

# Third Sunday After Pentecost

## June 9, 2024



### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### ENTRANCE HYMN *There's a wideness in God's mercy (Beecher)*

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.*

**OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (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 - mighty 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.

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM TONE S 415 Simplified chant setting (S 415)**

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



**PSALM: Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths have I called to you;  
O God, hear my **voice**; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

<sup>2</sup> If you were to note what is done **amiss**, \*  
O God, who could **stand**?

<sup>3</sup> For there is forgiveness with **you**; \*  
therefore you shall be **feared**.

<sup>4</sup> I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for **you**; \*

in your word is my **hope**.

<sup>5</sup> My soul waits for you,  
more than sentries for the **morning**, \*  
more than sentries for the **morning**.

<sup>6</sup> O Israel, wait upon **God**, \*  
for with God there is **mercy**.

<sup>7</sup> With God there is plenteous **redemption**, \*  
God shall redeem Israel from all their **sins**.

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Hallelujah (Maraire)* (MHSO 19)

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,  
hal - le - lu - jah! hal - le - lu - jah!  
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!  
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

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## **GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35**

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

<sup>20</sup>The crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and his disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

<sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

<sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

### **THE 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 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**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

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

**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.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prayer for the Graduate:

<i>Presider</i>	God of our endings and our beginnings, bless Rex as we celebrate his graduation.
<i>All</i>	<b>Thank you for the grace that brought him to this moment with the love and support of his family, teachers, and friends. May the gifts you have given him bear much fruit in the days of his life yet to come.</b>
<i>Lectern side</i>	<b>In all his choosing, O God, make him wise;</b>

<i>Pulpit side</i>	<b>In all his loving, O Christ, make him bold;</b>
<i>Lectern side</i>	<b>In all his creating, O Spirit, give him courage;</b>
<i>Pulpit side</i>	<b>In all his living, may he become whole.</b>
<i>All</i>	<b>And may he always continue to be an expression of your Love in the world. Amen.</b>

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with glad hearts offer the fruits of our life and labor to the Lord.

### OFFERTORY HYMN *We walk by faith, and not by sight (St. Botolph)*

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near, and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## THE 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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** *Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner) (American folk melody) (WLP 858)*

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.



*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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 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.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 forever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

*Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. *Amen.*

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

For those remaining at home, a Spiritual Communion is offered. This is a personal devotion that anyone can pray (at any time) to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances prevent them from receiving the elements.

For those worshipping with us from home, we pray together with you:

**Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your grace and be renewed for your service. Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of 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 Savior. Amen.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

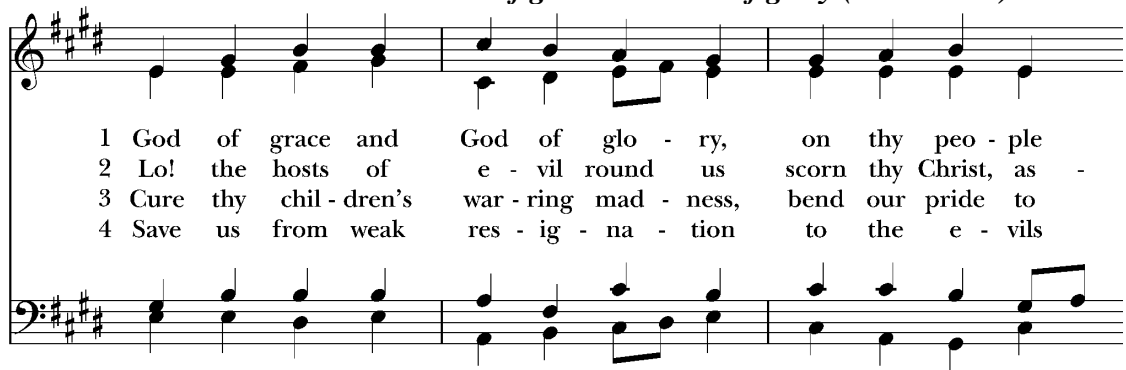
We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

**We who are many are one Body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

## **BLESSING**

Holy eternal Majesty,  
Holy incarnate Word,  
Holy abiding Spirit,  
Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

