



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 13, 2026 | 10:00AM | The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

LEVAS 410

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

Book of Common Prayer page 357

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers,

the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

Psalm 114



- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came / out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people / of strange speech,
- 2 Judah be- / came God’s sanctuary *
and Israel / God’s dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld / it and fled; *
Jordan turned / and went back.
- 4 The mountains / skipped like rams, *
and the little hills / like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, / that you fled? *
O Jordan, / that you ‘ turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you / skipped like rams? *
you little hills / like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence / of the LORD, *
at the presence of the / God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a / pool of water *
and flint-stone into a / flowing spring.

The Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not

despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn No saint on earth lives life to self alone *WLP* 776

The Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also

do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Intervessor

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 Anglican Church in New Zealand and Polynesia.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Neponset River Deanery, for Christ Church, Medway, St. Michael’s Church, Milton, Church of Our Saviour, Milton, St. John’s Church, Westwood, Trinity Church, Stoughton; and the Trustees of Donations.

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 Massachusetts 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 Faris Trapper, Nick Copoulous, Erica Rice, Shane MacDonald, and for the wedding anniversaries of Brian and Leslie Davie and Henry and Katherine Trier. 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 Nepal and Tibet affected by the flooding; 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 Herb Jr., Dorothy, the Carroll family, the Centola family, Edward Ryan, Leslie Kingsley, Andy Mason, Maggie Carvan, Fred Stimson, Jenny Tatroe, Sophie Nelson, Emily Sugg, Elaine Steeger, Nick Copoulos, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Silence.

People

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Intervessor

We commend to your mercy all who have died in this season, especially Lois Cederquist, Maddie Groton, Harriet H. Ames, and Christabel E. Synge, 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.

Presider

Please share with one another a sign of Christ’s peace.

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 All my hope on God is founded *The Hymnal 1982* 665

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 God is love, and where true love is *The Hymnal 1982* 577

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 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing *The Hymnal 1982* 334

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by
Karen Fraioli and in memory of Lois Cedarquist and by
Cal Groton and in memory of Maddie Groton and by
Elizabeth & Alan Macdonald and in memory of Harriet H. Ames & Christabel E. Synge

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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.

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 begins on Sep. 15. This is a ministry of St. John's, with collaboration from clergy at St. Paul's, Dedham.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist – This Sunday afternoon “fast Mass,” lasting 35/40 minutes, returns today, Sep. 13. The service contains Taizé chants and is 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!

St. John's Concert Series – Our concert series, sponsored by Barb Thomas, returns this autumn with free concerts at 2:00pm on Sundays. The first concert will be Oct. 18 with *Quartetto Mosso*, with musicians from the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. The second will be Nov. 8 with the *Juniper Point Porch Quartet*, comprised of musicians who perform in some of Boston's finest ensembles. Tell your friends and come experience a beautiful afternoon of music!

Formation **Curriculum Night** – TONIGHT, Sunday, Sep. 13, at 6:15pm, come for a discussion led by Br. Gabriel of the curriculum and dates of the children's formation program for 2026/27.

Evening Parish Formation – This year, our monthly formation for children and families will be at 6:15pm on Sundays: 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, 1/10, 2/21, 3/14, 4/11, and 5/18. Mark your calendars now! (The Christmas Pageant will be at the 10:00am service, on Sunday, 12/20.)

St. John's Book Group – This summer we read *"Ladysitting: My Year with Nana at the End of Her Century"* by Lorene Cary. We'll meet at 7:00pm on Sep. 15 in the narthex and online to discuss! The author, herself, will be present to discuss and answer questions!

Welcome Back & Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, Sep. 20 we officially begin our program year. Our Children’s Liturgy of the Word in the Upper Room restarts, and children (and teachers) are invited to bring their backpacks to church for a blessing! Stay for our first festive coffee hour of autumn!

Film Screening & Discussion – In conjunction with the Diocesan Office of Immigration and our friends at CHS, we will watch the 30-minute documentary *Jesus Was A Migrant*, Tuesday, Sep. 22 at 7:00pm. St. John's and CHS will discuss (online) and learn about our own stories of migration on the following Tuesday, Sep. 29 at 7:00pm.

Calendar of Events

Inreach **St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals** – Oct. 4. Bring all your pets to be blessed at the 10:00am service!

St. John’s Progressive Dinner – **Prospective** dates for the dinner are Oct. 24 or Nov. 7. If you are interested and available to host a meal, contact Patty Mahoney at pattygmahoney@gmail.com to volunteer!

Outreach **Oasis** – Our next delivery date is tomorrow, Monday, Sep. 14 at 3:30pm. Contact Jane Kaveney if you would like to join this ministry team!

Westwood Day – Saturday, Sep. 19, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Contact Tom Viti to volunteer to staff the table or to bake cookies beforehand as giveaways.

LEO Meet-and-Greet – The Leonard Education Organization supports and helps Palestinian students pursue higher education. Their director and several students will be hosted by Vic and Juanita Kingsley at a reception at their home on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 6:30pm. RSVP to Vic to attend.

Legal Consult Day – At CHS, Mattapan, on Saturday Oct. 17, between 8:00am and 6:00pm. We are looking for volunteers to come for two hours to help fill out forms and to lead prayer services. Contact Michael for more information and to sign up.

Westwood Walk for Hunger – Sunday, Oct. 25; mark your calendars now. A pleasant stroll around Westwood to combat food insecurity.

Ministry Support **Vestry Meeting** – Monday, Sep. 21, at 7:00pm, in the Narthex.

Deanery Assembly – Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7:00pm, location TBD.

Values – In the spring of this year at their retreat, the vestry discerned five Core Values of the St. John’s community. Those values – Welcome, Community, Service, Humility, and Love – are both descriptive as marks of what makes us who we are, and aspirational, as qualities we are forever striving to more fully embody.

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!

Sunday, September 13

- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:15AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex
- 5:30PM Holy Eucharist
- 6:15PM Curriculum Night, in the Narthex

Monday, September 14

- 3:30PM Oasis

Tuesday, September 15

- 3:00PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Baker West Classroom, Fox Hill Village
- 7:00PM Book Discussion, in the Narthex & via Google Meet

Wednesday, September 16

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer, via Google Meet

Saturday, September 19

- 10:00AM Westwood Day, Westwood High School

Sunday, September 20

- 9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, Nave
- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, & Blessing of the Backpacks
- 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word, in the Upper Room
- 11:15AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex
- 5:30PM Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 21

- 7:00PM Vestry Meeting, Narthex

Tuesday, September 22

- 7:00PM Film Viewing: “Jesus Was A Migrant”

Wednesday, September 23

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer, via Google Meet

Sunday, September 27

- 9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, Nave
- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:00AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word, in the Upper Room
- 11:15AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex
- 5:30PM 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 lynn.kozlowski@gmail.com for questions or corrections or edits to current dedications.