

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 26

- 9:15AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Church School for K-4th Grade
4:30PM Middle School Dinner & Discussion, *in the Narthex*
5:30PM Holy Eucharist
6:30PM High School Meeting, *via Google Meet*

Tuesday, January 28

- 7:00PM Bible Study, *via Google Meet*

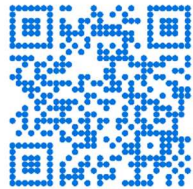
Wednesday, January 29

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

Sunday, February 2

- 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, The Feast of the Presentation
10:00AM Church School for K-4th Grade
11:30AM Luncheon & Annual Meeting, *in the Narthex*
5:30PM 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.

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ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

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

January 26, 2025 | 10:00AM | The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Entrance Hymn The God of Abraham praise *The Hymnal 1982* 401

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 357

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

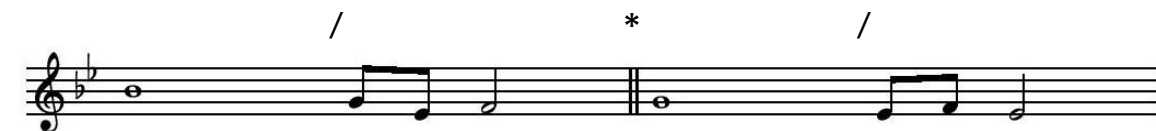
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom

nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

Psalm 19:1-2, 9-14



1 The heavens declare the glo- / ry of God, *
and the firmament shows / the LORD's handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale / to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge / to another.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en- / dures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous / altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than / much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey / in the comb.

11 By them also is your ser- / vant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is / great reward.

12 Who can tell how often / they offend? *
Cleanse me from my / secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion / over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a / great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable / in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and / my redeemer.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed,

the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

Sequence Hymn O Christ, the Word Incarnate *The Hymnal 1982* 632

The Gospel **Luke 4:14-21**

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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, and for the peace deal that has taken root;

For those who cultivate healing when confronted with hate.

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, 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 & Michael Lawson, 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; St. Stephen's Church, Boston, Trinity Church, Boston, B-SAFE, B-PEACE; The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.*

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

Anthem Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

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; 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:

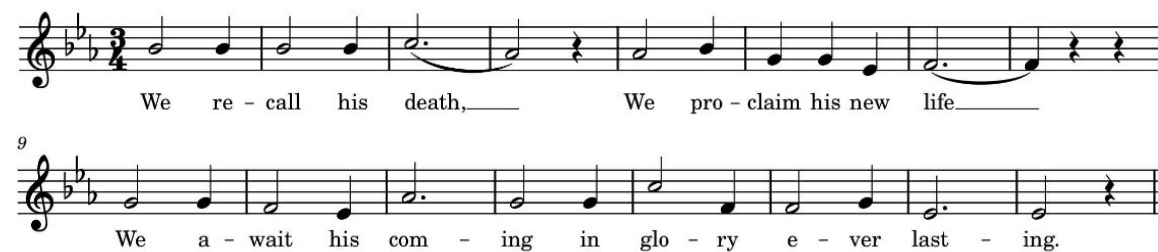
“Holy, holy, holy LORD” *Sanctus*

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

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 God is love, and where true love is *The Hymnal 1982 577*

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 Christ for the world we sing *The Hymnal 1982 537*

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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**Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Billy Muttiah
and in memory of his mother, Jayasili Muttiah.**

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.

Guest Musicians: We welcome Marcy Merrill, our guest musician today, Sunday, Jan. 26 and again on Feb. 9, and we will welcome Natacha Rist, our guest musician next Sunday, Feb. 2 and again on Feb. 16!

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.

Middle School – Dinner & Meeting with Gabe, at 4:30 p.m., this afternoon. 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 this afternoon. 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 bring food in support of 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 – Our Parish's Annual Meeting will take place after the 10:00am service next 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. A luncheon will be served.

February Vestry Meeting – Next Month's meeting will be on **Feb. 10** at 7:00pm, rather than its usual third Monday of the month.