



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 9, 2025 | 10:00AM | The First Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Chorale Partita on "Ach wie nichtig, Ach wie flüchtig" var.1-4* Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Entrance Hymn Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church *The Hymnal 1982 149*

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

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures 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.**

Kyrie eleison *The Hymnal 1982 S 96*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day *Book of Common Prayer page 357*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

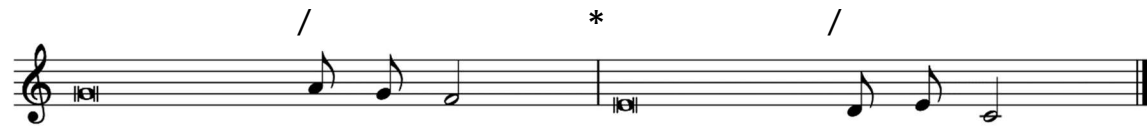
The First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-14



1 You who dwell in the shelter of / the Most High, *
abide under the shadow of / the Almighty.



2 You shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and / my stronghold, *
my God in whom I / put my trust."

9 Because you have made the LORD / your refuge, *
and the Most High your / habitation,

10 There shall no evil ha- / ppen to you, *
neither shall any plague come / near your dwelling.

11 For God shall give angels charge / over you, *
to keep you in / all your ways.

12 They shall bear you / in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot a- / gainst a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion / and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- / der your feet.

14 Because you are is bound to me in love, therefore will I de- / liver you; *
I will protect you, because you / know my Name.

The Epistle

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Sequence Hymn

Forty days and forty nights

The Hymnal 1982 150

The Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

The 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 I

Book of Common Prayer page 383

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the Massachusett and Wampanoag and all native peoples who cared for this land before us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are aged or infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for those who are sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our parish prayer list, especially for...

the people of Ukraine, the people of Palestine in Gaza and the West Bank, for Emily Sugg, Skip Wells, Joe and Heather Bessinger, Margaret Bommarito, Bridget, Robert Berry, Quang Dang, Betty Clement, James Wachob, Susie and Cam, John Siegfried, Jack and Jackie Collier, Charlie and Elaine Steeger, Gail Corbett, Krish, Jaxson Stephens, Sheldon, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners, refugees, and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Don Frost and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Confession & 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

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

Hymn Now let us all with one accord *The Hymnal 1982* 147

Eucharistic Prayer A *Book of Common Prayer* page 361

The image shows two lines of musical notation on a five-line staff. The first line is for the Presider and the second line is for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you." and "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The notation includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines.

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 a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who dies for us and rose again. 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 130*

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.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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.

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 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
 Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your 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

Lord, who throughout these forty days *The Hymnal 1982 142*

The Postcommunion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer page 365

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.**

Solemn Prayer over the People

Closing Hymn

The glory of these forty days

The Hymnal 1982 143

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace. Remember the poor.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude *Chorale Partita on "Ach wie nichtig, Ach wie flüchtig" var. 5-8* Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

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Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Anne Barrett
and in memory of Paul F. Barrett.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 9

9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Church School for K-4th Grade
5:30PM Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 11

7:00PM Adult Forum: Sabbath, via Google Meet
7:50PM Compline, via Google Meet

Wednesday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 16

9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Church School for K-4th Grade
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!

Upcoming Offerings at St. John's

Worship & Music **Morning Prayer**, Wednesdays at 9:00am via Google Meet. All are welcome; look for the link in the weekly eNews.

"All In" Concert – Thursday, Mar. 20 at 7:30pm; **The Kaleidoscope Chamber Music Ensemble** is a diverse group of women performing a wide range of musical styles. This concert highlights music written by women and composers of color. Tickets will be sold at the door; \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and students. This is the first concert of many this Spring at St. John's!

Formation **Tuesday Lenten Study** – 7:00pm online via Google Meet, beginning Mar. 11. This year, Michael leads an exploration of **Sabbath Rest**: what is it, why do we need it, what does God call us to do while in Sabbath rest. The discussion concludes with **Compline at 7:50pm**. Look for the link in the eNews

Church School – Formation for all children K-4th grade at 10:00am.

High School Students – Next meeting on Sunday, Apr. 6. Come for discussion with Gabriel during the 10:00am service.

Middle School Students – Dinner & Discussion with Gabriel in the Narthex; next meeting on Sunday, Apr. 6 at 4:30pm.

Outreach **Lenten Mite Boxes** – All children are invited to pick up a mite box from the narthex to fill during Lent, in support of the work of our partner in ministry, UrbanPromise Honduras (UPH).

CityReach – High School students will attend this annual outreach event Friday & Saturday, Mar. 21 & 22. All parishioners: please support them with prayers and please donate coats, socks, and warm clothes into the box in the narthex – XL, XXL, and XXXL sizes are appreciated!

Support for Palestinians – St. John's is acutely aware of the need for prayers and support for the Palestinian people at this time. If parishioners are seeking a recommendation, there are two excellent organizations we would like to promote: LEO and PCRF. Look for more information about these organizations in our eNews and on our parish bulletin boards. We again ask St. John's parishioners to pray fervently for and advocate for and support our brothers and sisters in Palestine however possible.

Ministry Support **Nursery Assistance** – Imelda provides excellent nursery care for us, but requires an assistant for safety. Parents and teens are asked to sign up and take one Sunday to be with Imelda and our little ones! Sign up in the narthex and also via the link in the eNews.

Vestry Meeting – Monday, Mar. 17, at 7:00pm, in the Conference Room.

Deanery Assembly – Wednesday, Mar. 19, at 7:00pm at Epiphany Parish, Walpole.