WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have come to St. John’s to worship God this morning. If this is your first time here, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate. We invite you to make St. John’s your church home. Join us downstairs in the Undercroft for refreshments and fellowship following our services. Blessings and peace be with you this holy day.
NURSERY
Excellent nursery care is provided every Sunday beginning at 9:00 a.m. for children age 5 and under. The nursery is located in the Undercroft. To reach the Undercroft, take any of the stairways or elevator to the lower level.

RESTROOMS
Restrooms are also located in the Undercroft in the lower level.

- Thank you for not bringing food or beverages into the church and for silencing cell phones and other electronic equipment.
- Did you know that you are able to hear the service in the undercroft and/or nursery? Ask the nursery attendant to adjust the sound if you wish to listen from that location.
- Please refrain from using flash cameras during the worship service.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

INTERIM RECTOR
The Rev. Peggy Tuttle

ASSISTANT RECTOR
The Rev. Keely Franke

DEACON
The Rev. Barbara Mraz

MUSIC DIRECTOR/Organist
James Frazier

St. John’s Adult Choir

The Children’s Choir
Lizza Berry, Director

The Shepherd Band
James Frazier, Director

Quartet in the Offertory Anthem
Mandy Inhofer
Krista Palmquist
Seth Stratton
Will Bryan

Altar Guild
Pam Strom, Sue Cadwell,
Shirlee Gooch, Cheryl Hanson, Sue MacIntosh

Acolytes
Cooper Olson, Madeline Weinkauf, Wyatt Furois

Readers
Jill Thompson, Jean Hansen

Ushers
Gus Axelos & Anders; Lynn Hertz;
Pat Brynteson

Coffee Hour
Godly Play families: Kevin & Michele Wall
John Docherty & Marilyn Conklin;
Patrick & Lea Anne Schmidt;

NOTE ON THE MUSIC: The hymn Amazing grace! “is a truly remarkable hymn. It has been translated into many different languages and adapted into a multitude of different cultural styles. There is an incredible poignancy in the fact that the author, John Newton, was once a slave-ship captain and that this hymn continues to be sung with intensity by the descendants of those who were shipped as cargo in slave ships like Newton’s, as well as by descendants of the ship’s owners.”

- from The Hymnal 1982 Companion
Order of Service

PRELUDE  
*Prelude on Psalm 23:4*  
Herbert Howells

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

HYMN 620  
*Jerusalem, my happy home*  
*Land of Rest*  
*last stanza in unison*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins;  
**People:** God’s mercy endures forever.

HYMN S97  
*Lord Have Mercy*  
*Richard Felciano*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR ST. JOHN’S  
said by all standing

Gracious God: by your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him that we may welcome all people into this community of faith, and show forth our service to you in our service to others. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, `I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**Gradual Psalm 23**

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’l not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green. He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of blessedness,
E’en for his own name’s sake.

Tune: Brother James’ Air
Goodness and mercy all my days  
Will surely follow me;  
And in my father’s heart always  
My dwelling place shall be.

Psalm 23, para.

**HYMN 405**

All things bright and beautiful  
Royal Oak

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

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

**GOSPEL  John 9:1-41**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered,
"We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, `We see,' your sin remains."

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

SERMON The Rev. Barbara Mraz
THE NICENE CREED  

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 worshipped 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for our world, 
Giving thanks for God’s goodness.

Children’s Choir: God of earth and all creation, we implore you, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, you fill the world with beauty. 
Open our eyes that we may rejoice in your creation.

All sing: God of earth and all creation, we implore you, hear our prayer.
Leader: O God, you made us in your image.
    Break down the walls that separate us,
    and bring us together in your love.

    All sing:  God of earth and all creation,
              we implore you, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, bless the Church.
    Fill it with your truth and your peace,
    and make us effective ministers of your Word.

    All sing:  God of earth and all creation,
              we implore you, hear our prayer.
Leader: O God, bless us with families and friends.
    Help us always to love and care for each other.

    All sing:  God of earth and all creation,
              we implore you, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, you set before us many tasks.
    Help us to accomplish those things which
delight both us and you.

    All sing:  God of earth and all creation,
              we implore you, hear our prayer.
Leader: O God, you bless us with daily food and drink.
    Help us to grow stronger, that we may have minds to
    think, hearts to love, and hands to serve.

    All sing:  God of earth and all creation,
              we implore you, hear our prayer.
Leader: O God, you give us health and strength to work.
    Help us to also find time to rest and play.

    All sing:  God of earth and all creation,
              we implore you, hear our prayer.
Leader: O God, there are people who need help in so many ways.
    Show us how to be there for others,
    that we might help to ease their burdens.

