



# ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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

February 15, 2026 | 10:00AM | The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

## HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** "His Name so sweet"

arr. Richard Billingham (1934-2024)

**Entrance Hymn**

Songs of thankfulness and praise

*The Hymnal 1982* 135

**Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity**

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*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.

**Trisagion**

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty, Ho - ly  
Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy on us.

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## The Collect of the Day

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

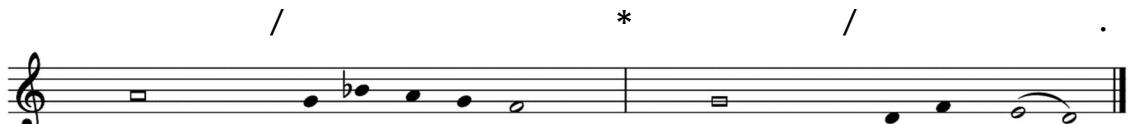
O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

## Psalm 2



<sup>1</sup> Why are / the nations in an uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples mutter / empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and / the princes plot together, \*  
against the LORD and against / his Anointed?

<sup>3</sup> “Let / us break their yoke,” they say; \*  
“let us cast off / their bonds from us.”

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<sup>4</sup> He whose throne is / in heaven is laughing; \*  
the LORD has them / in derision.

<sup>5</sup> Then he speaks / to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills / them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> “I / myself have set my king \*  
upon my holy / hill of Zion.”

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the / decree of the LORD: \*  
he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I be- / gotten you.”

<sup>13</sup> / ' Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in the Son of the / LORD our God!

## Exodus 24:12-18

## The Epistle

## 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

## Sequence Hymn

Christ upon the mountain peak

*The Hymnal 1982* 129

## The Gospel

## Matthew 17:1-9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While

he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

**Sermon**

**The Nicene 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,

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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 VI**

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*Intercessor*      In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence may be kept.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Julia our Bishop; for Michael, Karen, and Gabriel, our ministers; and for all ministers lay and ordained;

**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of the people of St. John's; we pray especially for the people of Palestine and of Gaza, for the people of Ukraine, for the people of Sudan; we also pray for Cam, Maggie Carvan, Dave Martinez, Pamela Mott, Fred Stimson, Jenny Tatroe, Sophie Nelson, Krish, Emily Sugg, Elaine Steeger, Nick Copoulos, James Wachob, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud ... Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray especially for all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud:

**Please Remember in our Diocesan & Anglican Cycles of Prayer:** The Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery; The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; The

*MANNA Community; The Cathedral Chapter; Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; all Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders; The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Charles Clement, Hildegard Wachob, Edward Slatcher, and for all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud ... Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

### **The Confession and Absolution**

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*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 & Announcements**

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

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

*As the table is prepared and as the choir sings the following anthem, the community brings forward gifts of bread and wine and donations to support the ministry of the parish.*

**Anthem** O wondrous type! O vision fair

John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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*Presider*

Lift up your hearts.

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

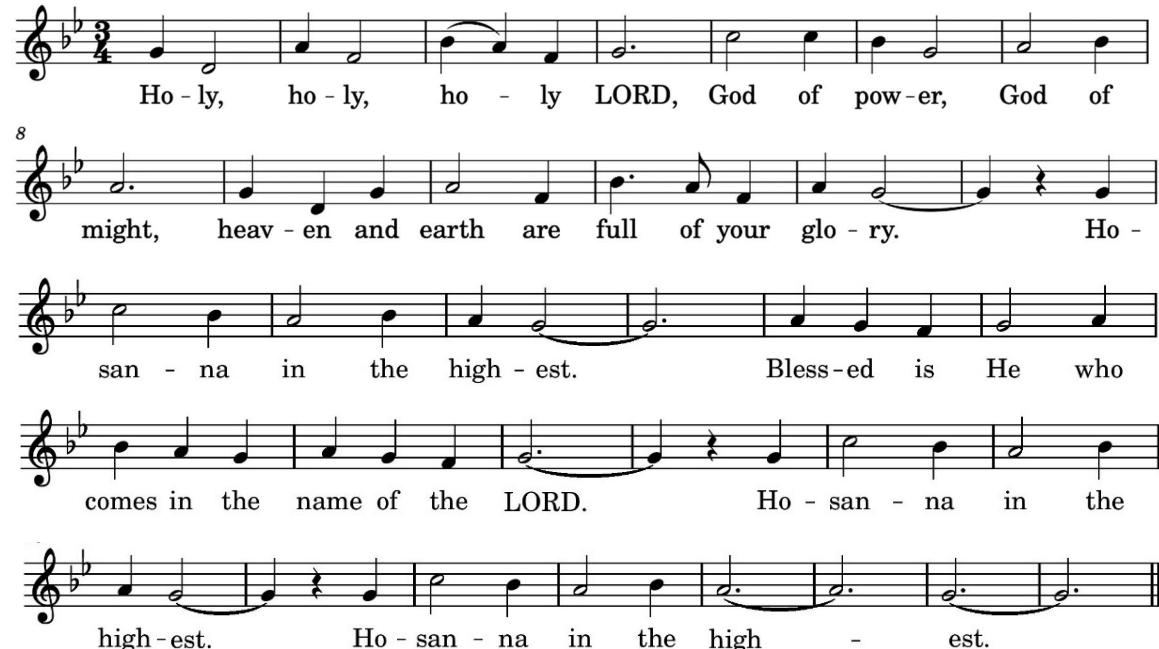
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider*

It is right, and a good a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.. 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**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly LORD, God of pow-er, God of  
8  
might, heav - en 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.

