



The Second Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
April 12, 2026, 10:00 AM

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



St. John's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 12 <i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 am Morning Prayer: Rite II, <i>spoken</i> (in-person)
	10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II, <i>sung</i> (in-person & livestream)
	11:30 am Sermon Group
Monday, April 13	6:30 pm EfM Meeting (Loring Room)
Wednesday, April 15	9:30 am EfM Meeting (Loring Room)
Thursday, April 16	6:00 pm Compline, <i>spoken</i> (virtual)
	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (in-person)
Sunday, April 19 <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 am Morning Prayer: Rite II, <i>spoken</i> (in-person)
	10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II, <i>sung</i> (in-person & livestream)

Prayer Requests

The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Churches of the Charles River Deanery

All Saints Parish, Brookline

Church of Our Saviour, Brookline

St. Paul's Church, Brookline

Boston University Chaplain, Boston

The Church Home Society

Birthdays

Gus Brewer 04/13

Kathryn Windsor 04/14

Tyler Schoeck 04/16

Brian Zabchuk 04/16

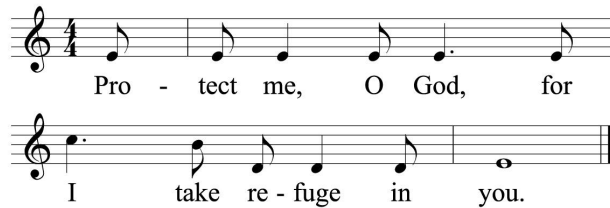
Bryn Wood 04/19

Pray for: Alec, Angela, Anne, Austin, Beth, Bob M, Bob Z, Candy, Cathy G. and Family, Christian, Ella, Elliott, Emma, Evelyne, Flynn, Fred, Gary, James, Jeanne, John, Kathryn, Kevin, Lena, Louise, Margaret, Marina, Mark, Mary, Maxine, Phoebe, Phyllis, Rick, Ron, Rosemarie, Shelbi, and Thomas.

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we work and pray on the historical and unceded territory of the Massachusetts 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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| <p>3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.</p> <p>4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. R</p> <p>5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.</p> <p>6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. R</p> <p>7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.</p> | <p>8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. R</p> <p>9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.</p> <p>10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit. R</p> <p>11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. R</p> |
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The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

After the Reading, the following is said

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Please stand as you are able for

Hymn 206, “O sons and daughters, let us sing”

O filli et filiae

The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Before the Gospel, the following is said

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

After the Gospel, the following 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. Dr. Elise Feyherm

A period of silence follows the Homily, after which, when the Minister invites you to, please stand as you are able for

The Nicene Creed

EOW 1 p 53

**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,

Please stand or kneel as you are able for

The Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP p 387

*Please join in the **bolded** portions. During the indicated pauses, please add your intercessions silently or aloud.*

Risen Christ, we pray for the Church in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania; Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; The Church Home Society, and these churches of the Churches of the Charles River Deanery: All Saints Parish (Brookline), Church of Our Saviour (Brookline), St. Paul's Church (Brookline), and Boston University Chaplain (Boston); and for all your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you and one another;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Sean; our Bishops Julia, Ian, and Mary; our Rector Michael; our presider today Elise; and all lay ministers, bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for healing for **Alec, Angela, Anne, Austin, Beth, Bob M, Bob Z, Candy, Cathy G. and Family, Christian, Ella, Elliott, Emma, Evelyne, Flynn, Fred, Gary, James, Jeanne, John, Kathryn, Kevin, Lena, Louise, Margaret, Marina, Mark, Mary, Maxine, Phoebe, Phyllis, Rick, Ron, Rosemarie, Shelbi, and Thomas.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Gus Brewer, Kathryn Windsor, Tyler Schoeck, Brian Zabchuk, and Bryn Wood, and we pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week.

Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Silence

The Presider concludes with the following Collect adapted from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able for

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

The Strife is O'er

Henry G. Ley (1887-1962)

Melody: Melchior Vulpus (c. 1570-1615)

The strife is o'er, the battle done:
Now is the Victor's triumph won:
O let the song of praise be sung:
Hallelujah!

On the third morn, he rose again.
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Hallelujah!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Hallelujah!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to thee:
Hallelujah!

—Words, Anonymous. Trans. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Please stand as you are able for

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p 367

(Expansive Language Version)

*Please join in the **bolded** parts and in singing where indicated.*

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us 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 130

Franz Schubert

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 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, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 365

Presider: And now, as our Savior 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S 164

Schubert

Presentation of the Gifts

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

– 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).

To receive the bread, please stand or kneel at the altar rail and extend your hands.

To receive the wine, please drink directly from the chalice. Due to 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.

If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, please simply stand or kneel at the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn 209, "We walk by faith, and not by sight"

St. Botolph

Please stand as you are able for

The Prayer After Communion

BCP p 365

(Expansive Language Version)

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Here, the Priest blesses the people.

Hymn WLP 738, "Day of delight and beauty unbounded"

In dir ist Freude

The Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude

Postlude on a Tune by Vulpius

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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After the Postlude, 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 and Presider: The Rev. Dr. Elise Feyerherm

Music Director: Jeffrey Mills

Wardens: Kristin Knudson and Laura Brewer

Lay Eucharistic Minister & Counter: Alec Schoeck

Altar Guild: Bryn Wood

Lector: Cleo Messinger

Usher: Tom Wood

IT Minister: Jeff Barrell

VP of the Day: Sarah Moravick

Coffee Hour Host: Laura Brewer

Today's Women in Music

During Eastertide, we sing a setting of *Pascha nostrum* composed by **Dorothy Papadakos (b. 1960, pictured below)**, first female organist at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York (1990-2003), composer, jazz musician, playwright, and author. A proficient and creative improviser, she frequently performs organ accompaniment for silent movies. **Delores Dunfer, OSB (b. 1939)** wrote the text of today's final hymn. She is a Benedictine Roman Catholic nun who has written many hymns that have been published in hymnals of various denominations.



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