



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

WE JOYFULLY WELCOME YOU TO
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 3, 2026 | 10:00AM | The Fifth Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "*Pastorella*" in F Major J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Entrance Hymn The Church's one foundation *The Hymnal 1982* 525

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity *Book of Common Prayer* page 355

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Presider Let us pray.

All **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis *The Hymnal 1982* S 280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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,**

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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 page 357

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16



1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be / put to shame; *
 deliver me in your / righteousness.



2 Incline your / ear to me; *
 make haste to de- / liver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
 for you are my crag and / my stronghold; *
 for the sake of your Name, / lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly / set for me, *
 for you are my tow- / er of strength.

5 Into your hands I com- / mend my spirit, *
 for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O / God of truth.

15 My times are / in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who per- / secute me.

16 Make your face to shine up- / on your servant, *
 and in your loving-kind- / ness save me.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

We the Lord's people

The Hymnal 1982 51

The Gospel

John 14:7-14

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

Jesus said, "If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

Reflection

Abdallah Salha

Director of Communications at the Leonard Education Organization

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer page 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,
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.**

The Prayers of the People Form IV

Book of Common Prayer page 388

Intercessor We pray for the Church and for the world. 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.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of North India. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Charles River Deanery, for Trinity Parish, Newton Centre; the Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban; St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley; and for Allston Abbey, Boston.

People Risen Christ, you are our life.
And Lord of all.

Intercessor 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.

People Risen Christ, you are our life.
And Lord of all.

Intercessor Give us 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. We pray for all indigenous people of this Continent, especially the Massachusett and the Wampanoag nations who cared for this land long before us. Risen Christ, you are our life.

People **And Lord of all.**

Intercessor 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. Risen Christ, you are our life.

People **And Lord of all.**

Intercessor 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 for the people of the Middle East, especially the people in Gaza and Lebanon; for the people of Ukraine; for the people of Sudan; we also pray for Edward Ryan, Leslie Kingsley, Andy Mason, Cam, Maggie Carvan, Dave Martinez, Fred Stimson, Jenny Tatroe, Sophie Nelson, Krish, Emily Sugg, Elaine Steeger, Nick Copoulos and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Silence.

Risen Christ, you are our life.

People **And Lord of all.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died in this season, especially Skip Wells, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud....

Silence.

We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Risen Christ, you are our life.

People **And Lord of all.**

The Peace & Announcements

Book of Common Prayer page 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
Psalms 96:8

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As the table is prepared and as the people sing the following hymn, the community brings forward gifts of bread and wine and donations to support the ministry of the parish.

Hymn

Here am I, send me

LEVAS 126

Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer page 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider 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 & Archangels & with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 S 129

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

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 say:

The Lord's Prayer

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei*

The Hymnal 1982 S 163

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.

The Presentation and Invitation

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the wine. You may receive the bread alone if you so desire.

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, we still invite you to come forward for a blessing;
to indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your hands over your chest when you approach the priest.*

Communion Hymn

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Hymnal 1982 487

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Presider Let us pray.

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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn Praise the Lord through every nation *The Hymnal 1982 484*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude *Fugue in F Major*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

**This week, the celebrate the birthdays of
Katie Robrish, Dylan Trier, Henry Berry, and Maya Plotkin**



Giving to St. John's

With cash or a check, 100% of your donation goes to support St. John's. However, to make giving more accessible, St. John's also has a Venmo account (although St. John's is assessed a fee for this service). Scan this QR code to donate to St. John's via Venmo during this service. In the field, "What is it for," please indicate what you would like your gift to support:

"Pledge" for payment on a pledge you have made to St. John's.
"Plate" to support all the general ministries of the parish.

THANK YOU!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 3

9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, *in the Nave*
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Nursery Care, *in the School Wing*
10:05AM Children's Liturgy of the Word, *in the Upper Room*
11:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*
1:00PM Piano Recital (Private Event), *in the Narthex*
5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist

Monday, May 4

3:30PM Oasis Dinner Delivery
4:00PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, *Fox Hill Village*

Tuesday, May 5

7:00PM Bible Study, *via Google Meet*

Wednesday, May 6

9:00AM Morning Prayer, *via Google Meet*

Saturday, May 9

11:00AM Hale Reservation BBQ with Ecclesia
5:30PM The Progressive Dinner

Sunday, May 10

9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, *in the Nave*
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Nursery Care, *in the School Wing*
10:05AM Children's Liturgy of the Word, *in the Upper Room*
11:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*
5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, May 12

7:00PM Bible Study, *via Google Meet*

Wednesday, May 13

9:00AM Morning Prayer, *via Google Meet*
7:00PM Deanery Assembly, *Grace Church, Norwood*

Sunday, May 17

9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, *in the Nave*
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Nursery Care, *in the School Wing*
10:05AM Children's Liturgy of the Word, *in the Upper Room*
11:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*
5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist

Upcoming Offerings at St. John's

Worship & Music **Morning Prayer** – A 40-minute service every Wednesday at 9:00am, via Google Meet. center yourself and connect with friends; the link is in the eNews.

Guest Preachers! – We have a slate of excellent guest preachers this Spring:

A Voice from Outside the Church – TODAY, Sunday, May 3; Abdallah Salha, Secretary of the Board of the Leonard Education Organization, will be our guest speaker at our 10:00am worship service.

A Voice from the Wider Church – Sunday, May 24, the Rev. Canon Marissa Rohrbach, our regional canon, will be our guest preacher.

A Voice from the Pews – Sunday, May 31, parishioner Lynne Kozlowski will be our guest preacher and will share with us her experiences of her pilgrimage to the American South.

St. John's Concert Series – Sunday, May 10, at 2:00pm, we host pianist Marcy Merrill and soprano Jordan Bowman for a free concert of exquisite music.

CHS & Juneteenth – Mark your calendars now: our friends at CHS will join us for worship on Sunday, Jun. 14 here at St. John's; we will hold our annual parish BBQ after the service. Weather permitting, all are welcome to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for a picnic outdoors on the lawn (tables will be available in the narthex and under the tents in the parking area.) This is one of two joint worship services where we celebrate with CHS.

Inreach **Progressive Dinner** – A St. John's tradition returns! Saturday, May 9, starting at 5:30pm at Vic and Juanita Kingsley's home in Dedham. Participants will be assigned to various homes for dinner, and then we will all reconvene for dessert around 8:30pm at Erin Sibley's home in Westwood. Guests not hosting may bring an appetizer to Juanita's, a bottle of wine to the dinner host, or a dessert to the last stop. This is an adults-only event.

ASHI CPR & AED Training – Join Juanita Kingsley after our 10:00am service on Sunday, May 31, in front of the altar to complete a one hour training in CPR and the use of the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). Training will also include Choking Prevention & Relief and the use of Narcan. Certification is good for two years; a fee of \$75 can be made payable to St. John's.

Outreach **Hale Reservation BBQ with Ecclesia** – Saturday, May 9. Our annual tradition of inviting our unhoused neighbors in Boston out to Hale Reservation for a beach-side BBQ picnic and fishing (no swimming this year).

Prison Book Program – Tuesday, May 26 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Meet at St. John's at 5:00pm to carpool over. Spaces are limited, sign up with Br. Gabriel.

Ministry Support **Deanery Assembly** – May 13, at 7:00pm at Grace Church, Norwood.

