



St. John's Episcopal Church
297 Lowell Avenue
Newtonville, Massachusetts

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 23, 2020, 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 Transfigurazione (2018)

Carlotta Ferrari

Processional Hymn 427 “When morning gilds the skies”

Laudes Domini

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.**

Gloria in excelsis S278

William Matthias

The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said,

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Sermon

The Rev. Eric R. 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 **Richard, Jean, Robert, Sally, Charlotte, Karen, Martha, Jan, Barbara, Suzanne, Gary, Ceel, Hank, Lauren, Charlie, Phoebe, Sara**, 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 celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP p 360

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

People: **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.

Leader: 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.*

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

Transfiguration

Mark Schweizer

Hymn 380

The Doxology (v. 3)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p 361

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 everywhere 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 et Benedictus qui venit S128

Matthias

The Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father, etc.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again;**

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, 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

BCP p 365

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:

Agnus Dei S165

Matthias

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 With a voice of singing

Martin Shaw

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p 366

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 135 “Songs of thankfulness and praise”

Salzburg

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Psalmo XIX

Benedetto Marcello

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.

Today's Woman in Music



Carlotta Ferrari (b. 1975) is a familiar face to us at St. John's. She has composed hundreds of works and employs new modes in her compositional style. Today's prelude is a fine example of her harmonic language. She is currently on the Faculty of Arts and Music at European School of Economics in Florence, Italy.

Participants in this Sunday's service:

Celebrant The Rev. Eric Litman
Eucharistic Minister Marina Matuzek
Lector Jeff Barrell
Acolyte Tristan McGee
Altar Guild Cleo Messinger
Music Director Jeffrey Mills
Ushers Alec Schoeck
Jeff Barrell
Coffee Hour Litman Family
Collections **Marina Matuzek (VP)**
Rhys Bowen
Wardens Rhys Bowen
Tim Strayer

Participants in next Sunday's service:

Celebrant The Rev. Eric Litman
Eucharistic Minister Betsy Blagdon
Lector Gary Messinger
Acolyte Brendan McGee
Altar Guild Bryn Wood
Music Director Jeffrey Mills
Ushers Alastair Battson
Gary Messinger
Coffee Hour
Collections **Tim Strayer (VP)**
Patty Schoeck
Wardens Rhys Bowen
Tim Strayer

Prayer Requests

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Barnabas' Church, Falmouth
Christ Church, Harwich Port
St. Andrew's Chapel, Hyannis Port
St. Paul's Church, Nantucket
Congregations: Wardens, Treasurers & Clerks

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region
Central de America.

The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for the faithful in Belgium, Luxembourg, and
the Netherlands.

Birthdays

James Moore, 2/28
Sloan Avery Wolsdorf, 2/28

Pray for Healing:

...remembering especially Richard Barry, Jean Bowler, the Rev. Robert Hammett, Sally Hammett, Charlotte Hudson, Karen Harris, Martha Morgan, Jan Nyquist, Barbara Pancerella, Suzanne Seckel Rodkey, Gary Ruppert, Ceel Ullman, Hank Ullman, Lauren Ullmann, Charlie, Phoebe, and Sara.

Prayer for the Departed:

Diane Joyce.

St. John's Weekly Calendar

<i>Sunday, February 23</i> The Last Sunday after the Epiphany	8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm OA Group Meeting (<i>DiMauro Hall</i>)
Monday, February 24	6:30-8 pm EfM Open House (<i>Loring Room</i>)
Tuesday, February 25	6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (<i>DiMauro Hall</i>)
Wednesday, February 26	7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service <i>with Trinity Church at Saint John's Church</i>
Thursday, February 27	7:30-9 pm Choir Rehearsal (<i>DiMauro Hall</i>)
Saturday, February 29	10:00 am Celebration of Life Service for Diane Joyce
<i>Sunday, March 1</i> The First Sunday in Lent	8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm OA Group Meeting (<i>DiMauro Hall</i>)

Notices

EfM Open House

Education for Ministry is a four-year program taken one year at a time. The seminar group studies all of the Bible, church history, theology, and ethics over the four years. The primary focus, though, is to develop a practice of theological reflection based in scripture, contemporary culture, personal experience, and personal beliefs. If you are curious about EfM, please join us at **6:30-8:30 pm on Monday, February 24** in the Loring Room. Snacks are provided.



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

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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

Rhys Bowen, Tim Strayer, Wardens

Kate Reeder, Treasurer

Jane Huston, Clerk

Alastair Battson, Robert Main, Marina Matuzek

Patty Schoeck, Tom Wood

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