

Calendar of Events

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

Tuesday, February 24

7:00PM Bible Study & Lenten Reflection, *via Google Meet*
 7:50PM Compline, *via Google Meet*

Wednesday, February 25

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

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

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

7:00PM Bible Study & Lenten Reflection, *via Google Meet*
 7:50PM Compline, *via Google Meet*

Wednesday, March 4

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

Greg Berry, Co-Warden
 Suzanne Cogan, Co-Warden

Michelle Nuñez, Treasurer
 Erin Sibley, Clerk

The Reverend V. Michael Bousquet, Rector
 The Reverend Karen A. Fraioli, Priest Associate
 Brother Gabriel J. Giella, Youth and Children's Minister
 Natacha Rist, Director of Music
 Rose Chamness, Parish Administrator & Bookkeeper
 , Nursery Caregiver

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ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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

February 22, 2026 | 10:00AM | The First Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

On Sundays when the Service follows Formation, there is no musical Prelude.

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn

Hosea

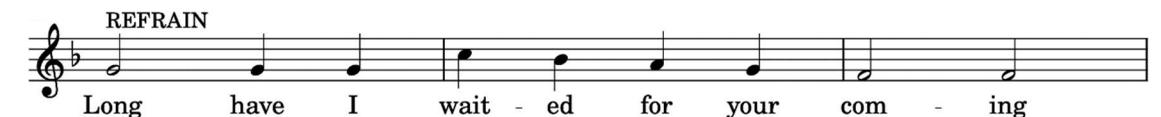
Gather 405



1. Come back to me _____ with all your heart _____
 Trees do bend _____ though straight and tall; _____
 2. The wil - der - ness _____ will lead _____ you _____
 In - teg - ri - ty _____ and jus - tice, _____
 3. You shall sleep _____ se - cure with peace; _____



Don't let fear _____ keep us a - part. _____
 so must we _____ to oth - ers' call. _____ (To refrain)
 to your heart _____ where I will speak. _____ (To refrain)
 ten - der - ness, _____ you shall know. _____ (To refrain)
 faith - ful - ness _____ will be your joy. _____ (To refrain)



Long have I wait - ed for your com - ing

home to me and liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

life.

Text: Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16, 21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Norbet, OSB, b. 1940.
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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.**

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, 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 Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in

the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Save your people, O Lord!

Jim Farrell (b. 1947)

REFRAIN

Save your peo - ple, O Lord. Show us the way to come home. We have been wan - der - ing far from your love. Save your peo - ple, O Lord.

VERSES

1. One thing I ask, O Lord, this I seek: to dwell for -
2. For you will hide me in the shel - ter of your wings and from the
3. Lis - ten, O Lord, to the sound of my call, for I ac -
4. Thus will I bless you all the days of my life. Lift - ing my

-ev - er in your house, that I may gaze on your
ar - rows of my foes. You set me high on a
knowl - edge my of - fense. Wash me and I shall be
hands, I call your name: O Lord, re - mem - ber your in -

love - li - ness all the days of my life.
 moun - tain - top, saved me from my dis - tress.
 pur - i - fied. I shall be whit - er than snow.
 her - i - tance. Save your peo - ple, O Lord!"

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The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him:

Devil "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

Jesus "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple:

Devil "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor:

Devil "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Homily

Br. Gabriel Giella

An Affirmation of Faith

Iona Abbey Worship Book page 38

**We believe in God above us,
 Maker and Sustainer of all life,
 of sun and moon,
 of water and earth
 of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,
 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
 Born of a woman,
 servant of the poor,
 tortured and nailed to a tree,
 a man of sorrows,
 He died forsaken.
 He descended into the earth
 to the place of death.
 On the third day,
 He rose from the tomb.
 He ascended into heaven
 to be everywhere present,
 and His kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
 the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
 life-giving breath of the church,
 Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
 Source of resurrection and of eternal life. 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 Massachusetts 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...

for the people of Palestine and of Gaza, for the people of Ukraine, for the people of Sudan; we also pray for Claire, 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...

