



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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

October 25, 2026 | 10:00AM | The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Schmücke dich, O meine Seele*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Entrance Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

The Hymnal 1982 450
vv.1-3, 6

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.**

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

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

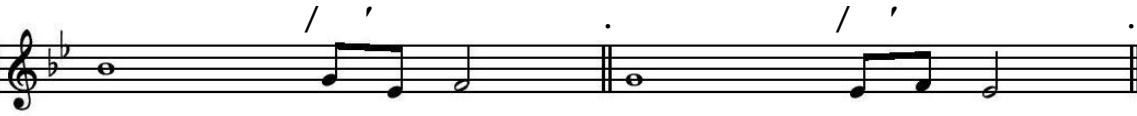
Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against

Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

Psalm 90



- 1 LORD, you have / been our refuge *
from one generation / to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the / earth were born, *
from age to age / you are God.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long / will you tarry? *
be gracious / to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness / in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the / days of ' our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that / you afflicted us *
and the years in which we / suffered ' adversity.
- 16 Show your / servants ' your works *
and your splendor / to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God / be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our / handiwork.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands

as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Sequence Hymn God of mercy, God of grace *The Hymnal 1982* 538

The Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet'?" If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

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 IV *Book of Common Prayer* page 388

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the South Shore Deanery, for the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Hingham; St. John’s Church, Holbrook; Emmanuel Church, Braintree; St. Andrew’s Church Hanover, and the Global Mission Partnership Program.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Intervessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intervessor Give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for all indigenous people of this Continent, especially the Massachusett and the Wampanoag nations who cared for this land long before us. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intervessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. This Sunday, we give thanks for the birthdays of Ed Fraioli and Lauren Berry. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intervessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially 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 Charles and Synthia Henry, Herb Jr., Dorothy, Elze, the Evans family, the Carroll family, the Centola family, Edward Ryan, Leslie Kingsley, Andy Mason, Fred Stimson, Jenny Tatroe, Sophie Nelson, Emily Sugg, Elaine Steeger, Nick Copoulos, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Intervessor We commend to your mercy all who have died in this season, especially Andrew Onderdonk, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Silence.

Intervessor We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Confession and 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 & 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 O God, our help in ages past *The Hymnal 1982* **680**

Eucharistic Prayer A *The 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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and 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.**

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. **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 *The Book of Common Prayer* page 364

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

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 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love *LEVAS 74*

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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn Rise up ye saints of God *The Hymnal 1982* 551

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Schmücke dich, O meine Seele* *Johann Gottfried Walther* (1684-1748)

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**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Suzanne Cogan in thanksgiving for Gabriel and Amelia Cogan
and by Andy Onderdonk in memory of Andrew Onderdonk.**

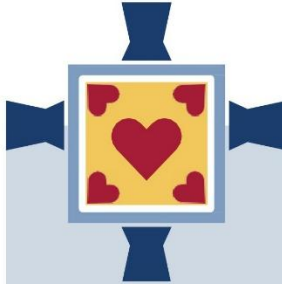
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Giving to St. John's

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!



Plenty of Good Room

Making Room for Plenty Good Harvest

The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37 (NLT)

When I was a teenager, my grandmother loved her garden. She still does. Her garden required the kind of care that kept her hands in the soil and her attention fixed on the rhythms of the season. On warm afternoons she would call me outside to help her prepare the dirt, loosening the earth, pulling weeds, and clearing space for new seeds. I remember standing there sometimes, puzzled and very impatient. To me, the garden already looked fine.

After the winter season, I had grown accustomed to what it always looked like. To me, it was good enough. Why disturb what was already there? Why dig up soil that seemed just fine? The work felt slow and unnecessary, but my grandmother understood something I was still learning.

A healthy garden needs tending. She moved through those rows and buckets with patience, gently removing what did not belong, the stubborn weeds, the tangled stems, the crowded patches of soil that had no room left to breathe. She knew that if new life was going to grow, something first had to be cleared away. The garden would overflow with life, all because we made room.

Season after season, I was, and still am, amazed. Looking back now, I realize something I did not understand then: if the garden had stayed the way I wanted it, untouched, crowded, unpruned, we would never have seen that abundance at all. The garden required room, and a willingness to yield.

Sometimes that work feels uncomfortable. Sometimes it feels unnecessary. Sometimes we cannot yet see what God is preparing to grow. But the invitation remains the same: make room for new life, make room for deeper faith, make room for the Spirit to move in ways we may not yet understand. And when the seasons of harvest come, we may discover what my grandmother knew all along: when space is made in the garden, there is always plenty good room for the harvest. 

Questions for Reflection:

What might God be inviting you to release or clear away in your life so that something new can grow?



Shannon Whittaker is a member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Cambria Heights, New York.

