

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 8, 2026, 10:00 AM

St. John's Episcopal Church

297 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville, Massachusetts



St. John's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 8	**8:00 am**	Morning Prayer: Rite II, *spoken* (in-person)
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27	**10:00 am**	Holy Eucharist: Rite II, *sung* (in-person & livestream)
Monday, November 9	**6:30 pm**	EfM
Tuesday, November 10	**9:30 am**	EfM
	7:00 pm	Book Group
Wednesday, November 11		**Veterans Day**
	7:00 pm	Executive Committee
Thursday, November 12	**6:00 pm**	Compline, *spoken* (Zoom)
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, November 15	**8:00 am**	Morning Prayer: Rite II w/Holy Eucharist, *spoken* (in-person)
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28	**10:00 am**	Holy Eucharist: Rite II, *sung* (in-person & livestream)
	11:30 am	Vestry Meeting

Prayer Requests

<u>The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer</u>
We Pray for
Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

<u>The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer</u>
We Pray for
Churches of the Taunton River Deanery
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, the Attleboros
St. Mark's Church, Foxborough
St. John's Church, Franklin
The Diocesan Convention
Congregational Chapters of the Episcopal Church Women

<u>The Anglican Cycle of Prayer</u>
We Pray for
Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

<u>Birthdays</u>
Ella Brewer 11/08
Phoebe Wood 11/08

<u>Anniversaries</u>
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Pray for: Alec, Angela, Anne J, Anne S, Anne T, Austin, Bob M, Bob Z, Cathy & Family, Christian, Chuck, Derek, Ella, Elliott, Emma, Evelyne, Flynn, Fred, Gary, James, Jeanne, John, Kathryn, Kevin, Lena, Libby, Margaret, Marina, Mark, Martha, Mary, Maura, Patrick, Phyllis, Rick, Shelbi, Susan, and Thomas.

Please note that the service is being live-streamed and recorded on our website and YouTube page.

Order of Service

Prelude From *Three Liturgical Preludes* George Oldroyd (1886-1956)
II. Andante espressivo

Please stand in body or spirit for

Processional Hymn 375, "Give praise and glory unto God" *Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ*

Welcome

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity Enriching Our Worship 1 p 50, BCP p 355

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
***People*:** **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

***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, S 280 Robert Powell (1932-2025)

The Collect of the Day BCP p 236

Presider: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us pray:
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your

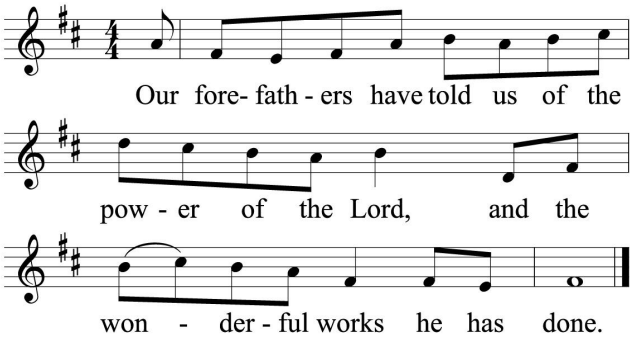
hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem..

After the Reading, is said

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule* BCP p 694

The Choir sings Refrain; the Congregation repeats. The Choir sings Verses; The Congregation sings Refrain where indicated with ***R****.*



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1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,*
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,*
and the wonderful works he has done. **R**

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel,*
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God,*
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments; **R**

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

After the Reading, is said

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in body or spirit for

Hymn 61, "'Sleepers, wake!' A voice astounds us" *Wachet auf*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Before the Gospel is said

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

After the Gospel is said

Presider: The Gospel of our Savior.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Following the Gospel, when the Preacher invites you, please be seated for

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Thompson, Esq.

