



ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 16, 2025 | 10:00AM | The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *My Lord, what a Morning!* arr, Richard Billingham (b. 1934)

Entrance Hymn All my hope on God is founded *The Hymnal 1982* 665

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.**

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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, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Psalm 1



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel / of the wicked, *
 nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats / of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law / of the LORD, *
 and they meditate on God's law / day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
 with leaves that / do not wither; *
 everything they / do shall prosper.

4 It is not so / with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind / blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when / judgment comes, *
 nor the sinner in the council / of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way / of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wick- / ed is doomed.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Sequence Hymn

Heal me, hands of Jesus

The Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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 VI

Book of Common Prayer page 392

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence may be kept.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the people of the Holy Land, especially for the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank;
For those who denounce evil and minister to protect the vulnerable.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Julia our Bishop; for Michael, Karen, and Gabriel, our ministers; and for all ministers lay and ordained;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of the people of St. John's; we pray especially for the people of Ukraine, the people affected by the California wildfires; for Emily Sugg, Skip Wells, Joe and Heather Bessinger, Margaret Bommarito, Bridget, Robert Berry, Quang Dang, Betty Clement, James Wachob, Susie and Cam, John Siegfried, Jack and Jackie Collier, Charlie and Elaine Steeger, Gail Corbett, Krish, Jaxson Stephens, Sheldon, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud ... Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray especially for all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud:

Please Remember in our Diocesan & Anglican Cycles of Prayer: The Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery; The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; MANNA Community; The Cathedral Chapter; Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders; The Church of Bangladesh.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Michael Lawson and Edward Slatcher, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud ... Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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

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

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 *O for a thousand tongues to sing* Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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:

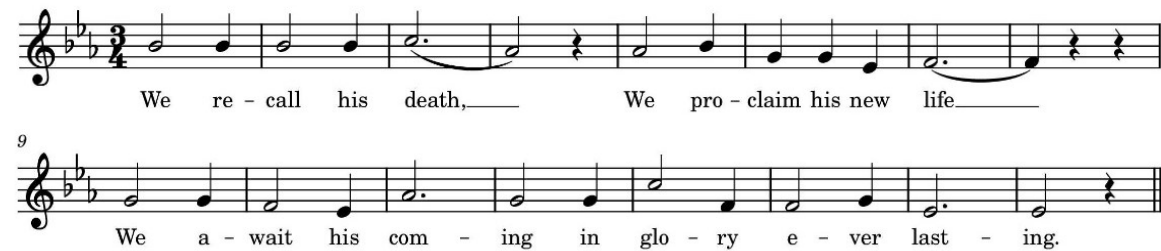
Sanctus *The Hymnal 1982 S 130*

**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.

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

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 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

You shall cross the barren desert

WLP 811

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

We know that Christ is raised

The Hymnal 1982 296

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Voluntary in A Major*

William Selby (1738-1798)

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Juanita Kingsley and in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Juanita and Victor Kingsley.

The week we celebrate the birthdays of Hania Khuri-Trapper and Leslie Davie and the wedding anniversary of Vic and Juanita Kingsley.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 16

9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:30PM Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, February 18

7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet
7:00PM CityReach Planning Meeting, via Zoom

Wednesday, February 19

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

Sunday, February 23

9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

Guest Musicians – We welcome Natacha Rist, our guest musician today, Sunday, Feb. 16, and we will welcome Marcy Merrill, our guest musician next Sunday, Feb. 23.

Interim Director of Music – St. John's is thrilled to announce that Natacha Rist has accepted our offer to become our Interim Director of Music. She officially begins on Feb. 24. Read about Natacha in our eNews!

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, Mar. 5.

Ashes-to-Go at the Rte. 128 station: 6:30am to 8:15am

The Proper Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes: 9:00am & 7:00pm.

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 – On hiatus for February break, will re-start on Mar. 2.

High School Students – Sunday, Mar. 2. Come for discussion with Gabriel during the 10:00am service and stay to host Coffee Hour.

Middle School Students – Dinner & Discussion with Gabriel in the Narthex; Sunday, Mar. 2 at 4:30pm.

Inreach

Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper & Burning of Palms – Tuesday, Mar. 4, at 6:30pm. All are invited to a potluck pancake supper in the narthex, followed by Compline and the burning of last year's palms from Palm Sunday. Families and children are encouraged to come! Sign up with Gabe to volunteer a dish.

Outreach

Ecclesia Lunch Delivery – Monday, Feb. 24, 8:00am. Contact Tom Viti.

CityReach – High School students will attend this annual outreach event Friday & Saturday, Mar. 21 & 22. All parishioners: please support them with prayers and please start collecting coats, socks, and warm clothes to donate!

Support for Palestinians – St. John's is acutely aware of the need for prayers and support for the Palestinian people at this time. If parishioners are seeking a recommendation, there are two excellent organizations we would like to promote: LEO and PCRF. Look for more information about these organizations in our eNews and on our parish bulletin boards. We again ask St. John's parishioners to pray fervently for and advocate for and support our brothers and sisters in Palestine however possible.

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.