    All sing:  God of earth and all creation,
              we implore you, hear our prayer.
Leader: Above all, O God, you have blessed us with the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to grow each day in Knowledge and love of him.

Children’s Choir: God, you bless us with your goodness, Touch us with your loving care. You alone restore our spirits When we come to you in prayer. Give us joyful hearts to praise you As we worship and adore. Bless and guide our thoughts and actions, Let us serve you evermore, Through Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. Amen.

THE PEACE standing
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.
The people greet one another with a sign of God’s peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord’s Table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. Please Note: Gluten free wafers are available on request of the minister distributing bread.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lord, how long wilt thou be angry Henry Purcell

Lord, how long wilt thou be angry? Shall thy jealousy burn like fire forever? O remember not, our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon: for we are come to great misery. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; O deliver us and be merciful unto our sins for thy name’s sake. So we, that are thy people and the sheep of thy pasture, shall give thee thanks for ever: and will always be shewing forth thy praise from one generation to another.

- Psalm 79:5,8,9,13
DOXOLOGY Hymn 380, verse 3  
Old Hundredth
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A
(Book of Common Prayer, page 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.

SANCTUS S124  
David Hurd

After which stand or kneel, according to your custom. The service continues in BCP p. 362.

Celebrant: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,
   People: Christ has died.
            Christ is risen.
            Christ will come again.

LORD’S PRAYER
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the

sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Swing low, sweet chariot

Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.

1 I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
Coming for to carry me home.
A band of angels coming after me,
Coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

2 If you get there before I do,
Coming for to carry me home.
Tell all my friends I’m coming too,
Coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

3 The brightest day that ever I saw
Coming for to carry me home.
When Jesus wash’d my sins away,
Coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

4 I’m sometimes up and sometimes down,
   Coming for to carry me home.
But still my soul feels heavenly bound,
   Coming for to carry me home.

567 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

671 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

POST COMMUNION PRAYER  said by all

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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

HYMN 490 I want to walk as a child of the light

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE  Kyrie eleison. Father in eternity  Johann Sebastian Bach

+ ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you see people seated around you or later in the Gathering Space in the Undercroft, who you don’t know, we hope you will introduce yourself, and if they are visitors or newcomers, please help them to feel welcome at St. John’s.

PRAYER REQUESTS: John M.; Ginny; Brook; Diane & Kent; Gary; Dorothy; Annie; Traek; Pat; Briget; Alexander; Jean; Susan A.; Mary and Bishop Robert Anderson; Don H.; David; Edward;
Marian S.; Edward G.; Jack; David T.; Betty F.; Grayson; Jean; Marge; Christopher; David; Jesse, Peter; Ian.

For peace throughout the world and among people of all races and cultures:
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: For the Diocese of Mount Multan (Pakistan).
Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of Prayer: For Breck Memorial Mission, Ponsford.
St. John’s: For the Communication Commission. For the people of Kayoro Village, Uganda, our companion parish, Holy Apostles and the Project Kathleen families.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**
Today we give thanks for the life of Melissa Mosvick in whose loving memory the flowers on the Main Altar are given.
Today we give thanks for the life of Werner A. Senff in whose loving memory the flowers on the Little Altar are given.

**MAKE THE DREAM COME TRUE**
*Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost.*
- Ignatius of Loyola

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**GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK:** Using cruise control on the highway helps you maintain a constant speed, and in most cases, will save gas.

**Evening Lenten Series 2011 - Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope**
Wednesday evenings through April 13
Dinner (monetary donations welcome) 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO BENEFIT THE FAMILY PLACE:** As many of you know, The Family Place is our partner with Project Home. Life Scout Nick Stephens of Troop 408, Shoreview, (the troop Charlie Olsen is a member of) is doing his eagle project to benefit The Family Place. They are in desperate need of food supplies. **St. John’s has agreed to donate all food supplies collected up to April 3rd to The Family Place.** Please bring packaged goods and canned food and leave it in the Narthex, to the left of the entrance doors to the sanctuary. **Charlie and his dad will pick up the food after our services on April 3rd.** All food collected will be organized and donated to The Family Place.
A NEW DELICIOUS YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER! Wondering what to make for Easter Brunch? The Youth Group has an answer for you! They will be selling delicious Sweet and Savory Strudels in the Undercroft following the 8:00am and 10:00am services on Sunday, April 10th and Sunday, April 17th! Each strudel is carefully crafted using the freshest and finest ingredients available. They arrive frozen and bake in just 45 minutes. Contact Jean Hansen for more information. All proceeds go to help fund the Youth Group’s Mission Trips.

