



St. John's Episcopal Church

297 Lowell Avenue

Newtonville, Massachusetts

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

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To Our Visitors

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please fill out a visitor's card found in the pew and put it in the offering plate, hand it to a greeter or usher, or give to our clergy. We look forward to getting to know you better.

Handicapped Entrance: St. John's is handicapped-accessible through the ramp and door on Otis Street. Please ask an usher for assistance. If you need to remain in your pew to receive Communion, please make this known to an usher.

Children: Church School for Kindergarten to Grade 12 is available at 10 am. To enroll your children in Church School, please talk with the church school coordinators or an usher.

Nursery: We have professional staff in our nursery from 10 am until after the worship service to care for children three years and younger. Please ask an usher for directions. Of course, you are also welcome to keep your children with you during the service!

Liturgy: The Episcopal Church is rich in tradition and liturgy. If you are not familiar with Episcopal worship services, please note that the service is taken from the red *Book of Common Prayer*; music is from the blue book, *Hymnal 1982* and from the green book, *Wonder, Love & Praise*. In the Order of Service, readings from the *Prayer Book* are identified by the abbreviation *BCP* before the page number; selections from the *Hymnal* are preceded by the word *hymn*, and from *Wonder, Love & Praise* by *WLP*. Service music is in the front of the *Hymnal* and is noted with an *S* before each number. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable, feel free to sit.

Communion: All who seek God are welcome to receive Communion. Children are invited to come to the rail to receive Communion or a blessing, at the discretion of their parents. At the rail you may stand or kneel. The priest will serve you the consecrated bread and then an assistant will serve the consecrated wine.

Restrooms: Restrooms can be reached through the door at the front of the church. For directions, please ask an usher.

Order of Service

Prelude Liebster Jesu (two settings)

J. S. Bach
George Thalben-Ball

Hymn 631 "Book of books, our people's strength"

Liebster Jesu

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Hymn S-280 Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
 and a new earth;
 the former things shall not be remembered
 or come to mind.
 But be glad and rejoice forever
 in what I am creating;
 for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
 and its people as a delight.
 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
 and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
 or the cry of distress.
 No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years
 will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred
 will be considered accursed.
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree
 shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy
 the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
 and their descendants as well.
 Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Canticle 9

Choir sings Antiphon; All repeat. Choir sings verses; All join in singing the Antiphon.

Sing the praises of the Lord.

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Surely, it is God who saves me; *
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
 and he will be my Savior. [*Ant.*]

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
 from the springs of salvation.
 And on that day you shall say, *
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
 Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
 [*Ant.*]

Sing the praises of the Lord,
 for he has done great things, *
 and this is known in all the world.
 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
 ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you
 is the Holy One of Israel. [*Ant.*]

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do

not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Hymn 598

“Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth”

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

All standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Sermon

The Rev. Eric Litman

The Nicene Creed

BCP p.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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Leader: As brothers and sisters of Christ, let us do the will of God by interceding in a spirit of faith for the needs of all. For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place;

People: **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, that all may find the ground of their common identity in the risen Christ;

People: **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For the work and witness of the church throughout the world; for the ministry and gifts of all the baptized; and for those who serve the church in ordained ministries: deacons, priests, Alan and Gayle, our bishops, and Michael, our presiding bishop;

People: **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For all that is good and bountiful in the world;

People: **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For all those in danger and need, the sick, especially **Robert, Sally, Suzanne & Grant, Karen, Martha,** and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners;

People: **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For the dying and the dead;

People: **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love;

People: **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Evangelist, and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **To You, O Lord our God.**

The Peace

The celebrant greets the people saying:

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

Offertory Anthem

Da pacem

Charles Gounod

Hymn 380

The Doxology (v. 3)

THE EUCHARIST

Form B, BCP p 367

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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, Hymnal S-129

Robert Powell (*b.* 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, etc.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, etc.

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.

