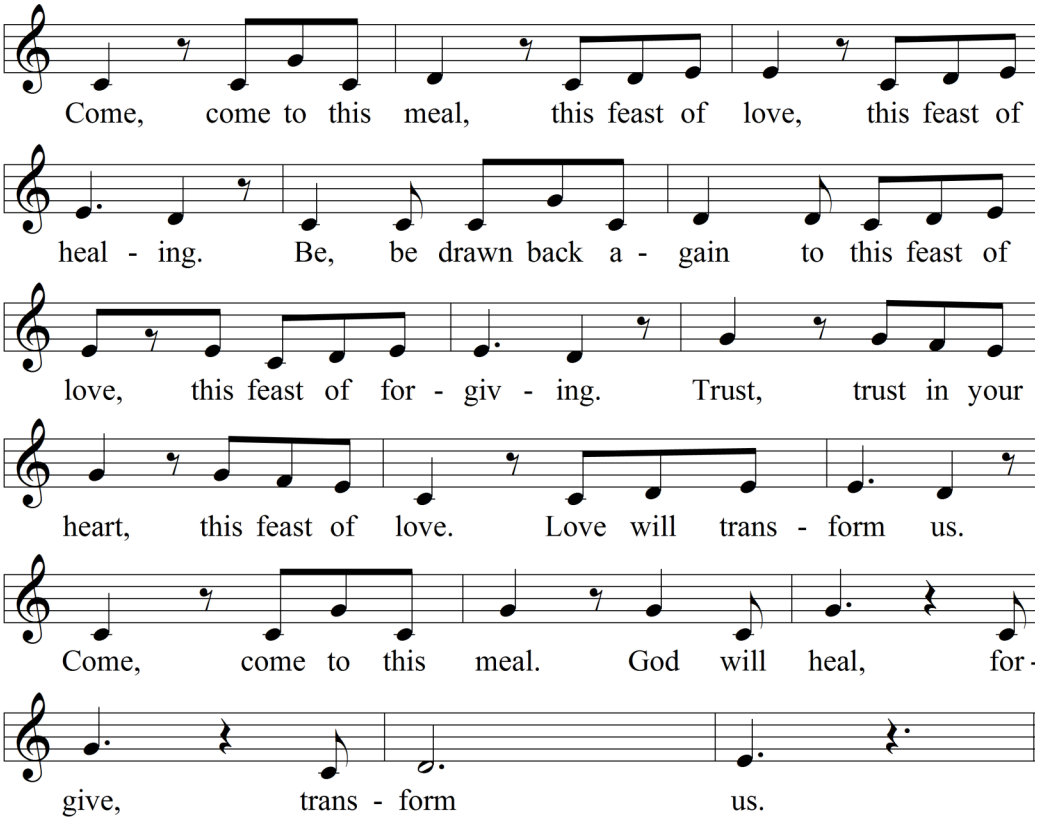
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

Feast of Love



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* *The Bible uses predominantly male language to describe God, but also uses female and gender-neutral images of God such as "mother hen," "nursing mother," "potter," "consuming fire," "spring of water," and many others. The Episcopal Church recognizes "that God includes and transcends human masculinity and femininity. God is neither male nor female. Both women and men are equally loved and included by God and should be valued and shown respect in the church's language." (See https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/inclusive-language/). We believe this includes all those whose gender is non-binary or transcends traditional categorization. St. John's affirms all genders as equally reflecting the image of God.*

