Welcome to St. John’s. We are very glad you have joined us for worship.together today. Please know that wiggles are welcome here! We hope our time together today will be a “Holy Commotion” for the whole family. Please make yourself comfortable and at home as we anticipate the Spirit of God moving amongst us.
Gather in the Lord’s Name

I am the church

My Heart Sings Out 109

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen.

Collect

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. Amen. (source: Veronese Sacramentary)
All standing, sing the following hymn.

Christian Responsibility

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1. Jesus, Jesus, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near-by and far away.

3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, All are neighbors to us and you. Refrain

Words: Ghanaian; tr. Thomas Stevenson Colvin, (b. 1925)
Music: Chereponi (Jesus, Jesus), Ghanaian folk song adapt. Thomas Stevenson Colvin, (b. 1925)

Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

A Lesson from the Word of God

A Response to the Word of God

Pray for the World and the Church

*All stand or kneel for prayer.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the Church, its members, and its mission, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the Nation and all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the welfare of the world, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who suffer and those in any trouble, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*
For the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Celebrant concludes*

For _____________________, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Savoir. Amen.*

*All kneel.*

*The Deacon then says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

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.
The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Exchange the Peace

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Prepare the Table

The Celebrant says

Let us with gladness present the offering of our life and labor to the Lord.
Offertory Hymn

108  (714)  

Rounds and Canons

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.
Celebrant  It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-
            holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

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

_Celebrant and People._

_Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might._

_Heaven and earth are_ full of your glory. _Ho-san-na in the high-est._

_Bless-ed, bless-ed_ Ho-san-na in the high-est.
The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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.

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._

_The Celebrant then continues_

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

_People and Celebrant_

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, 
now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Call and response: the appointed cantor sings each phrase and congregation repeats each phrase after the cantor.

\[\text{O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.}\]

\[\text{Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.}\]

*The congregation echoes each phrase of the cantor at the interval of one measure.

Words: from The Book of Common Prayer (1979) of the Episcopal Church USA.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons, regardless of denominational affiliation or age, are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Communion Hymn

From hand to hand

My Heart Sings Out 49

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

God’s Blessing be with you, Christ’s peace be with you, the Spirit’s outpouring be with you, now and always. Amen.  (source: Celtic)
Go now in peace

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.
Notes on Today’s worship.together

Unless otherwise noted, the hymns for today’s worship.together are from *We Sing of God: A Hymnal for Children*. All the hymns contained in *We Sing of God: A Hymnal for Children* are taken from *The Hymnal 1982* of the Episcopal Church. *We Sing of God: A Hymnal for Children*, edited by Robert N. Roth and Nancy L. Roth, consists of 108 hymns or selections of service music from *The Hymnal 1982* which were chosen with children’s understanding of texts and their vocal abilities in mind. This hymnal is unique among hymn collections for children because it introduces children to texts and tunes from the church’s official hymnal rather than to texts and tunes which they will soon outgrow. The hymnal numbers printed here are from *We Sing of God: A Hymnal for Children*. The numbers given in parentheses refer to *The Hymnal 1982* of the Episcopal Church.

The service music for today’s worship.together is from *My Heart Sings Out*. *My Heart Sings Out* is a hymnal designed for all-age worship, with the aim of the full inclusion of children in weekly worship. *My Heart Sings Out* has been approved for use in worship by the Episcopal Church and is published by The Church Hymnal Corporation of the Episcopal Church.

The lessons from scripture quoted are taken from *Today’s English Version* of the Holy Bible. *Today’s English Version* is written in a simple, everyday language, with the intention that everyone can appreciate it, and so is often considered particularly suitable for children. *Today’s English Version* is one of the translations of the Holy Bible that is approved for use in worship by the Episcopal Church.

The liturgy for today follows the rubrics for “An Order for the Celebrating Holy Eucharist” from the Book of Common Prayer, page 400-405. Parts of the liturgy are taken from a collection of supplemental liturgical materials prepared by the Standing Liturgical Commission of the Episcopal Church (1997) and published by Church Publishing Incorporated entitled *Enriching Our Worship*. Supplemental liturgical texts are approved for use with the permission of the diocesan bishop.

The fonts chosen for today’s service leaflet are Helvetica 14 pt for the spoken portions and Comic Sans MS for the “rubrics” or instructions. Both were chosen because they are (for very different reasons) considered “child friendly” fonts.

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