



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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

September 27, 2026 | 10:00AM | The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Andante in A minor*

César Franck (1822-1890)

Entrance Hymn

All praise to thee, for thou, O King

The Hymnal 1982 477

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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

Psalm 78:1-4, 13-16



- 1 Hear my teaching, / O my people; *
incline your ears to the / words of ' my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth / in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of / ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our fore- / bears have told us, *
we will not hide / from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power / of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works / God has done.
- 13 The LORD split open the sea and let / them pass through; *
the LORD made the waters stand / up like walls.
- 14 The LORD led them with a / cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a / glow of fire.
- 15 The LORD split the hard rocks / in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as / from the ' great deep.
- 16 The LORD brought streams / out of ' the cliff, *
and the waters gushed / out like rivers.

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should

bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Sequence Hymn O day of God, draw nigh *The Hymnal 1982* **601**

The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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 Bangladesh.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the North Shore Deanery, for Ascension Church, Ipswich; St. Stephen’s Church, Lynn; Emmanuel Church, Manchester-by-the-Sea; St. Andrew’s Church, Marblehead; and the Ministries with Homeless Persons and Refugees.

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 Cal Groton and Emma Ricci. 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 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 Jeff Neville, Shukri Khuri, 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 *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.
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 Food to pilgrims given *The Hymnal 1982* **309**

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 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness *The Hymnal 1982 339*

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

The Dismissal

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sortie in F Major

César Franck (1822-1890)

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by
Randa Khuri and in memory of Shukri Khuri and by
Erin Sibley and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Kay Sibley.

This Sunday, we give thanks for the birthdays of
Cal Groton and Emma Ricci.

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. The next service is Oct. 6. This is a ministry of St. John’s, with collaboration from clergy at St. Paul’s, Dedham.

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!

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!

St. John’s-CHS Pulpit Swap – On Oct. 11 at the 10:00am service, the priests from St. John’s and CHS Mattapan will swap places. The Rev. Jois Celestin of CHS will preach and preside here at St. John’s while Rev. Michael preaches and presides at CHS. Michael will return to St. John’s for the 5:30pm evening service.

Formation

Evening All Parish Formation – TONIGHT! 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. 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.

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

Inreach

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

Calendar of Events

- Inreach
(con't.)

St. John's Progressive Dinner – Autumn is a busy time for everyone, and so we are pushing our Progressive Dinner back to the new year and will convene in 2027. If you are still 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!

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, Oct. 19, at 7:00pm, in the Narthex.

Clergy Day – Wednesday, Sep. 30. Michael is off-site at the cathedral for professional development.

Deanery Assembly – Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7:00pm, at St. Michael's Church, Milton.

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.

Sunday, September 27

- 9:00AM

Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, Nave
- 10:00AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:15AM

Coffee Hour, in the Narthex
- 5:30PM

Holy Eucharist
- 6:15PM

Dinner & All Parish Formation: How to Center Our Lives on Jesus

Tuesday, September 29

- 7:00PM

Film & Immigration Discussion with CHS, via Google Meet

Wednesday, September 30

- 9:00AM

Morning Prayer, Rite II, via Google Meet
- 9:30AM

Clergy Day, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston

Sunday, October 4

- 9:00AM

Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, Nave
- 10:00AM

St. Francis' Day Blessing of the Animals & 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

Taizé Holy Eucharist

Monday, October 5

- 3:30PM

Oasis Dinner Delivery

Tuesday, October 6

- 12:30PM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Baker West Classroom, Fox Hill Village
- 7:00PM

Bible Study, via Google Meet

Wednesday, October 7

- 9:00AM

Morning Prayer, Rite II, via Google Meet

Sunday, October 11

- 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

Taizé Holy Eucharist

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!

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.