



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

July 5, 2026 | 9:00AM | The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Barcarolle, Op. 37a, No. 6* Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Entrance Hymn Father, we thank thee who hast planted *The Hymnal 1982* 302

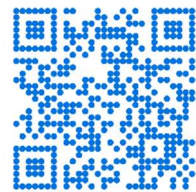
Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity *Book of Common Prayer* page 355

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,
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

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-29, 56-67

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’ Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She

said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.” And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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

The Song of Solomon 2:8-13



8 The voice of my beloved! / Look, he comes,
 leaping upon the mountains, bounding / over ' the hills.

9 My beloved is like a gazelle or / a young stag.
 Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows,
 looking / through the lattice.

10 My beloved speaks and / says to me:
 “Arise, my love, my fair one, and / come away;

11 for now the / winter ' is past,
 the rain is / over ' and gone.

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of / singing ' has come,
 and the voice of the turtledove is / heard in ' our land.

¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they / give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and / come away.”

Sequence Hymn

Come away to the skies

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vv.1-3

The Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Michael Bousquet

The Nicene Creed

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**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 Bishops, Julia, Mary, and Ian; 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 pray for the 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 Edward Ryan, Leslie Kingsley, the Centola family, Andy Mason, Maggie Carvan, Fred Stimson, Jenny Tatroe, Sophie Nelson, Krish, Emily Sugg, Elaine Steeger, Nick Copoulos and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud. 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 those whom we name now, either silently or aloud. 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 Christ in our own day.

The Confession and Absolution

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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

Book of Common Prayer page 360

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

Announcements

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
Psalms 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 heard the voice of Jesus say

The Hymnal 1982 692

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship 1 page 60

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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

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**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.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the

cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all 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.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

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Presider God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

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.*

Communion Hymn

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

LEVAS 101

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

God bless our native land

The Hymnal 1982 716

The Dismissal

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

Postlude *Les barricades mystérieuses*

François Couperin (1668-1733)

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**This Sunday, we give thanks for the birthdays of
Kim Davie, Andy Onderdonk, Caroline Kelleher, Rebecca McMann,
Suzanne Stanke, Charlie Berry, and Lauren Kelly,
and the wedding anniversary of Dan and Tammy MacDonald.**

Upcoming Offerings at St. John's

Worship & Music **Morning Prayer** – A 40-minute service every Wednesday at 9:00am, via Google Meet. center yourself and connect with friends; the link is in the eNews.

Summer Ecumenical Worship – St. John's, First Parish, and First Baptist again collaborate for worship this summer. All congregations gather together on the following Sundays:

Jul. 12: Worship at First Baptist. Rev. JT Hills to preach.

Jul. 19: Worship at First Parish. The Rev. Michael Bousquet to preach.

Jul. 26: Worship at St. John's. Rev. Catherine Miller to preach.

Summer Sunday Worship – when at St. John's, summer worship is at **9:00am**, starting Jun. 28. The exceptions are Jul. 12 & 19, when we start at 10:00am at First Baptist and at 9:30am at First Parish, respectively.

Holy Eucharist at Fox Hill Village – A bi-monthly Tuesday service for residents of Fox Hill Village and their guests will begin again in September. This is a new ministry of St. John's, with collaboration from clergy from St. Paul's, Dedham.

Formation **Curriculum Night** – Sunday, Sep. 13, come for a discussion led by Br. Gabriel of the curriculum and dates of the children's formation program for 2026/27. Details will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now!

St. John's Book Group – This summer we are reading "*Ladysitting: My Year with Nana at the End of Her Century*" by Lorene Cary. We'll meet at the beginning of September to discuss!

Outreach **Oasis** – Our next delivery date is Monday, Jul. 13, at 3:30pm.

B-LOVE Grocery Bags – Signups are in the narthex to either donate money or to bring in a bag of groceries for the B-SAFE summer program at St. Stephen's in Boston. Bring your bag in by Jul. 24.

Westwood Day – Saturday, Sep. 19. Mark your calendars now and consider volunteering to staff the table or to bake cookies beforehand as giveaways.

Ministry Support **Vestry Meeting** – Aug. 17, at 7:00pm, in the Narthex.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 5

9:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex

Tuesday, July 7

7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

Wednesday, July 8

9:00AM Morning Prayer, via Google Meet

Sunday, July 12

10:00AM Ecumenical Christian Worship, First Baptist Church, 808 High St

Monday, July 13

3:30PM Oasis

Tuesday, July 14

7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

Wednesday, July 15

9:00AM Morning Prayer, via Google Meet

Saturday, July 18

2:00PM The Rite of Holy Matrimony of Hilary Sugg and Jonathan Sellman

Sunday, July 19

9:30AM Ecumenical Christian Worship, First Parish of Westwood, 252 Nahatan St

Tuesday, July 21

7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

Wednesday, July 22

9:00AM Morning Prayer, via Google Meet

Sunday, July 26

9:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex