



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 10, 2026, 10:00 AM

St. John's Episcopal Church

297 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville, Massachusetts



St. John's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 10 <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer: Rite II w/Holy Eucharist, <i>spoken</i> (in-person)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II, <i>sung</i> (in-person & livestream)
Monday, May 11	6:30 pm	EfM Meeting (Loring Room)
Wednesday, May 13	9:30 am	EfM Meeting (Loring Room)
Thursday, May 14	6:00 pm	Compline, <i>spoken</i> (virtual)
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (in-person)
Sunday, May 17 <i>The Seventh 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

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

The Church of Pakistan (United)

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Churches of the Concord River Deanery

Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton

St. Andrew's Church, Ayer

Trinity Church, Concord

St. Andrew's Church, Framingham

Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society

Birthdays

Ian McKay 05/15

Anniversaries

Cleo and Gary Messinger 05/13

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



Be joy-ful in God, all you lands.

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14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue. **R**

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me. **R**

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

After the Reading, the following is said

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for

Hymn 590, "O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising"

Charterhouse

The Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

Betsy Blagdon

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

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 India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka; The Church of Pakistan (United); the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society and these churches of the Concord River Deanery: Church of the Good Shepherd (Acton), St. Andrew's Church (Ayer), Trinity Church (Concord), St. Andrew's Church (Framingham); 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; 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, Cathy G. and Family, Christian, Ella, Elliott, Emma, Evelyne, Flynn, Fred, Gary, James, Jeanne, Jeff, John, Kathryn, Kevin, Lena, Louise, Margaret, Marina, Mark, Mary, Maxine, Phoebe, Phyllis, Rick, Ron, Shelbi, and Thomas.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Ian McKay, and we pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Cleo and Gary Messinger.

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

Silence

The Presider concludes with the following prayer adapted from Trinity Episcopal Church in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

We give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. We pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all people whatever their gender who have mothered others in any way — those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **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

My eyes for beauty pine

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddës grace,
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendor thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.

– Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Please stand as you are able for

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B (Expansive Language Version), BCP p 367

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

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The lyrics "Lift up your hearts" and "It is right" are bolded in the original document.

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."

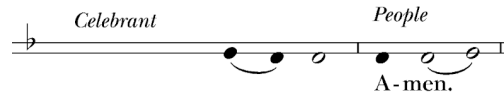
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**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.



The Lord's Prayer

BCP p 365

Presider: And now, as our Savior
to say,

Christ has taught us, we are bold

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 707, "Take my life, and let it be"

Hollingside

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 657, "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Hyfrydol

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

from Toccata, Villancico, y Fuga
Fuga (BACH)

Alberto Ginastera (1916-1983)

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.

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

President: The Rev. Michael Thompson, Esq.

Preacher: Betsy Blagdon

Music Director: Jeffrey Mills

Wardens: Kristin Knudson and Laura Brewer

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Barrell

Altar Guild: Patty Schoeck

Lector: Alastair Battson

Usher: Rebecca Snow

Counter: Kristin Knudson

IT Minister: Ken Sinclair

VP of the Day: Rebecca Snow

Coffee Hour Host: Alastair Battson

Today's Women in Music

During Eastertide, we sing a setting of *Pascha nostrum* composed by **Dorothy Papadakos (b. 1960)**, 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. **Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)**, pictured below, wrote the text to today's Communion Hymn. Her hymns reflect a mildly Calvinist theology, but without the severe dogmatic tenet of reprobation. She was an ardent supporter of the Church Missionary Society. She wrote nearly fifty hymns, of which two are in *The Hymnal 1982*. (The other is at Hymn 514, "To thee, O Comforter divine.")



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