



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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

August 30, 2026 | 9:00AM | The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *"Les Moissonneurs" (The Reapers), Livre II, 6ème Ordre No. 1*

François Couperin
(1658-1733)

Entrance Hymn

When Israel was in Egypt's land

LEVAS 228

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

Greg Berry, Co-Warden
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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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson

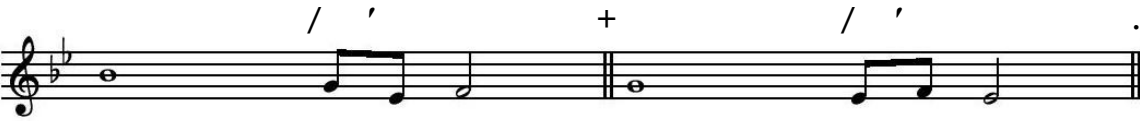
Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

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

Psalm 105:1-2, 5-6, 23-26, 45c



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call up- / on God’s Name; *
make known God’s deeds a- / mong the peoples.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, sing prai- / ses to God, *
and speak of all God’s / marve- ‘ lous works.
- 5 Remember the marvels that / God has done, *
the wonders and the judgments / of God’s mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham, the / servant ‘ of God, *
O children of Jacob, the / chosen ‘ of God.
- 23 Israel came / into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the / land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made the people exceed- / ingly fruitful; *
the LORD made them stronger than their / enemies;
- 25 Whose heart was turned, so that they / hated ‘ God’s people, *
and dealt unjustly with the / servants ‘ of God.
- 26 The LORD sent Moses / as a servant, *
and Aaron whom / he had chosen.

+ 45 Hal- / lelujah!

Sequence Hymn

Take my life, and let it be

The Hymnal 1982 707

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Gospeller
People

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
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 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 we also pray for Herb Jr., Dorothy Wilkins, 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. 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 Kirk Madge, Robert F. Murphy, and all 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 *Book of Common Prayer* page 360

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

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 can hear my Savior calling *LEVAS* **144**

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 *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.**

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

Enriching Our Worship 1 page 69

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 What wondrous love is this *The Hymnal 1982* **439**

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 Take up your cross, the Savior said *The Hymnal 1982* **675**

The Dismissal

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

Postlude *Les baricades mystérieuses, Livre II, 6ème Ordre No.5* François Couperin (1658-1733)

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**This Sunday, we give thanks for the birthdays of
Andrew Dunn, Katherine Trier, and Elizabeth Mathew.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 30

9:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*

Tuesday, September 1

7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

Wednesday, September 2

9:00AM Morning Prayer, via Google Meet

Saturday, September 5

10:00AM Parish Clean-Up Day

Sunday, September 6

9:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*

Tuesday, September 7

7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

Wednesday, September 8

9:00AM Morning Prayer, via Google Meet

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*

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!

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 Sunday Worship – Starts at **9:00am**, through Sep. 6. Worship resumes at 10:00am starting Sep. 13. The 5:30pm service also restarts on Sep. 13.

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!

Film Screening & Discussion – In conjunction with the Diocesan Office of Immigration and our friends at CHA, we will watch *Jesus Was Migrant*, Tuesday, Sep. 22 at 7:00pm. St. John's and CHS will have a discussion the following Tuesday, Sep. 29, at 7:00pm.

Outreach

Oasis – Our next delivery date is Monday, Sep. 14 at 3:30pm.

Westwood Day – Saturday, Sep. 19. Mark your calendars now and consider volunteering 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. We are looking for volunteers to help fill out forms and to lead prayer services. Contact Michael for more information and to sign up.

Ministry
Support

Parish Clean-Up Day – Saturday, Sep. 5, at 10:00am. Come to help weed the garden, arrange hymnals, and make repairs to our property before the new program year. Lunch will be served afterward – RSVP to Michael if you would like to attend!

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