Mission Project 2011: NetsforLife®: This Lent the youth will be selling bed nets for sub-Saharan Africa at the back of the church on Sundays. This is a mission project selected by the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to help put an end to Malaria. The goal is to sell one bed net per Episcopalian in Minnesota. Our St. John’s goal is to sell 600 bed nets. You can buy a bed net for $12. Simply make a check out to St. John the Evangelist Church and include bed net in the memo.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 3
Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 am Church
Adult Ed. – Update on the Kayoro Clinic cont. 9:00 am Fireside
Children’s Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Music Rm.
Youth Encounter 9:00 am Meditation
First Sunday Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Churchy
Confirmation Prep 1:00 pm Holy Apostles
TEC Mtg. 1:00 pm Undercroft
Sunday Night Men’s Basketball 6:30 pm Gym

Monday, April 4
Staff Lunch with Rector Candidate 12:30 p.m. Fireside
Artaria Quartet Rehearsal 1:15 p.m. Undercroft
St. John’s Men’s ALANON 6:00 pm Meditation
Dinner with Rector Candidate 7:00 pm Fireside

Tuesday, April 5
The Big Net Mtg. 8:30-noon Library
Staff Mtg. 10:00 am Meditation
Rector Candidate Interview 11:00 am Fireside
Bell Choir 5:45 pm Music Rm.
Faith in Action Mtg. & Dinner 6:00 pm Fireside
Youth Basketball 6:30 pm Gym

Wednesday, April 6
Staff Training Session w/Peggy & John Tuttle 9:00 am Fireside
Bible Study 11:00 am Library
Building Committee 4:30 pm Library
Lenten Evensong 5:30 pm Chapel
Lenten Program 6:00 pm Dinner-6:30 pm Program Undercroft
Youth Group – Lenten Movie Series 5:00 pm Fireside
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Music Rm.
Wed. Night Basketball 7:30 pm Gym

Thursday, April 7
Job Seekers 5:00-7:00 pm Library
Toll Free Bells Practice 5:30 pm Music Rm.
Stories AA Group 6:00 pm Fireside
Spring TEC begins 7:00 pm
**Friday, April 8 – Spring TEC with TEC Leaders all day**

- Organ Practice 10:00 am Church
- Artaria Rehearsal 10:00 am Undercroft

**Saturday, April 9 – Spring TEC all day**

- Bishop Visit with TEC 4:00 pm Gym
- Bishop Visit with Young Adults 6:00 pm Sweeney’s Saloon
- Men’s Breakfast 9:00 am Jim Johnson’s Home

**Sunday, April 10 – Spring TEC until 6:00 p.m.**

- Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 am Church

  *The Rev. Peggy Tuttle celebrates and preaches.*

- Adult Ed. – How a Congregation Can Help a New Rector 9:00 am Fireside
- Children’s Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Music Rm.
- Youth Encounter 9:00 am Meditation
- Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 am Churchy


- Taste of the East Metro with the Bishop 1:30 pm St. Christopher’s – Roseville
- Sunday Night Men’s Basketball 6:30 pm Gym

**Monday, April 11**

- St. John’s Men’s ALANON 6:00 pm Meditation
- Bishop Visit with Seniors 1:30 pm Episcopal Homes
- Bishop’s Dinner with Wardens & Treasurers 6:00 pm Fireside

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**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday - April 17**

- **8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite I
- **10:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite II
  (10:00 begins with blessing of palms in the gym.)

**Maundy Thursday - April 21**

- **7:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist and Divesting the Altars

**Evening Prayer - April 18**

- **5:30 p.m.** by St. John’s Clergy

**Evening Prayer - April 19**

- **5:30 p.m.** by St. John’s Clergy

**Evensong - April 20**

- **5:30 p.m.** by the Rev. Philip Ramstad

**Good Friday – April 22**

- **12:00 noon** Good Friday Liturgy
- **7:00 p.m.** *Artaria String Quartet*
  Performs Joseph Haydn’s “The Seven Last Words”

**Holy Saturday – April 23**

- **7:00 p.m.** Easter Vigil Service with Baptisms

**Easter Sunday - April 24**

*Festival Services*

- **8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite II
- **10:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist Rite II
You are invited to share in the cost of decorating the church for Easter. Please make your check out to “St. John the Evangelist Church” and mark it “Easter Flowers” in the memo space on your check. Then place your donation in the offering plate or mail it to St. John’s office. If you would like to make your gift as a memorial to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please fill in this form and return it with your contribution.

Please submit it to the St. John’s office no later than Monday, April 11, 2011 for inclusion in the Easter Day bulletin.

Thank you!

In loving memory of (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):

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