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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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February 1, 2026 | 10:00AM | The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

## HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

### THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *"Wie schön leuchtet der Morganstern"*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Entrance Hymn Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord *The Hymnal 1982* 437

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.

Trisagion

*Book of Common Prayer* page 356

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD. ‘With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

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

## Psalm 15



<sup>1</sup> LORD, who / may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your / holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> Whoever leads a blameless life / and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth / from their heart.

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### Micah 6:1-8

<sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon their tongue; they do / no evil to their friend; \*  
they do not heap contempt u- / pon their neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> In their sight / the wicked is rejected, \*  
but they honor those who / fear the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> They / have sworn to do no wrong \*  
and do not take / back their word.

<sup>6</sup> They do not give / their money in hope of gain, \*  
nor do they take a bribe a- / gainst the innocent.

<sup>7</sup> Who- / ever does these things \*  
shall never be / overthrown.

### The Epistle

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

### Sequence Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart

*The Hymnal 1982* **656**

## The Gospel

*Gospeller*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Gospeller*  
*People*

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Michael Bousquet

## 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.**

## Matthew 5:1-12

**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 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; St. Mark's Church, Dorchester; St. Mary's Church, Dorchester; the Epiphany School, Dorchester; the Diocesan Council; The Church of England.*

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 Charlie Steeger, John Kozlowski, Marguerite Viti, 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**

**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**

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel *The Hymnal 1982* 574

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Book of Common Prayer* page 367

**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 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.

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 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, you take a-way the sins of the  
Je-sus, Hope for all,

5 1.-2.  
world: have mer - cy 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**

Be not afraid

*WLP* 811

**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**

Lift high the cross

*The Hymnal 1982* 473

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude Canzona in G Major, BuxWV 171**

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Lynne Kozlowski and in memory of John Kozlowski &  
by Tom Viti and in memory of Marguerite Viti.

## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, February 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     Parish Luncheon & Souper Bowl of Caring, in the Narthex  
11:45AM     Annual Meeting, in the Narthex  
5:30PM      Taizé Holy Eucharist

### **Monday, February 2**

3:30PM      Oasis Dinner Delivery

### **Tuesday, February 3**

7:00PM      Bible Study, via Google Meet

### **Thursday, February 4**

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

### **Sunday, February 8**

10:00AM     Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan  
5:30PM      Taizé Holy Eucharist

### **Tuesday, February 10**

7:00PM      Bible Study, via Google Meet

### **Thursday, February 12**

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

### **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

## Upcoming Offerings at St. John's

### Worship & Music

**Morning Prayer** – A 40-minute service every Thursday at 9:00am, via Google Meet. Enter yourself and connect with friends; look for the link in the eNews.

**St. John's / Holy Spirit Mattapan: Joint Service** – NEXT Sunday, Feb. 8, 10:00am at CHS. Everyone worship at CHS; there is no morning service at St. John's. Our relationship with CHS is long-running and we especially want to support them in this year of leadership transition.

**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.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** – TODAY, Feb. 1. Our children will pass the coffee can during lunch and help organize and pack food, all in support of the Westwood Food Pantry.

**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!

### Outreach

**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.

### Formation

**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.

### 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.

**Annual Meeting** – TODAY Sunday, Feb. 1, following the 10:00am service. A luncheon will be served. Come elect officers for the next year and here reports on the state of the parish and look at the budget and goals for the new year.