

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 14

12:30PM Clericus, *Parish of the Epiphany, Walpole*
7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

Wednesday, January 15

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

Sunday, January 19

10:30AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, @ *Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan*
5:30PM Holy Eucharist, @ *St. John's, Westwood*

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"Plate" to support all the general ministries of the parish.

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ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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

January 12, 2025 | 10:00AM | The Baptism of Our Lord

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Entrance Hymn "I come," the great Redeemer cries *The Hymnal 1982* 116

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 *Book of Common Prayer* page 356

All 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 245

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 29:3-9, 11



- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of / glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the / mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a / powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a / voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of / Lebanon;
- 6 God makes Lebanon skip / like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young / wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the / wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness / of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the / oak trees writhe *
and strips the / forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple / of the LORD *
all are / crying, "Glory!"
- 11 The LORD shall give strength / to God's people; *
the LORD shall give God's people the bless- / ing of peace.

The Epistle

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Sequence Hymn Christ, when for us you were baptized *The Hymnal 1982* 121

The Gospel **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon The Rev. Michael Bousquet

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows *Book of Common Prayer* page 292

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Hymn at Asperges Will you come and follow me John L. Bell (b. 1949)



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but call your
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but call me

7
 name? _____ Will you go where you don't know And nev - er
 name. _____ Let me turn and fol - low you And nev - er

13
 be the same? _____ Will you let my love be
 be the same. _____ In your com - pa - ny I'll

19
 shown, _____ Will you let my name be known, _____ Will you
 go _____ Where your love and foot - steps show. _____ Thus I'll

25
 let my life be grown In you and you in me? _____
 move and live and grow In you and you in me. _____

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The Peace

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

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

Anthem *Wade in the Water*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

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 a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

"Holy, holy, holy LORD" *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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We re - call his death, _____ We pro - claim his new life _____

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We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry e - ver last - ing.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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

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

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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 164

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

Table of Plenty

Dan Schutte (b. 1947)

REFRAIN

Come to the feast__ of hea-ven and earth! Come to the ta - ble of

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plen - ty! God will pro - vide__ for all that we need, here at the ta-

14

- ble of plen - ty.____ - ty.____

1. - 4. 5. Fine

24 VERSES

1. O come and sit at my ta - ble__ where saints and
 2. O come and eat with - out mon - ey;__ come to
 3. My bread will ev - er sus - tain you__ through days of
 4. Your fields will flow - er in full - ness;__ your homes will

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sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel - come the lost and
 drink with - out price. My feast of glad - ness will feed your
 sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of
 flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

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lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
 spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.
 glad - ness to flood the depths of your soul.
 har - vest, will send my rain on the soil.

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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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

The Hymnal 1982 616

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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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.

MLK Sunday 10:30am @ Holy Spirit – Next Sunday, Jan. 19, we worship at CHS; no morning service at St. John's. The Rev. Zenetta Armstrong has announced her retirement in the summer of 2025, so this is our last opportunity to worship with her at CHS – all are welcome!

Guest Musicians: We welcome Marcy Merrill, our guest musician Sunday, Jan. 12 and Sunday, Jan. 26!

Formation **Tuesday Bible Study** – 7:00pm online via Google Meet.

Winter Book Read – During the Epiphanytide season, we invite parishioners to read the novel, *Matrix*, by Lauren Groff. We will meet to discuss the book in the Narthex on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25, at 7:00pm.

Church School – Formation for all children K-4th grade at 10:00am in the school wing this Sunday, and then again resuming on Jan. 26.

Middle School – Dinner & Meeting with Gabe, at 4:30 p.m., Sunday **Jan. 26**. Parents are invited! In the Narthex. Come and be fed – in soul and body – at the first of these dinner/formation evenings; signup with Gabe!

High School – Meeting via Google Meet at 6:30pm on Jan. 26. We'll discuss City Reach, hosting monthly coffee hour, and other service opportunities.

Outreach **Super Bowl of Caring** – Come to St. John's on Sunday, Feb. 9 (Super Bowl Sunday), and support our children as they raise funds for the Westwood Food Pantry!

CityReach – High School students; mark your calendars now. Our dates this year are Friday & Saturday, Mar. 21 & 22!

Ministry Support **Nursery Assistance** – Imelda provides excellent nursery care for us, but requires an assistant for safety. Parents and teens are asked to sign up and take one Sunday to be with Imelda and our little ones! Sign up in the narthex and also via the link in the eNews.

Annual Meeting – The warrant has not yet been officially issued, but mark your calendars now for our Parish's Annual Meeting after the 10:00am service on Sunday, Feb. 2. Come read the Annual Report, hear about St. John's ministries over this past year, and vote in our new officers and representatives.