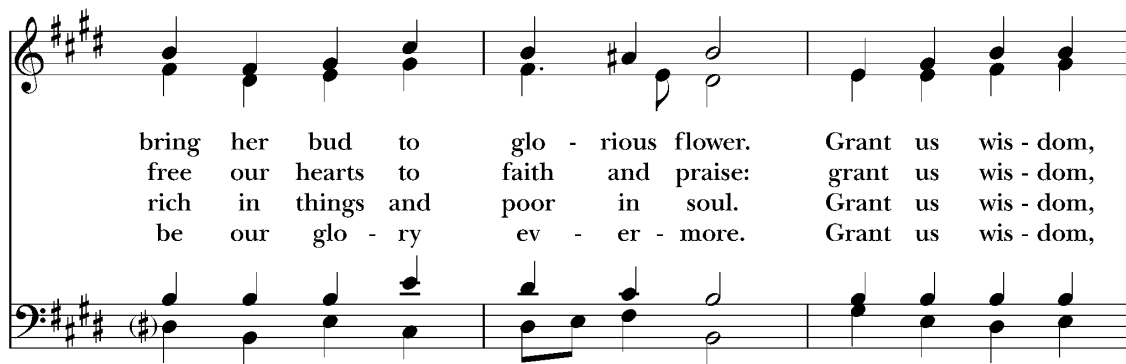
POST-COMMUNION HYMN *God of grace and God of glory (Mannheim)*



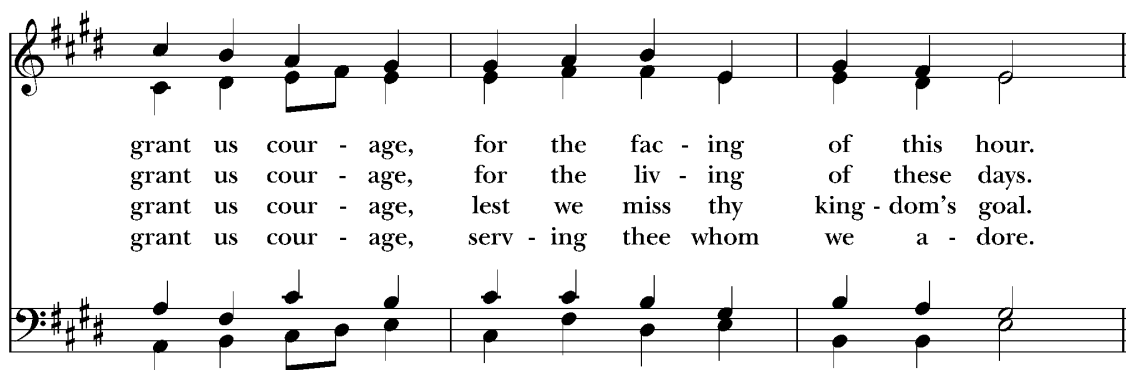
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of thy sal - va - tion



bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,  
free our hearts to faith and praise: grant us wis - dom,  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these days.  
grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Serving today:**

**Ministers of Music:** Ethan Kindle, Organist

**Lector:** Mary Stewart Kiesgen **Prayers:** David Kinney

**Presider:** Rev. Diane Stier **Director:** Adam Baker

**Greeters:** DJ Proctor & Christi Brookes **Acolyte:** Matthew Kinney

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## **We pray this week...**

For Michael, Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop, and for our diocese; and Bonnie, Bishop of Michigan, Rayford, Bishop of Northern Michigan.

For Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Craig, Bishop of ELCA.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia

For Joe, our President; Gretchen, our Governor; and all who make decisions for this nation.

For Diane, our Rector; Eric, our Choirmaster; Mekeila, our Admin. Asst.

For all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, especially Christi and Jess

For our lay ministers, lectors, choir, acolytes, greeters, and hospitality hosts

For all non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations

For Hope - St. John's, Oscoda - Pete Mapes, Sr. Warden

For St. James, Pentwater – Sam Morrison, Rector

For Worship Leaders in the Dioceses

For the members of St. John's, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Jessica

For the members of St. John's especially: Noah, Olivia, Sammy, Sharon & Sierra

For those on the Prayer Group's list, especially Brent, Cindy, Diana, Gabriel, Mary Lou, Nancy, and Harry

For all who have died.

***Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church***, where faithful people and seekers have gathered for worship since 1884.

Using this bulletin you will be able to participate as fully as you feel comfortable. In the Episcopal tradition, we do a lot of moving – standing, bowing, kneeling, sitting. Generally, we stand to *praise*, kneel to *pray*, and sit to *listen*. If you are unsure of what to do, just follow the moves of others around you. There's no one way of getting it "right"!

*Newcomers and visitors:* An accessible bathroom is located in the hallway outside the side door near the front of the church, and there is also one downstairs, which can be reached by the elevator in the same hallway.

*Please know that all are invited to Christ's table. If you would prefer not to receive, simply cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Our Eucharistic bread is gluten free.*

*We believe what is written on the wall of the church on the Isle of Iona:*

*This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.*

*It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.*

*So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;*

*you who have been here often*

*and you who have not been here for a long time or ever before;*

*you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.*

*Come, not because the Church invites you;*

*it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.*

Again, welcome. We are glad you are here. Join us for *Coffee Hour* in the parish hall immediately after the service.

- *Rev. Sr. Diane Stier and the People of St. John's*