Upcoming Offerings at St. John's

Worship & Music	Wednesday Morning Prayer – A 40-minute service every week at 9:00am, via Google Meet. Center yourself and connect with friends.	Ministry Support (con't.)	Deanery Assembly – Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7:00pm, at Christ Church, Hyde Park.
	Altar Flowers – Parishioners may offer altar flowers to the glory of God and in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. Flowers will be offered year-round, including in summer. See the form on the back page of this program.		
	Holy Eucharist at Fox Hill Village – A bi-monthly Tuesday service at 3:00pm, for residents of Fox Hill Village and their guests. The next service is Nov. 3. This is a ministry of St. John's with collaboration from clergy at St. Paul's.		
	5:30pm Holy Eucharist – The Sunday afternoon "fast Mass," lasting 35/40 minutes and featuring contemplative Taizé chant is a way to center yourself for the week to come, and to ensure you are able to get to church if you've been away during the weekend!		
Formation	St. John's Concert Series – Our concert series, sponsored by Barb Thomas, returns this autumn with <u>free</u> concerts at 2:00pm on Sundays. The next concert will be Nov. 8 with the <i>Juniper Point Porch Quartet</i> , comprised of musicians who perform in some of Boston's finest ensembles. Tell your friends and come experience a beautiful afternoon of music!		Rector's Sabbath – Although he rarely has both of them off, Fridays and Saturdays are intended to be Michael's sabbath. He is off email on those days and will respond on Sunday or Monday. If you have a genuine pastoral emergency on these days, please call him on his cell phone at 617-216-2989.
	Evening All Parish Formation – This year, our monthly formation for children and families will be at 6:15pm on Sundays: TONIGHT, 10/25, and then on 11/29, 1/10, 2/21, 3/14, 4/11, and 5/18. Come for the Eucharist beforehand if you are able. The evening will feature dinner (and childcare with Denise in the School wing for the littler ones). Note: the Christmas Pageant will be at the 10:00am service, on Sunday, 12/20.		
	Westwood Walk for Hunger – TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 25, at noon. A pleasant stroll around Westwood to combat food insecurity. Look for a link in the eNews to contribute on behalf of the St. John's team.		
Outreach	Ecclesia Lunch Delivery & Service – Sunday, Nov. 15. Contact Tom Viti to volunteer to make sandwiches and lunch bags and/or to deliver them at noon to the Boston Common (and stay for Eucharist with our friends from Ecclesia).		Pastoral Care Ministry – Anyone interested in pastoral ministry (visiting homebound parishioners, being an eucharistic visitor, praying for those in need), talk to Michael about joining him and parishioner Kathy Schlecht in forming a pastoral care team.
Ministry Support	Stewardship – Pledge Packets are available for all parishioners! Come to church to listen to Stewardship Speakers throughout this season; we ask parishioners to discern their pledge for 2027 & bring in their pledge cards on Sunday, Nov. 15.		Ministry Rota – Sunday worship is for the entire community of St. John's, and it requires participation from every parishioner! We need your participation in the liturgical ministries of the church, to be: greeters, readers, eucharistic ministers, acolytes, and coffee hour hosts.
	Annual Bake-Off – A St. John's tradition to cap stewardship season at our Ingathering Sunday. Bakers contact Tammy MacDonald to sign up to compete with your winning cake.		
	Diocesan Convention – Saturday, Nov. 14, at Trinity Church, Boston.		
	Vestry Meeting – Monday, Nov. 16, at 7:00pm, in the Narthex.		Greeters: Pass out service programs and bring up the bread, wine, and plate. Greeters also count the number of people present in church. Look for instructions on the table at the rear of the nave.
			Readers: Also called lectors, there are usually two each Sunday. The first reader reads the first reading (which is usually from the Old Testament), as well as the Prayers of the People after everyone recites the creed. The second reader reads the second reading (which is usually an epistle from the New Testament) after everyone sings the psalm.
			Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers come up either at the beginning of the eucharistic prayer or at the end of the eucharistic prayer (during the breaking of the bread). They receive the sacrament up at the altar and then bear the chalice for the assembled congregation when they come up to receive.
			Acolytes: Arrive 15 minutes early to vest and light candles on the altar. Acolytes carry the cross into and out of the service; they also hold the Gospel book at the reading of the Gospel, and they set the altar and serve in the chancel with the priest. Starting this year, at the end of the service, they ring the tower bell!
			Coffee Hour Hosts – We need parishioners to step up to host coffee hour. The church provides beverages—bottled water, juice boxes, coffee, sugar, & milk—and basic baked goods—cookies, rice krispie treats. Hosts supplement the offerings with baked goods/fruit/cheese. Hosts also put on the coffee pot before the coffee hour and clean up the narthex space at the end of the coffee hour.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 25

- 9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, Nave
- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:15AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex
- 12:00PM Interfaith Walk for Hunger, Temple Beth David
- 5:30PM Family Holy Eucharist
- 6:15PM Dinner & All Parish Formation: The Saints

Tuesday, October 27

- 12:30PM Clericus, St. Michael’s Church, Milton
- 7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

Wednesday, October 28

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

Sunday, November 1

- 9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, Nave
- 10:00AM All Saints Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:15AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex
- 5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 2

- 3:30PM Oasis

Tuesday, November 3

- 3:00PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Fox Hill Village, Baker West Classroom
- 7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

Wednesday, November 4

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

Sunday, November 8

- 9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, Nave
- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:15AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex
- 5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist

Altar Flowers

I would like to offer Flowers to the glory of God and in memory or in thanksgiving of my loved ones.
The parish office will send me an invoice for \$45 for each arrangement,
the payment of which is a tax-deductible contribution to St. John’s.

Given by (Your Name):

Contact Number:

Email:

☐ I would like flowers on the Sunday closest to: Date: month date

OR

☐ I would like flowers on the Sunday of 1st, 2nd, etc. month

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Dedication Preference: (please check only one)

☐ In loving memory of

☐ In thanksgiving for

Memorials most often coincide with the date of death.
Thanksgivings may coincide with birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, returns to health, etc.

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☐ Continue Annually ☐ Only This Year (2026/2027)

Note: if you already offer flowers annually, there is NO need to re-submit this form. Contact Lynne Kozłowski at lynne.kozlowski@gmail.com for questions or corrections or edits to current dedications.