



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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

August 10, 2025 | 9:00AM | The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Gymnopedie No. 1*

Erik Satie (1866-1925)

Entrance Hymn

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

The Hymnal 1982 596

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.

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,
we praise you for your glory.**

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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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 **Genesis 15:1-6**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 33:13-20 *Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.

14 **From the divine throne, God looks down *
on all who dwell on the earth.**

15 The LORD fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.

16 **There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 **Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear God, *
on those who wait upon God’s love,**

19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 **Our soul waits for the LORD; *
the LORD is our help and our shield.**

The Epistle **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

The Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

Gospeller
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Gospeller
People

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

Sermon

The Rev. Harry Jean-Jacques

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 II

Book of Common Prayer page 385

Intercessor

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Julia; for the people of St. John’s; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We especially pray for the people and children of Palestine in Gaza and the West Bank, the people of Ukraine, the people held hostage by Hamas; we also pray for Emily Sugg, Joe and Heather Bessinger, Jenny Tatroe, Maggie Carvan, Dave Martinez, Bridget, Robert Berry, James Wachob, John Siegfried, Jack and Jackie Collier, Charlie and Elaine Steeger, Gail Corbett, Krish, Jaxson Stephens, Kris, and Sheldon. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Jane Vera Ziedan Khouri and will Ridgway, whom we remember today. Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Grist in our own day.

The Confession and Absolution Book of Common Prayer page 360

Deacon 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 & Announcements Book of Common Prayer page 360

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

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 Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove The Hymnal 1982 510

Eucharistic Prayer A 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 God our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good a 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.

Presider 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.

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 Father, now and for ever. 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn Let us break bread together on our knees *LEVAS* 152

The Postcommunion Prayer *Book of Common Prayer* page 365

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 How firm a foundation, ye saints *The Hymnal 1982* 637

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *August: The Harvest, Op 37a, No.8* Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1848-1925)

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 10

9:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Lemonade & Refreshments, in the Narthex

Tuesday, August 12

7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

Thursday, August 14

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

Sunday, August 17

9:30AM Ecumenical Christian Worship, First Parish of Westwood

Upcoming Offerings at St. John’s

Worship & Music	<p>Morning Prayer, <u>Now on Thursdays</u> at 9:00am via Google Meet. All are welcome; look for the link in the weekly eNews.</p> <p>Joint Summer Worship – St. John’s joins with First Baptist and First Parish to have three combined services this summer. We all worshiped at First Baptist Church on Jul. 6 and here at St. John’s on Jul. 20. All the churches will meet <u>next Sunday, Aug. 17</u>, at First Parish of Westwood <u>at 9:30am</u>.</p>
Formation	<p>Tuesday Bible Study – 7:00pm online via Google Meet. Come examine and discern the Scriptures for the following Sunday.</p> <p>Summer Book Read – This summer, we invite parishioners to read <u>Why Religion? A Personal Story</u> by Elaine Pagels. We will meet to discuss at the beginning of September.</p>
Ministry Support	<p>Vestry Meeting – Monday, Aug. 18 at 7:00pm in the Narthex.</p> <p>Finance Committee Meeting – Sometime this summer, we will convene a meeting of this committee. Contact Michelle Nuñez if you would like to join!</p> <p>Ministry Rota – Are you interested in serving as a reader, greeter, coffee hour host, eucharistic minister, or acolyte on sunday? Email Michael as we prepare to craft our rota for the fall!</p>

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!