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ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD



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

May 17, 2026 | 10:00AM | The Ascension of the Lord (TR)

## HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** *Song of the Nightingale* François Couperin (1668-1733)

**Entrance Hymn** Hail the day that sees him rise *The Hymnal 1982* 214

**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 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;  
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.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The First Reading** **Acts 1:1-116-14**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Psalm 93



- 1 The LORD is King; he has put on / splendid ' apparel; \*  
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded him- / self with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole / world so sure \*  
that it / cannot ' be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has / been established; \*  
you are from / everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted / up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their / pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers / of the sea, \*  
mightier is the LORD who / dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are / very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for / evermore.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Sequence Hymn

When Christ was lifted from the earth *The Hymnal 1982* 603

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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* 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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Charles River Deanery, for St. John's Chapel at the Groton School, Groton; St. Michael's Church, Holliston; St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton; and St. Luke's Church, Hudson.

Risen Christ, you are our life.

*People* **And Lord of all.**

*Intercessor* 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.

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 Massachusett 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. 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 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 Edward Ryan, Leslie Kingsley, Andy Mason, Maggie Carvan, Dave Martinez, Fred Stimson, Jenny Tatroe, Sophie Nelson, Krish, Emily Sugg, Elaine Steeger, Nick Copoulos 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 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 & Announcements**

*Book of Common Prayer page 360*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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**

The head that once was crowned

*The Hymnal 1982 483*

## 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, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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, 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

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist

*The Hymnal 1982* 315

## 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.**

## Ascension Day Blessing

## Closing Hymn

See the Conqueror mount in triumph

*The Hymnal 1982* 215

## The Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude *The Triumphant Nightingale*

François Couperin (1668-17330)

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**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.**

**This week, we celebrate the birthdays of  
Lynne Viti, Madeline McMan, Vic Kingsley, Tammy MacDonald,  
Betsy Donoian, Elio Lee, & Hilary Sugg.**

## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, May 17 – ASCENSION SUNDAY**

9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, *in the Nave*  
 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 10:00AM Nursery Care, *in the School Wing*  
 10:05AM Children's Liturgy of the Word, *in the Upper Room*  
 11:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*  
 5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist

### **Monday, May 18**

7:00PM Vestry Meeting, *in the Narthex*

### **Tuesday, May 19**

12:30PM Clericus, *TBD*  
 7:00PM Bible Study, *via Google Meet*

### **Wednesday, May 20**

9:00AM Morning Prayer, *via Google Meet*

### **Sunday, May 24 – THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, *in the Nave*  
 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 10:00AM Nursery Care, *in the School Wing*  
 10:05AM Children's Liturgy of the Word, *in the Upper Room*  
 11:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*  
 5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist

### **Tuesday, May 26**

6:00PM Prison Book Program, *First Parish, Quincy*  
 7:00PM Bible Study, *via Google Meet*

### **Wednesday, May 27**

9:00AM Morning Prayer, *via Google Meet*

### **Sunday, May 31 – TRINITY SUNDAY**

9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, *in the Nave*  
 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 10:00AM Nursery Care, *in the School Wing*  
 10:05AM Children's Liturgy of the Word, *in the Upper Room*  
 11:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*  
 11:15AM ASHI CPR & AED Training, *in the Nave*  
 5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist

## 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.

**Guest Preachers!** – We have a slate of excellent guest preachers this Spring:

**A Voice from the Wider Church** – Sunday, May 24, the Rev. Canon Marissa Rohrbach, our regional canon, will be our guest preacher.

**A Voice from the Pews** – Sunday, May 31, parishioner Lynne Kozlowski will be our guest preacher and will share with us her experiences of her pilgrimage to the American South.

**CHS & Juneteenth** – Mark your calendars now: our friends at CHS will join us for worship on Sunday, Jun. 21 here at St. John's; we will hold our annual parish BBQ after the service. Weather permitting, all are welcome to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for a picnic outdoors on the lawn (tables will be available in the narthex and under the tents in the parking area.) This is one of two joint worship services where we celebrate with CHS our Black history and civil rights achievements.

**Summer Ecumenical Worship** – St. John's, First Parish, and First Baptist again collaborate for worship this summer. All congregations gather together on the following Sundays:

July 12: Worship at First Baptist. Rev. JT Hills to preach.

July 19: Worship at First Parish. The Rev. Michael Bousquet to preach.

July 26: Worship at St. John's. Rev. Catherine Miller to preach.

Formation **End of Program Year** – Jun. 14 marks the end of our program year. That Sunday is our last Sunday for the 5:30pm service and for our Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00am service, until formation begins again in Sept.

Inreach **ASHI CPR & AED Training** – Join Juanita Kingsley after our 10:00am service on Sunday, May 31, in front of the altar, to complete a one hour training in CPR and the use of the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). Training will also include Choking Prevention & Relief and the use of Narcan. Certification is good for two years; a fee of \$75 can be made payable to St. John's.

Outreach **Prison Book Program** – Tuesday, May 26 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Meet at St. John's at 5:00pm to carpool over. Spaces are limited, sign up with Br. Gabriel.

**Westwood Pride** – Sunday, Jun. 7, 1:00pm-4:00pm, on the lawn at the Westwood Senior Center. There will be games, face painting, arts & crafts, live music, a raffle, and adoptable pups! Come visit the religion table, hosted by Temple Beth David, First Parish, and St. John's.

Ministry Support **Vestry Meeting** – May 18, at 7:00pm, in the Narthex.