All: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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The celebrant introduces the prayer saying:

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

All: **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.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

After the host is broken, the people join in singing:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God

- All people are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table in this place. -

Communion Anthem To His Garden

Kentucky Harmony, arr. Susan Matsui

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant: 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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn 597 "O day of peace that dimly shines"

Jerusalem

The Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

From *Suite du deuxième ton*
Basse de cromorne

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Please join us after today's service for our coffee hour in the Loring Room, through the door at the front of the church on your right. You are welcome to take this leaflet with you for your reflection on the scripture readings during the week and for a reminder of coming events.

Participants in this Sunday's service:

Celebrant The Rev. Eric Litman
Eucharistic Minister Tim Strayer
Lector Carmen Pancarella
Acolyte Brendan McGee
Altar Guild Jane Huston
Music Director Jeffrey Mills
Ushers Gary Messinger
Nancy Bowler-Goeselt
Coffee Hour Cathy Gallant
Collections **Kate Reeder (VP)**
Alastair Battson
Wardens Laura Brewer
Brian Goeselt

Participants in next Sunday's service:

Celebrant The Rev. Eric Litman
Eucharistic Minister Laura Brewer
Lector Tom Wood
Acolyte Alexandra Stanton
Altar Guild Libby Seaman
Music Director Jeffrey Mills
Ushers Tom Wood
Alec Schoeck
Coffee Hour
Collections **Alec Schoeck (VP)**
Laura Brewer
Wardens Laura Brewer
Brian Goeselt



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and are in memory of James C Knudson, on the anniversary of his birthday.



Today's Woman in Music

The Communion Anthem is an arrangement of a tune from *Kentucky Harmony*. **Susan Matsui**, the arranger, is Organist and Music Director at Second Congregational Church in Williamstown, Massachusetts. She was born in California and spent nearly twenty years in Japan. She studies and performs Medieval music and teaches music in a public school. She continues to publish songs for children in Japanese periodicals



Prayer Requests

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Mark's Church, Foxborough
St. John's Church, Franklin
Church of Our Saviour, Middleborough
Grace Church, North Attleborough
Deputies to Provincial Synod

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain

The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for the faithful in East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, and the Philippines.

Birthdays:

Grant Rodkey, 11/17
Marina Matuzek, 11/23

Pray for Healing:

...remembering especially **Rev. Robert** Hammett, **Sally** Hammett, **Karen** Harris, **Martha** Morgan, **Barbara** Pancarella, **Grant** Rodkey, and **Suzanne** Seckel Rodkey.

*Welcome to Saint John's!
We are happy that you are with us.*

Saint John's Parish Directory

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Parish Office Hours: Tues-Thurs. 8am-2pm

The Rt. Reverend Alan M. Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts
The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts

All baptized members of St. John's are ministers of the Parish

The Rev. Eric R. Litman, Priest-in-Charge

Laura Brewer, Brian Goeselt, Wardens

Kevin McGee, Treasurer

Cleo Messinger, Clerk

Alastair Battson, Rhys Bowen, Phoebe Robinson Foley

Jan Gilpin, Kate Reeder, Alec Schoeck

Vestry Members

Jeffrey Mills, Organist and Choirmaster

Joshua Caudill, Parish Administrator

Licensed Lay Readers/Eucharistic Ministers:

Laura Brewer, Brian Goeselt, Marina Matuzek,

Abby Strayer, Tim Strayer, Jessica Zabchuk Dion

St. John's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 17

- 8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Vestry Meeting
5:00 pm OA Group Meeting (*Loring Room*)

Monday, November 18

- 6:30-8:30 pm EfM Meeting (*Loring Room*)

Wednesday, November 20

- 5:45-7 pm Girl Scouts' Meeting (*Lower Hall*)
7:30-9 pm Boundless Way Zen (*DiMauro Hall*)

Thursday, November 21

- 4:15-7 pm Red Fire Farm CSA Distribution
(*DiMauro Hall*)
7:30-9 pm Choir Rehearsal (*DiMauro Hall*)

Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Sunday

- 8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:00 pm OA Group Meeting (*Loring Room*)