

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 23

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

Monday, March 24

8:00AM Ecclesia Lunch Delivery

Tuesday, March 25

7:00PM Adult Forum: Sabbath, via Google Meet
7:50PM Compline, via Google Meet

Wednesday, March 26

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

Sunday, March 30

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



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ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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

March 23, 2025 | 10:00AM | The Third Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Variations on "What Wondrous Love"* Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

Entrance Hymn Kind Maker of the world, O hear *The Hymnal 1982 152*

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

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

Kyrie eleison *The Hymnal 1982 S 96*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 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 63:1-8



1 O God, you are my God; eagerly / I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there / is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your / holy place, *
that I might behold your power / and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than / life itself; *
my lips shall / give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long / as I live *
and lift up my hands / in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow / and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with / joyful lips,

6 When I remember you u- / pon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the / night watches.

7 For you have been / my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I / will rejoice.

8 My soul / clings to you; *
your right hand / holds me fast.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were

destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

Sequence Hymn Christ, the vine *Voices Found* 141



Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener, we the branches bearing fruit.
We can bring forth shoots of promise when our lives in Christ take root.
Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing, you fulfilled the prophet's trust.
And you pray that we, your body, will fulfill your trust in us.

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The Gospel Luke 13:1-9

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when

the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

The 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 I

Book of Common Prayer page 383

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Massachusetts and Wampanoag and all native peoples who cared for this land before us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are aged or infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for those who are sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our parish prayer list, especially for...

the people of Ukraine, the people of Palestine in Gaza and the West Bank, for Emily Sugg, Skip Wells, Joe and Heather Bessinger, Margaret Bommarito, Bridget, Robert Berry, Betty Clement, James Wachob, Susie and Cam, John Siegfried, Jack and Jackie Collier, Charlie and Elaine Steeger, Gail Corbett, Krish, Jaxson Stephens, Kathryn Scanlan, Sheldon, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners, refugees, and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially, Jill Onderdonk, Jack Martin, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Confession & 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

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.

Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Words by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)
Music by John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

Eucharistic Prayer A *Book of Common Prayer page 361*

Presider The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fulness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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 130

**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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

A-men.

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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your 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 wonderful 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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Closing Hymn

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

The Hymnal 1982 574

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace. Remember the poor.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

arr. Gregg Sewell (b.1953)

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Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
By Andy Onderdonk in memory of Jill Onderdonk.

This week we celebrate the birthday of Lynne Kozlowski.

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

Formation **Tuesday Lenten Study** – 7:00pm online via Google Meet, beginning Mar. 11. This year, Michael leads an exploration of **Sabbath Rest**: what is it, why do we need it, what does God call us to do while in Sabbath rest. The discussion concludes with **Compline at 7:50pm**. Look for the link in the eNews.

Church School – Formation for all children K-4th grade at 10:00am.

High School Students – Next meeting on Sunday, Apr. 6. Come for discussion with Gabriel during the 10:00am service.

Middle School Students – Dinner & Discussion with Gabriel in the Narthex; next meeting on Sunday, Apr. 6 at 4:30pm.

The Path to Easter: An Exploration for Children – This signature event returns on April 12, the Saturday before Palm Sunday. Families are invited to arrive at 10:00am to make Easter decorations and to learn about the Passion story from Jesus himself! Contact Gabe Giella for details and to sign up.

Outreach **Lenten Mite Boxes** – All children are invited to pick up a mite box from the narthex to fill during Lent, in support of the work of our partner in ministry, UrbanPromise Honduras (UPH).

The O'Connell House – In April, we ask parishioners support the O'Connell House in Worcester, a safe home for survivors of sex trafficking. Look in the eNews for a list of items to donate and a box to be in the Narthex to receive the donations, beginning on April 13.

Ministry Support **Vestry Retreat** – May 3 at 8:00am, at St. Paul's, Dedham.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER at ST. JOHN'S

Sat., April 12 – 10:00 a.m., **The Path to Easter** An Exploration for Children

Sun., April 13 – 10:00 a.m., **Palm Sunday** Holy Eucharist

Thu., April 17 – 7:00 p.m., **Maundy Thursday** Holy Eucharist & Hand Washing

Fri., April 18 – 7:00 p.m., **Good Friday** Proper Liturgy & Holy Communion

Sat., April 19 – 7:00 p.m., **Easter Vigil** Holy Eucharist &
The First Celebration of Easter

Sun., April 20 – 10:00 a.m., **Easter Day** Holy Eucharist &
Festive Coffee Hour with Easter Egg Hunt!