



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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

September 20, 2026 | 10:00AM | The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Chorale Prelude on "Jesu, meine Freude"* Johann Gottlieb Walther (1684-1748)
Variations 1-3

Entrance Hymn Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *The Hymnal 1982* 690

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

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis *The Hymnal 1982* S 277

**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,**

Greg Berry, Co-Warden Michelle Nuñez, Treasurer
Suzanne Cogan, Co-Warden Erin Sibley, Clerk

The Reverend V. Michael Bousquet, Rector
The Reverend Karen A. Fraioli, Priest Associate
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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* page 357

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Exodus 16:2-15**

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. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.” 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 The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-2, 37-41, 45



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call u- / pon God’s Name; *
make known God’s deeds a- / mong the peoples.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, sing / praises ’ to God, *
and speak of all God’s / marve- ’ lous works.
- 37 The LORD led out the people with / silver ’ and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not / one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was / glad of ’ their going, *
because they were a- / fraid of them.
- 39 The LORD spread out a cloud / for a covering *
and a fire to give light / in the ’ night season.
- 40 They asked, and / quails appeared, *
and the LORD satisfied them with / bread from heaven.
- 41 The LORD opened the rock, and / water flowed, *
so the river ran / in the ’ dry places.
- 45 That they might / keep God’s statutes *
and observe God’s laws. / Halle- ’ lujah!

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Sequence Hymn Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round The Hymnal 1982 617

The Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to

me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Sermon The Rev. Michael Bousquet

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

Intervessor Let us 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 Anglican Church of Australia.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the North Shore Deanery, for St. Peter’s Church, Beverly; St. John’s Church, Beverly Farms; All Saints Church, Danvers; St. John’s Church, Gloucester; and the Essex County Community Organization.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Intervessor 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. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intervessor 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. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intervessor 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. This Sunday, we give thanks for the birthdays of Gabriel Nuñez and Kay Sibley. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intervessor 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 especially 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 Herb Jr., Dorothy, the Carroll family, the Centola family, Edward Ryan, Leslie Kingsley, Andy Mason, Maggie Carvan, Fred Stimson, Jenny Tatroe, Sophie Nelson, Emily Sugg, Elaine Steeger, Nick Copoulos, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Silence.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Intervessor We commend to your mercy all who have died in this season, especially Lois Cederquist, Allyne S. Barnes, Paul E. Sugg, Shukri Khuri, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Silence.

Intervessor We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Confession and Absolution *Book of Common Prayer* page 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Peace *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.

Announcements

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
Psalm 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 I want to walk as a child of the light *The Hymnal 1982* **490**

Eucharistic Prayer A *The Book of Common Prayer* page 361

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 our 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. 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 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 *The Hymnal 1982* **S 124**

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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. **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 *The Book of Common Prayer* page 364

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 161**

**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.*

Calendar of Events

Inreach (con't.) **St. John's Progressive Dinner** – **Prospective** dates for the dinner are Oct. 24 or Nov. 7. If you are interested and available to host a meal, contact Patty Mahoney at pattygmahoney@gmail.com to volunteer!

Outreach **Oasis** – Our next delivery date is tomorrow, Monday, Sep. 14 at 3:30pm. Contact Jane Kaveney if you would like to join this ministry team!

Westwood Day – Saturday, Sep. 19, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Contact Tom Viti to volunteer to staff the table or to bake cookies beforehand as giveaways.

LEO Meet-and-Greet – The Leonard Education Organization supports and helps Palestinian students pursue higher education. Their director and several students will be hosted by Vic and Juanita Kingsley at a reception at their home on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 6:30pm. RSVP to Vic to attend.

Legal Consult Day – At CHS, Mattapan, on Saturday Oct. 17, between 8:00am and 6:00pm. We are looking for volunteers to come for two hours to help fill out forms and to lead prayer services. Contact Michael for more information and to sign up.

Westwood Walk for Hunger – Sunday, Oct. 25; mark your calendars now. A pleasant stroll around Westwood to combat food insecurity.

Ministry Support **Vestry Meeting** – Monday, Sep. 21, at 7:00pm, in the Narthex.

Clergy Day – Wednesday, Sep. 30. Michael is off-site at the cathedral for professional development.

Deanery Assembly – Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7:00pm, location TBD.

Values – In the spring of this year at their retreat, the vestry discerned five Core Values of the St. John's community. Those values – Welcome, Community, Service, Humility, and Love – are both descriptive as marks of what makes us who we are, and aspirational, as qualities we are forever striving to more fully embody.

Sunday, September 20

- 9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, Nave
- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, & Blessing of the Backpacks
- 10:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word, in the Upper Room
- 11:15AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex
- 5:30PM Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 21

- 7:00PM Vestry Meeting, Narthex

Tuesday, September 22

- 12:30PM Clericus, Epiphany Parish, Walpole
- 7:00PM Film Viewing: "Jesus Was A Migrant"

Wednesday, September 23

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer, Rite II, via Google Meet

Sunday, September 27

- 9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, Nave
- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:15AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex
- 5:30PM Holy Eucharist
- 6:15PM Dinner & All Parish Formation: How to Center Our Lives on Jesus

Tuesday, September 29

- 7:00PM Film & Immigration Discussion with CHS, via Google Meet

Wednesday, September 30

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer, Rite II, via Google Meet
- 9:30AM Clergy Day, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston

Sunday, October 4

- 9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, Nave
- 10:00AM St. Francis' Day Blessing of the Animals & Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word, in the Upper Room
- 11:15AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex
- 5:30PM Holy Eucharist

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!

Altar Flowers

*I would like to offer Flowers to the glory of God and in memory or in thanksgiving of my loved ones.
The parish office will send me an invoice for \$45 for each arrangement,
the payment of which is a tax-deductible contribution to St. John's.*

Given by (Your Name):

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

☐ I would like flowers on the Sunday closest to: Date: _____
month *date*

OR

☐ I would like flowers on the _____ Sunday of _____
1st, 2nd, etc. month

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Dedication Preference: (please check only one)

☐ In loving memory of _____

☐ In thanksgiving for _____

Memorials most often coincide with the date of death.

Thanksgivings may coincide with birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, returns to health, etc.

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☐ Continue Annually ☐ Only This Year (2026/2027)

Note: if you already offer flowers annually, there is NO need to re-submit this form. Contact Lynne Kozłowski at lynn.kozlowski@gmail.com for questions or corrections or edits to current dedications.