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 Helen McClaren, Jack Dunn, 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

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

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.

All children are welcome to gather around the altar at this time!

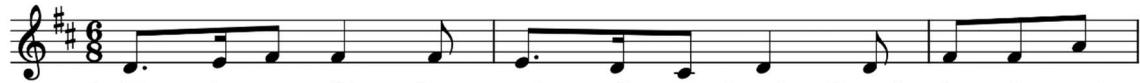


Hymn

A gift from your children

Nancy Bourassa (b.1950)

Carey Landry (b.1944)



1. Here is our gift, the work of our hands, though simple and
 Here is our gift, the thoughts of our minds, in shar-ing with
 2. Here is our gift, our love from with-in, in giv-ing to
 Here is our gift, the bread and the wine: a sym-bol of
 3. Here is your gift, our Sav-ior, our Lord; the gift of your
 Here is our gift, a gift ev-er new: in giv-ing to



lit-tle, Lord, you un-der-stand: a gift, a gift from your
 oth-ers the truth we will find: a gift, a gift from your
 oth-ers real lov-ing be-gins: a gift, a gift from your
 shar-ing, a beau-ti-ful sign: a gift, a gift from your
 pres-ence, the gift of your word: a gift, a gift for your
 oth-ers we give un-to you: a gift, a gift from your



chil-dren; a gift, a gift of our love. _____
 chil-dren; a gift, a gift of our love. _____ to REFRAIN
 chil-dren; a gift, a gift of our love. _____
 chil-dren; a gift, a gift of our love. _____ to REFRAIN
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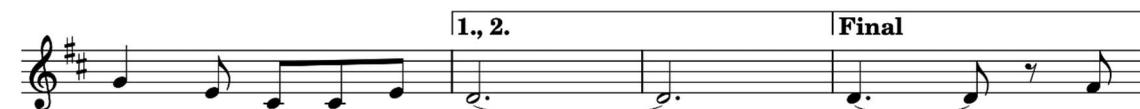
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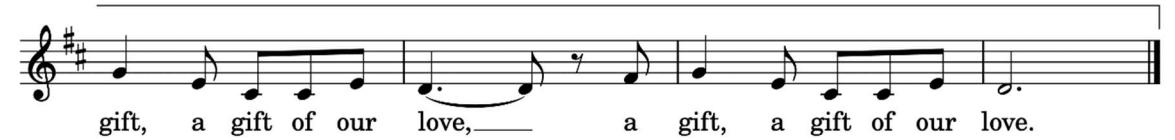
Here is our gift, the song that we sing: rais-ing our voic-es,



prais-ing your name! Here is our gift, the song of our heart: a



gift, a gift of our love. _____ love. _____ A

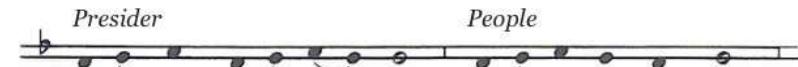


gift, a gift of our love, _____ a gift, a gift of our love.

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer page 361



The Lord be with you. And al- so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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.

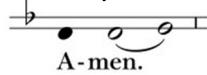
The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

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.



And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.
People Thanks be to God.

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 Meditation *Des pas sur la neige*

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Presider Let us pray.

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 *The snow is dancing*

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Juanita Kingsley and in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of
Vic and Juanita Kingsley
and by Lynne Kozlowski and in memory of Rev. Fred Rogers, "Mister Rogers."

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.

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

Formation **All Parish Formation** – Sunday, Mar. 15: **Onward to Jerusalem** Come at 9:15am to learn about Holy Week; stay for an enhanced coffee hour following the service.

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 Mar. 15 & 18, Apr. 12 & 15.

Agapé Supper & Eucharist – Thursday, Mar. 12 at 6:30pm in the Narthex. Join us for a potluck New Orleans dinner: jambalaya, gumbo, dirty rice, bread pudding. We conclude with a Eucharist at our table. Sign up via the eNews!

Ministry Support **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.