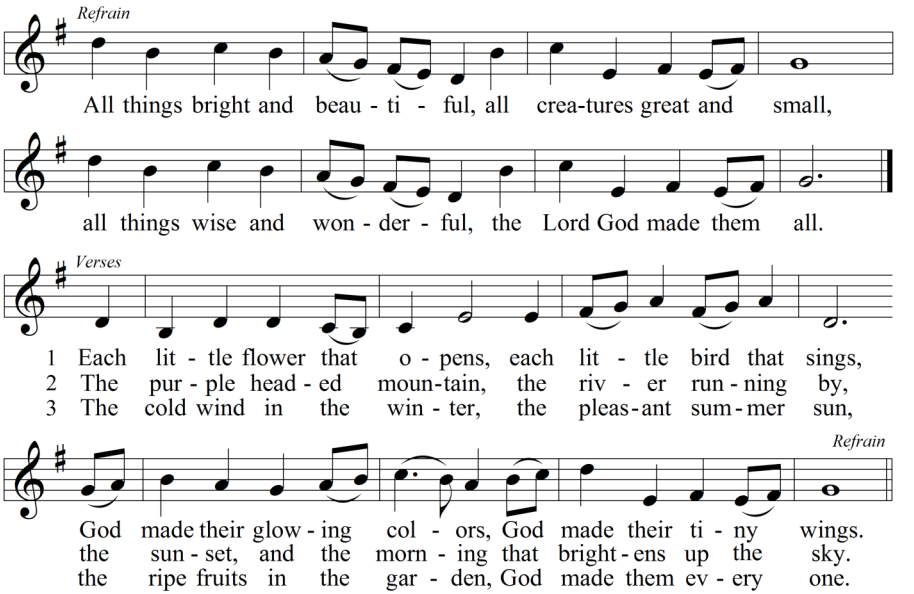
The Invitation to Communion

Presider We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.
People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Please be seated.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. The bread will be placed in your open palm.
You may eat it and then sip from the chalice, or you may dip the bread into the wine when it is offered.
Gluten-free communion wafers are available for those with food allergies.
Please tell the person offering you the bread that you require the wafer.

Communion Music *All things bright and beautiful*



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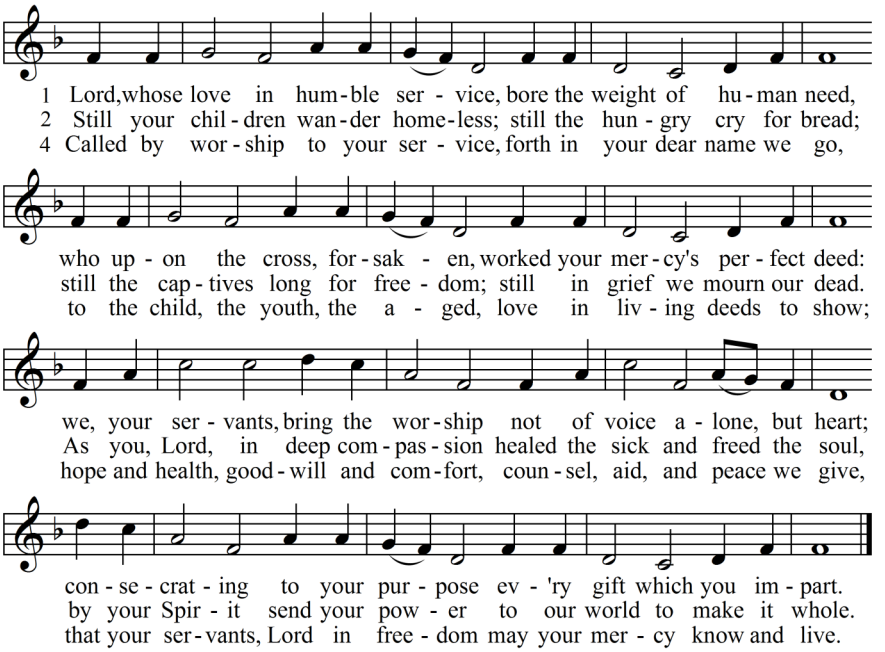
The Post Communion Prayer

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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *Lord, whose love in humble service*



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POSTLUDE *Toccata on Lasst Uns Erfreuen* Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

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TODAY, Sunday, October 8

8:30am Service of Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
9:30am Coffee Hour, New Member's Class, & Adult Forum with Eco-Fair Tables & Discussion
10:30am Service of Holy Eucharist & Godly Play/Sunday School
11:45am Confirmation Class – 10th and 11th graders
3pm Blessing of the Animals

Childcare available 8:15—11:45am

Weekly Activities

Wednesday Night Choirs

Choir Night: Dinner, Children's Choirs and Chime Choir
5:30-6:45pm: Dinner is available in the Parish Hall.
6-6:30pm: PreK-Kindergarteners work with Wendy + Chad in the Library & Sanctuary.
6:30-7pm: 1st-3rd graders work with Wendy + Chad in the Library + Sanctuary.
7-8pm: Chime Choir works with Wendy + Chad in the Library + Sanctuary.
7-9pm: Festival Choir in the Sanctuary (Open to middle school age and up)

Practice Schedule for Sunday Choirs

Thursdays, 7-8:30pm: 8:30am Service Choir Practice, in the Sanctuary
Saturdays, 11am-12:30pm: 10:30am Service Choir Practice, in the Basement

Sermon Discussion Group

Mondays at 7:00pm via Zoom
Our Sermon Discussion Group continues to meet and reflect on the sermon heard on the prior Sunday. We invite all to join us to gain a personal understanding of what was heard, what was felt, and how it will lift our lives. Contact: Colleen Swope, ccswope50@gmail.com.

