

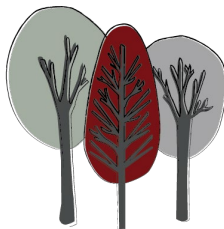
The Parish Church of ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

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ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

A Greeting to our visitors, we welcome all, really and truly.

We welcome you today to the parish of St. John in the Wilderness. We welcome cradle Episcopalians and those who say, “episco-what?” We welcome soccer dads and hockey moms; we welcome wild-eyed progressives, staunch conservatives, and everybody in between. If you’re a proud hippie, step right up. If you wear a tie, even with your pajamas, come on in. Tree-huggers, check. Drivers of gas-guzzlers, yup. Vegans and those who order only meat lover’s pizza are both welcome. We welcome those with crying newborns and those who avoid kids at all costs. We extend a welcome to those who are single, married, widowed, divorced, gay, bi, trans, or straight. This faith community has people with much, people with just enough, and a whole bunch somewhere in the middle.

We welcome you if you have always loved church or if church just isn’t your thing. You are welcome here if you are church shopping, if you already have a faith community that is just right, or if you have no intention whatsoever of joining a church. If you work too much or too hard, you are welcome here. If you haven’t worked a day in your life, you are welcome here. For those who love all things literary as well as those who have always had trouble choosing between “lie” and “lay,” this is your place. If you came here today because you felt the nudging of the Holy Spirit, welcome. If you came because your Mom guilted you into it... well, welcome. You had best do as your mother says!

In short, we welcome everyone to get to know this faith community of St. John’s. Really and truly. We welcome you because we all need community, we all need support, and many of us here at St. John’s have learned that faith carries us along the journey.

Everyone is invited to participate fully in worship, to receive Holy Communion, and to join in the life of our faith community. We base our worship on The Book of Common Prayer, The Hymnal 1982, and The Bible. To learn more about St. John in the Wilderness, please speak to an usher or a clergy person. Again, thank you for joining us today!

St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church
White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Ringing of the bell

Hymn 307 – *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor* (Bryn Calfaria) George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt. This selection is in the public domain.

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main,
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! 1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
2 Thou art here, we ask not
3 We in wor - ship join with
4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

The Word of God

The people standing, the Presider says,

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glorify to God for ever and ever.

The Presider may say,

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

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.*

Together let us say,

Book of Common Prayer, p. 356

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer, p. 232

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

Holy Bible, p. 55

Reader A reading from Exodus:

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites

saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:23-29 *Attendite, popule*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 696

Reader Let us read the appointed portion of the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

23 So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens *
and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust *
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp *
and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, *
for he gave them what they craved.

Hymn 323 – *Bread of heaven, on thee we feed (Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt)* Josiah Conder (1789-1855), alt. This selection is in the public domain

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is
 2 Vine of heaven, thy Blood sup-plies this blest cup of

meat in-deed; ev-er may our souls be fed
 sac-ri-fice; Lord, thy wounds our heal-ing give,

with this true and liv-ing Bread; day by day with
 to thy cross we look and live: Je-sus, may we

strength sup-plied, through the life of him who died.
 ev-er be graft-ed, root-ed, built in thee.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon – The Rev. Arthur Hancock, Rector

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Humbled by the bounty and grace of our lives, let us pray without ceasing.

For all the followers of Jesus around the world, that we may be united in sharing God's unfailing love and forgiveness.

People **Spirit of truth, hear our prayer!**

For the boundless priesthood of all believers, and the ministry of all lay people, the cornerstone of your holy Church. For Art and Kate, our priests; for Margaret and Rick, our deacons; and for all priests and deacons. For Craig, our Bishop, and for this diocese, that our hearts may be opened to God's desires for our future. **Spirit of truth, hear our prayer!**

For our world and our nation, that all who govern and lead work towards peace in the land, and labor lovingly for every person entrusted to them.

Spirit of truth, hear our prayer!

