



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 11, 2025 | 10:00AM | The Fourth Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Le Rossignol en amour (The nightingale in love)* François Couperin (1668-1733)

Entrance Hymn This is the feast of victory *The Hymnal 1982 417*

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

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis *The Hymnal 1982 S 280*

**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,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

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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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23



¹ The LORD / is my shepherd; *
 I shall not / be in want.



² He makes me lie down / in green pastures *
 and leads me be- / side still waters.

³ He re- / vives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for / his Name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall / fear no evil; *
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; *
 you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is / running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days / of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the / LORD for ever.

The Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

3. Now in our pres - ence the Lord will ap - pear,
4. Call us, Good Shep - herd, we lis - ten for you,

Shine in the fac - es of all of us here,
Want - ing to see you in all that we do,

Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Al - le - lu - ia!
We would the gate of sal - va - tion pass through: Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Gospel

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Edwin Johnson

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

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Intercessor We 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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Concord River Deanery, for St. John's Chapel at the Groton School; St. Michael's Church, Holliston; St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton; St. Luke's Church, Hudson; and the Congregational Chapters of the Episcopal Church Women.

Risen Christ, you are our life.

People **And Lord of all.**

Intercessor 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. Risen Christ, you are our life.

People **And Lord of all.**

Intercessor 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 Juanita Kingsley, Cassidy Sullivan, and Lynne Viti and the wedding anniversary of Herb and Julia Irvine. Risen Christ, you are our life.

People **And Lord of all.**

Intercessor 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 for the people of Ukraine, the people of Palestine in Gaza and the West Bank, for Emily Sugg, Joe and Heather Bessinger, Jenny Tatroe, Maggie Carvan, Dave Martinez, Margaret Bommarito, Bridget, Robert Berry, James Wachob, Susie and Cam, John Siegfried, Jack and Jackie Collier, Charlie and Elaine Steeger, Gail Corbett, Krish, Jaxson Stephens, Kathryn Scanlan, Brian, Bob, Kris, Sheldon, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud....

Silence.

Risen Christ, you are our life.

People **And Lord of all.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died in this season, especially Skip Wells, Audrey Quigley, Nicholas Viti, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud....

Silence.

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

Risen Christ, you are our life.

People **And Lord of all.**

The Peace

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

As the table is prepared and as the choir sings the following anthem, the community brings forward gifts of bread and wine and donations to support the ministry of the parish.

Anthem *The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Henry William Baker (1821-1877)

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 and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels & Archangels & with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 S 129

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.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

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 163

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

My Shepherd will supply my need

The Hymnal 1982 664

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

The Church's one foundation

The Hymnal 1982 525

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude *Le Rossignol vainqueur (The victorious nightingale)*

François Couperin (1668-1733)

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**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Maryanne Carty and
in memory of William Scannell and Winifred and Patrick Carty.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 11 – Mothers' Day

9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 10:00AM Church School for K-4th Grade
 5:30PM Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, May 13

7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

Wednesday, May 14

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

Sunday, May 18

9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 10:00AM Church School for K-4th Grade
 5:30PM Holy Eucharist
 7:00PM Vestry Meeting, in the Conference Room

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**, Wednesdays at 9:00am via Google Meet. All are welcome; look for the link in the weekly eNews.

St. John's & CHS Mattapan Juneteenth Joint Service – 10:00am Sunday, Jun. 15, here at St. John's. This is Rev. Z's last service with us before her retirement this summer. The Parish BBQ will follow in the narthex and under the tents in the front parking area. All are invited!

Celebration of Life & Rite of Christian Burial for Skip Wells – Longtime parishioner Skip Wells entered into glory on Wednesday, May 7. His funeral is planned to be at St. John's on Friday, May 16. All are welcome.

Formation **Tuesday Bible Study** – 7:00pm online via Google Meet. Come examine and discern the Scriptures for the following Sunday.

Book Discussion – Our book for Eastertide is **James** by Percival Everett. We meet in the Narthex to discuss on Tuesday, Jun. 17 in place of Bible Study.

High School Seniors Address – Sunday, Jun. 8, during the 10:00am service, our graduating seniors will speak to their experiences at St. John's.

Middle School Students – Dinner & Discussion with Gabriel in the Narthex; next meeting is Sunday, Jun. 1 at 4:30pm.

Outreach **Support for Palestinians** – If parishioners are looking to donate funds to support the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank, there are two excellent organizations St. John's would like to promote: LEO and PCRF.

Westwood Pride – Sunday, Jun. 8, 1:00pm-5:00pm, on the lawn at the Westwood Senior Center. There will be games, face painting, arts & crafts, live music, and an art show! After the lunch service with common ecclesia at noon on June 8, may sure you come back to Westwood for a relaxing afternoon of inclusive fun!

Ecclesia Ministries – Sunday, Jun. 8, noon-2:30pm, **at common cathedral**. This is an opportunity to serve lunch on the Common and attend Holy Eucharist afterward with Ecclesia. Contact Tom Viti for details; and put Saturday, June 21, on your calendar for our parish summer picnic **at Hale Reservation**.

B-SAFE – Fill a bag with groceries, or donate a check, for food-insecure families participating in this annual summer program run out of St. Stephen's Youth Programs. Look for information in the narthex.

Ministry Support **Vestry Meeting** – This month, the vestry meets one day earlier than usual, on Sunday, May 18 at 7:00pm, in the Conference Room.