

St. John's Episcopal Church



Easter Day

Year B

March 31, 2024

7:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whether you are passing through or looking for a church home, we are honored by your presence and we invite you to worship with us fully—singing, praying and receiving communion. We are a multigenerational community that strives to serve Christ through invitation, inclusion, faith and action. Most Sundays we have two services: a contemplative 7:45 a.m. service and a choral service at 10:00 a.m.

Children are welcome at all services. Children's coloring bulletins, books and crayons are available near the back of the sanctuary. Children in PreK – 4th grade are invited to their own children's worship service upstairs at 10:00 a.m. and will return to the sanctuary for communion. Nursery is available for infants and toddlers beginning at 9:45 a.m. until noon.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. John's. This includes children of all ages. At the 7:45 service we gather around the altar. For the later services we have communion in stations, the right side for the bread and the left side is for the wine. We receive the Body of Christ, the bread, in our outstretched hands. Wine will be available to all who wish to take it via the common cup. If you do not wish to receive any part of the communion you may still come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest lets us know you wish to receive a blessing.

If you would like more information about St. John's or to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the visitor book found near the entrance to the sanctuary or email <admin@stjohnsoakland.org>.

Land Acknowledgment:

Oakland and Berkeley sit in the territory of Huichin, part of the stolen land of the Chochenyo Muwekma Ohlone, the successors of the historic and sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. We acknowledge the land and labor of the Ohlone people, whose connection to this land we remember, and whose presence—past, present, and future—we respect. We acknowledge that the land we are meeting on today is the original homeland of Ohlone people. We seek to show respect by rejecting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people's history and culture, while seeking to invite and honor the truth.

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Liturgy of the Word

Items marked * are omitted at the 7:30 a.m. service.

***Prelude**

Trumpet Duo
Dominic Favia & Jonathan Pankin

Arcangelo Corelli
(1653-1713)

Sound the Trumpet
Sara Evinger & Sylvia Ahern Twomey, soloists

Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn



1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en dured, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove — Al - - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro cured; — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; — Al - - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners — to re - deem and save. — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where the — an - gels ev - er sing. — Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, — Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

BCP p.355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP p.355

People **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 S-280

Spoken at the 7:30 a.m. service

Robert Powell

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

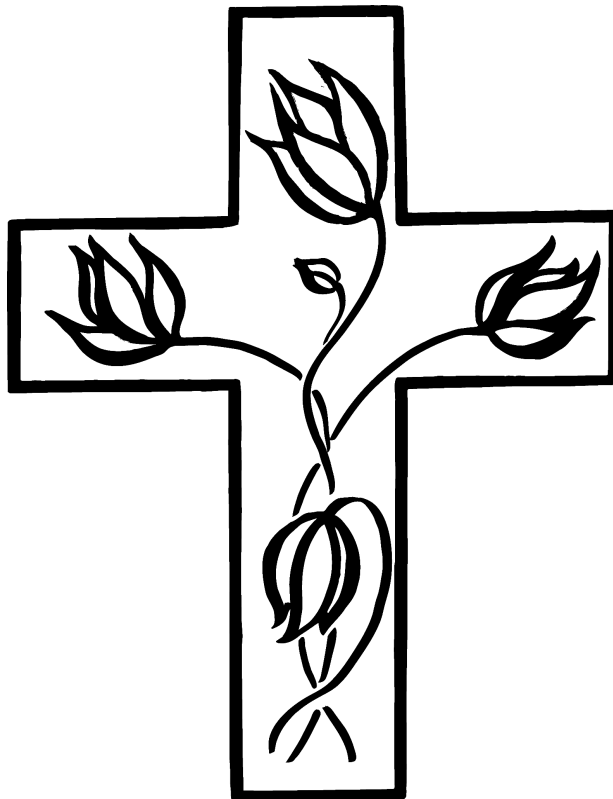
A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

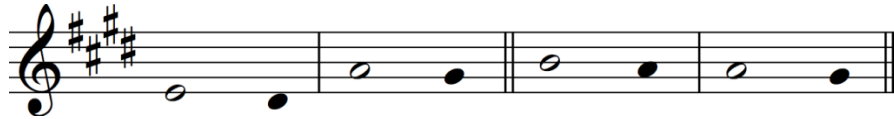
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Please remain seated to read the Psalm at 7:30 am; please stand to sing at 11:00 am.



- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is **good**; *
his mercy endures for **ever**.
- 2 Let Israel now **proclaim**, *
“His mercy endures for **ever**.”
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my **song**, *
and he has become my **salvation**.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and **victory** *
in the tents of the **righteous**:
- † 16 The right hand of the Lord has **triumphed!** *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has **triumphed!**”
- 17 I shall not die, but **live**, *
and declare the works of the **Lord**.
- 18 The Lord has punished me **sorely**, *
but he did not hand me over to **death**.
- 19 Open for me the gates of **righteousness**; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the **Lord**.
- 20 This is the gate of the **Lord**; *
he who is righteous may **enter**.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you **answered me** *
and have become my **salvation**.
- 22 The same stone which the builders **rejected** *
has become the chief **cornerstone**.
- 23 This is the Lord’s **doing**, *
and it is marvelous in our **eyes**.
- 24 On this day the Lord has **acted**; *
we will rejoice and be **glad in it**.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

***Sequence Hymn 188**

Love’s redeeming work is done

Savannah



1 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

The Gospel

John 20:1-18

Gospeler

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Gospeler

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Scott Denman

Meditation

**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 and the Son,
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.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

BCP p.388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. For Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Marc Andrus, our Bishop; Austin Rios, our Bishop-elect; for the Vestry, Wardens, clergy, and staff of St. John's. 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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. We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering this week...

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

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

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

Celebrant:

O Lord our 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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

We greet those nearest us in the name of Christ.

Announcements

Birthday/Anniversary/Transition Prayers

BCP p.830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*God grant them many years

WLP 824

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "God grant them many years". The first staff is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics "God grant them ma - ny years! God grant them ma - ny years!" are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics "God grant them ma - ny years!". The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

The Flowering of the Cross

Liturgy of the Table



Offertory Sentence

Let us with joy-filled hearts offer the fruits of our life and labor to God.

Make an online contribution to St. John’s by visiting

<https://onrealm.org/StJohnsOakland/Give/RKYEJXDYJG>



*Offertory

To the Lamb on the Throne
St. John’s Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p.361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 WLP 858

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,___
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. Ho - san - na in___ the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcome.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the altar.

You may consume the bread and then drink from the cup, or you may choose to receive bread only.

*If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

Gluten-free vegan wafers are available on request.

The bread and cup are given to the people with these words:

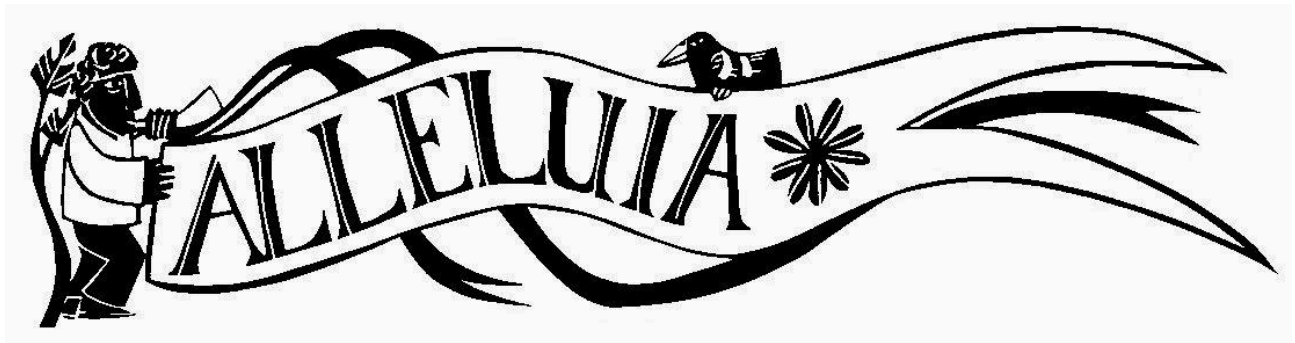
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*Music at Communion

Let There Be Light
St. John's Chancel Choir

Thomas Keesecker



Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

***Hallelujah** (*from Messiah*)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

The congregation is invited to join in singing with the Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m.

Blessing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Subdeacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Come, o come, our voices raise

Sonne der Gerechtigkeit

arr. Aaron David Miller

Our thanks to those serving the ministry of the Church today

Our thanks and appreciation go to the members
of the Altar Guild and Flower Guild.

Altar Flower Arrangements by Carrie Leadingham

Special thanks to our guest musicians,
Dominic Favia & Jonathan Pankin (11:00 a.m.)



Rector: The Rev. Scott Denman
Associate Rector: The Rev. Kathleen Moore
Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Lori Robinson
Minister of Music: Dr. Ben Riggs
Associate Clergy: The Rev. Ed Bonsey
Associate Clergy: The Rev. John F. Dwyer
Associate Clergy: The Rev. Dr. John Kater
Associate Clergy: The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy
Finance & Operations: Kathy Araujo
Parish Administrator: Siv Ricketts
Altar Guild Director: Ken Fuller
Flower Guild Director: Pauline Felder

2024 Vestry:

Steve Baronian — Senior Warden
Sarah Jones — People's Warden
Michael Daly, Jen Howard-Lukens, Judy Kridle,
Ann Lester, Nancy Lehrkind,
Edward Likely, Anne Meyer,
Gene Williams, Linda Williams
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*The vision of St. John's is to manifest God's love
through invitation, inclusion, faith and action.*

*St. John's mission is to manifest the love of God through the Holy Spirit with each other,
our community, and the world through worship, spiritual growth, and Christian service.*