For rain and sun in seasonable proportions, that the harvest may be plentiful and that no child, elder, or adult goes hungry. **Spirit of truth, hear our prayer!**

For the will and action to preserve God's creation, so that foxes continue to have holes and birds have places to nest. **Spirit of truth, hear our prayer!**

For our neighbors who live with hunger and without shelter, for all who feel alone, that we may bear witness to God's love for them. **Spirit of truth, hear our prayer!**

For those whom we name within our hearts and with our voices. (*We invite you to add your own petitions now.*) For those on our prayer list and for all with whom we pray.

Spirit of truth, hear our prayer!

For refugees and immigrants; for all who suffer violence, including gun violence, at the hands of others; and for those who live with addiction and mental illness. May we, our voices, and our community be places of safety, hope, and compassion for all people.

Spirit of truth, hear our prayer!

For all the blessings of our lives, that we may continually declare how much God has done for us. **Spirit of truth, hear our prayer!**

For all who have died, that they may be welcomed into glory with all the saints and angels. **Spirit of truth, hear our prayer!**

God who sets our hearts on fire, we offer these prayers to you. Accept them as our offering of love and the pledge of our hearts to seek and serve you in all that we do. Through Christ, who is all in all, **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and
serve only your will. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 360

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says,
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal
life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand as able. The Presider says to the people,
The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Hymn 522 – Glorious things of thee are spoken (Austria) John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875) This selection is in the public domain.

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy - sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

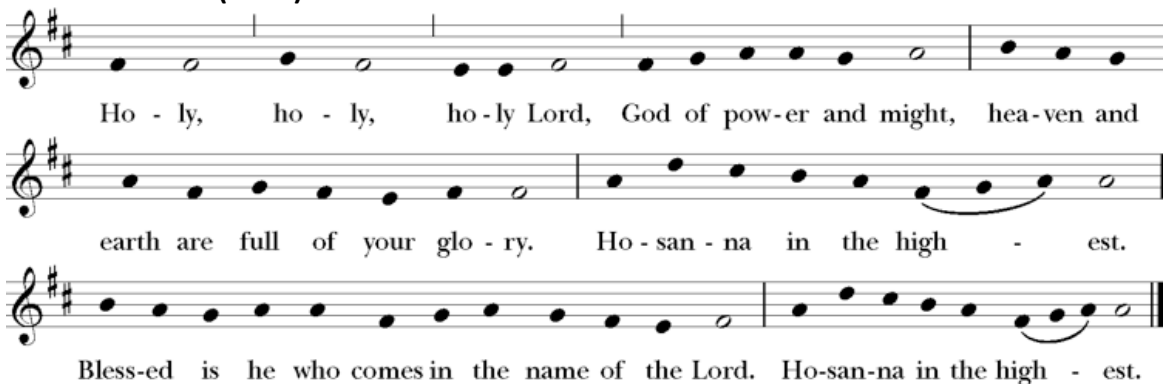
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

S 124 – *Sanctus* (Hurd)



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.

Then the Celebrant continues,

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues,

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. John all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through 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.*

And now, 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation:

The table of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus and all those who love him.

So come to this table you who have much faith

and you who would like to have more;

you who have been to this table often,

and you who have not been for a long time;

you who have tried to follow Jesus,

and you who have failed.

Come, it is Christ who invites you

to meet him here.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Hymn 339 – *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (Schmücke dich)* Johann Franck (1618-1677);
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. This selection is in the public domain.**

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People,

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

**Hymn 690 – Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda) William Williams (1717-1791);
tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.** This selection is in the public domain.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Dismissal

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God as a memorial for my dear co-workers, Ruth and John, who lost their lives in the explosion at Minnehaha Academy on August 2, 2017, by Megan Jahnke.

Service Participants

Celebrants	The Gathered People of God
Rector	The Rev. Arthur Hancock
Curate & Celebrant	The Rev. Kate Maxwell
Deacons	The Rev. Margaret Thor, The Rev. Rick Todd
Lectors	Greg Hafner (10:00)
Organist/Pianist	Michael Ferguson
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