Noonday Eucharist

Tuesdays, 12:15-12:50pm in the Chapel
We offer a weekly Eucharist in the Chapel. During the Liturgy of the Word, we have a lively conversation about Scripture, offer our prayers verbally to God, and then continue with the Liturgy of the Table. We conclude by 12:50 so people can get back to work.

Spirit Group

Wednesdays, 12:00pm via Zoom
This group meets weekly during most of the program year. Please contact Ginny Jacobson, at gellenj10@yahoo.com, for details and meeting link.

St. John's Book Group

Thursdays, 7:30—8:45pm via Zoom
St John's Book Group joins other congregations in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota reading and discussing the Gospel of Luke. The book is *Luke* by Thomas Walker. Caron Stebinger and Rex McKee co-facilitate. Contact rex.mckee@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Upcoming Activities

New Member Inquirer's Class
Sunday, October 8, 9:30am
Are you new to St. John's? Join us today and next Sunday and we will tell you a bit about our life and ministry at St. John's. Our goal isn't to persuade you to join our parish; rather, we want to give you enough information so you can better decide if St. John's is the right spiritual home for you.

First Nations Kitchen
Sunday, October 8, 12:30—2:00pm
This is our next opportunity to feed our neighbors at First Nations Kitchen. If you are able to help with either the prep shift (12:30-3) or the giveaway shift (3:30 to 5:30), please sign up here on the chart pad in the Gathering Space, or by contacting Caron Stebinger or JoAnn Blatchley.

Worship and a Meal with St. Nicholas
Saturday, October 21, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Saint Nicolas will be extending the third Saturday Spanish-English Eucharist at 5:30, followed by a potluck dinner. We hope to see you there. These have been great opportunities to build relationships with Saint Nicolas-Casa Maria. For more information, ask Rex, Rena, or Caron.

Ongoing Volunteer & Donation Opportunities

Discovering Sustainable Mission
You can still sign up for one-one-one interviews with a Sustainable Mission Team member by emailing our Minister for Sustainable Mission, Rena Turnham, at: rena@stjohns-mpls. org, or by signing up in the Gathering Space or on the clipboard in the Parish Hall, until 10/11.

Host a Coffee Hour
Help nourish community at St. John's by signing up to host a coffee hour. Supplies and detailed instructions provided, we just need you! Contact Mary Corlett or go to bit.ly/SJEcoffeehour.

Worship Service Volunteers Needed
If you or your child or youth are interested in serving as an acolyte, reader, or lay Eucharistic minister please see Stephen Koelmel or Rex McKee. We also need people to support livestream and do screen projection. Contact Rex.

New Immigrant Support Ministry
If you are interested in being part of a rapid response team to aid homeless immigrants who find their way to St. John's through places like the Council of Churches please reach out to Hillary Clayburgh at hillarycfox@gmail.com. This group would help aid families in finding shelter, food, rides to appointments and be a quick response to help families in crisis.

Check out Eco-Fair Resources
and ways to support climate action
with Earth Matters

2024 Pledge Drive: Sharing the Beloved Community!

The Stewardship Team is asking you for an annual financial pledge as a way to Share in the Beloved Community we are co-creating with God here at St. John's. Check your mail and/or e-news for their letter and ways to contribute.

Scan this QR code for the 2024 Pledge Campaign donation link & helpful giving information. *Thank you!*

Where's the weekly reflection? In the E-news!
Sign up to receive at stjohns-mpls.org or email sophie@stjohns-mpls.org

ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

We celebrate the gift of Christian community and welcome all, without distinction,
to share the joy and pain of life's passages.
We commit ourselves to personal and spiritual maturity,
both traditional and innovative worship, the healthy nurturing of children,
and reaching out beyond the Church, seeking Christ in all persons.

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