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*The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,  
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:*



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come a - gain.

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.

A - men, a - men, a - - - men!

A - men, a - men, a - - - men!

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: **The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Fraction Anthem Jesus, Lamb of God**

Je-sus, Lamb of God,  
Je-sus, Bread of Life,  
Je-sus, Hope for all,  
you take a-way the sins of the  
world.

5  
1.2.  
world: have mer - ccy on us.

10  
3.  
world: grant us your peace.

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**The Presentation and Invitation**

**All are welcome at the Lord's table.**

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Please do not instinct (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**

I love to tell the story

*LEVAS* 64

**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**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

*The Hymnal 1982* 618

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude "February" Op. 37a, No. 2**

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikowsky (1840-1893)

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Carolyn McDonough and in memory of Charles Clement &  
by Juanita Kingsley and in memory of Hildegard Wachob.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, February 15

- 9:00AM      Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, in the Nave  
10:00AM     Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00AM     Nursery Care, in the School Wing  
11:00AM     Coffee Hour, in the Narthex  
5:30PM     Taizé Holy Eucharist  
7:00PM     Family Bible Study: The Path, via Google Meet

### Tuesday, February 17

- 6:30PM     Shrove Tuesday: Mardi Gras Pancake Supper, in the Narthex

### Wednesday, February 18

- 6:45AM     Ashes-to-Go, Rte. 128 Station  
9:00AM     Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with the Imposition of Ashes  
7:00PM     Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with the Imposition of Ashes  
7:00PM     Family Bible Study: The Path, via Google Meet

### Thursday, February 19

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

### Sunday, February 22

- 9:15AM     All Parish Formation, in the Nave  
9:15AM     Nursery Care, in the School Wing  
10:00AM     Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:50AM     Coffee Hour, in the Narthex  
5:30PM     Taizé Holy Eucharist

### Monday, February 24

- 4:00PM     Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Fox Hill Village

### Tuesday, February 24

- 7:00PM     Bible Study, via Google Meet

### Thursday, February 26

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

### Friday, February 27 -28

- CityReach Overnight

### Saturday, February 28

- 8:00AM     Vestry Retreat, St. Paul's Dedham

### Sunday, March 1

- 9:00AM     Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, in the Nave  
10:00AM     Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00AM     Nursery Care, in the School Wing  
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 or Thursday at 9:00am, via Google Meet. center yourself and connect with friends; look for the link in the eNews.

**Shrove Tuesday** – Feb. 17. Pancake Supper in the Narthex, followed by Compline and the (safe) Burning of Palms, starting at 6:30pm.

**Ash Wednesday** – Feb. 18 Two services of Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with the Imposition of Ashes: at **9:00am** and **7:00pm**. Ashes-to-Go at Rte 128 T station starting at 6:45am.

**St. John's Concert Series** – Sundays at 2:00pm. Free concerts that lift the spirit and restore the soul:

Mar. 8: Kharis Chamber Players

Mar. 15: Kaleidoscope

Apr. 12: Juniper Point Porch Quartet

### Outreach

**STEM Robotics Tutoring** – Work with 25 inner city Middle School Youth at St. Stephen's Youth Programs on Tuesdays 5:00pm-6:00pm (now until Feb. 24). No experience necessary; attend when able; contact Cal Groton for info.

**CityReach** – Feb. 27/28. Mark your calendars, and RSVP with Br. Gabriel!

**Hale Reservation w/ Ecclesia** – Saturday, May 9. Mark your calendars now!

### Formation

**All Parish Formation** – Sunday, Feb. 22: **Lenten Journey** Come at 9:15am to learn about how God calls us to be in relationship with himself and with each other; stay for an enhanced coffee hour following the service. The next Formation Sunday is Mar. 15: **Onward to Jerusalem**.

### Ministry Support

**Teen & Family Bible Study: The Path** – For ages 13 and older, with Br. Gabriel, online at 7:00pm. Parents are invited, but their participation is not required. The Path begins with the first five books of the Old Testament. Meetings are Feb. 15 & 18, Mar. 15 & 18, Apr. 12 & 15.

**Vestry Retreat** – Saturday, Feb. 28, at St. Paul's, Dedham.

**Ministry Rota** – Sunday worship is for everyone at St. John's, and it requires participation from every parishioner! Sign up online or on the big board.

### 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!**