Following the Sermon, when the Minister invites you, please stand in body or spirit for

The Nicene Creed

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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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
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, BCP p 388

*Please join in the **bolded** parts. During the silences,*
please feel free to add other prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the Church in Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu; Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocesan Convention; the Congregational Chapters of the Episcopal Church Women; and these churches of the Taunton River Deanery: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church (the Attleboros), St. Mark's Church (Foxborough), St. John's Church (Franklin). 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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all 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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Ella Brewer and Phoebe Wood; and for those celebrating anniversaries this week. 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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

For **Alec, Angela, Anne J, Anne S, Anne T, Austin, Bob M, Bob Z, Cathy & Family, Christian, Chuck, Derek, Ella, Elliott, Emma, Evelyne, Flynn, Fred, Gary, James, Jeanne, John, Kathryn, Kevin, Lena, Libby, Margaret, Marina, Mark, Martha, Mary, Maura, Patrick, Phyllis, Rick, Shelbi, Susan, and Thomas.** 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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes with the following Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our

sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin BCP p 360

Minister: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

During the Confession of Sin, it is traditional to kneel.

***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 Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem If we believe that Jesus died John Goss (1800-1880)

> If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, e'en so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.
>
> *1 Thessalonians 4: 14, 18*

Please stand in body or spirit for

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p 361 (Expansive Language Version)

God be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 and Benedictus S 129 Powell

Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

The Lord's Prayer BCP p 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The presider breaks the consecrated bread, and a period of silence follows. After which is said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei S 163 Powell

Presentation of the Gifts

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for Holy People. Receive what you are.

Communion Instructions

– All people are welcome to receive communion at God's table in this place. –

St. John's offers communion in both kinds (bread and wine).
If you would like to receive the wine, please drink directly from the chalice.
Per public health guidelines, please do not dip the bread in the chalice.
Please be reassured that communion is fully received if you receive the bread alone.

Gluten-free bread is available. Please just inform the priest.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion,
please come forward and simply cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn 312, "Strengthen for service, Lord" *Malabar*

Please stand in body or spirit for

The Prayer After Communion BCP p 366 (Expansive Language Version)

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.***

The Blessing

*The Priest blesses the People, and the People respond: "**Amen.**"*

Hymn 68, "Rejoice, rejoice, believers" *Llangloffan*

The Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude Gigue Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre (1665-1729)

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Following the service, Michael will offer individual prayer and anointing. After the Postlude, Michael will return to the altar. Please feel free to come up one at a time, share your prayer requests, and he will pray with and anoint you. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail as you feel comfortable.

Please join us in DiMauro Hall for coffee hour, a time of community and fellowship. To get to DiMauro Hall, walk toward the altar, exit through the door on the right, and follow the signs and people. Anyone would be happy to help you find it.



LEADERS OF THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Preacher & Presider: The Reverend Michael Thompson, Esq.
Music Director: Jeffrey Mills
Wardens: Kristin Knudson and Laura Brewer
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Laura Brewer
Altar Guild & Lector: Jane Huston
Usher: Tom Wood
Counter: Laura Brewer
IT Minister: Ken Sinclair
VP of the Day: Alastair Battson
Coffee Hour Host: Betsy Blagdon

Today's Women in Music

Sarah Laurie Borthwick Findlater (1823-1907), born in Edinburgh, Scotland, translated today's final hymn. With her sister, Jane Laurie Borthwick (author of the text of "Come, labor on"), Sarah collected, translated and had published four volumes of German hymns, entitled *Hymns from the Land of Luther*. **Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre (1665-1729),** the composer of today's postlude, was unusual for her time in that her musical talents were recognized and promoted throughout her lifetime. She earned praise at the age of 5 from King Louis XIV of France, for whom she played and sang. She completed a book of secular cantatas at age 8. All but one of her compositions were dedicated to the king, and she was the first woman in France to write for the musical stage, but only one of her operas survived. She was renowned for her harpsichord teaching and playing.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
We acknowledge that we work and pray on the historical and unceded territory of the Massachusett people, and we are grateful for the example of their stewardship. We seek to be instruments of justice and peace for all, especially Indigenous Peoples.

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