



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 3, 2026, 10:00 AM

St. John's Episcopal Church

297 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville, Massachusetts



St. John's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 3 <i>The Fifth 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, May 4	6:30 pm EfM Meeting (Loring Room)
Tuesday, May 5	7:00 pm Book Group
Wednesday, May 6	9:30 am EfM Meeting (Loring Room)
Thursday, May 7	6:00 pm Compline, <i>spoken</i> (virtual) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (in-person)
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)

Prayer Requests

The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

*Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,
Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan,
Uzbekistan*

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

The Church of North India (United)

Birthdays

Jane Huston 05/07

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Churches of the Charles River Deanery
*Trinity Parish of Newton Center, Newton Centre
Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban (Newton)
St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley
Allston Abbey, Boston*

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, 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.

Order of Service

Prelude

Nun Bitten Wir

Buxtehude

Processional Hymn 243, "When Stephen, full of power"

Salvation

Opening Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship 1 p 50

Collect for Purity

BCP p 355

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

Pascha nostrum, WLP 879

Dorothy Papadakos (b. 1960)

Please stand as you are able for

The Collect of the Day

BCP p 225

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for

The First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

After the Reading, the following is said

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

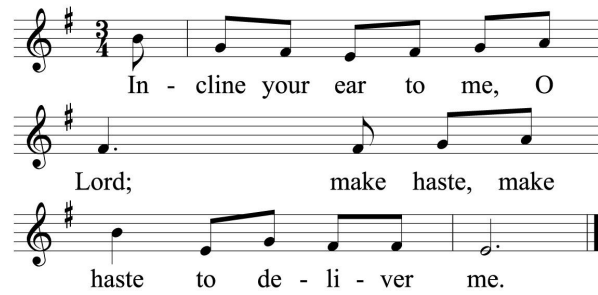
BCP p 622

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

In - cline your ear to me, O
Lord; make haste, make
haste to de - li - ver me.

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- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me. **R**



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4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth. **R**

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me. **R**

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

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 487, "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

The Call

The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

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. Michael Thompson, Esq.

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 Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan; The Church of North India; these churches of the Charles River Deanery: Trinity Parish of Newton Center (Newton Centre), Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban (Newton), St. Andrew's Church (Wellesley), Allston Abbey (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; 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, Rosemarie, Shelbi, and Thomas.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Jane Huston, and we pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week.

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

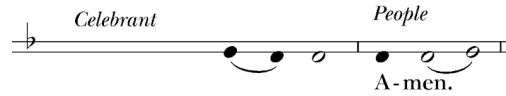
Silence

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*

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

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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 306, "Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest"

Sursum corda

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 518, “Christ is made the sure foundation”

Westminster Abbey

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Fugue in C

Buxtehude

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 & Presider: The Rev. Michael Thompson, Esq.

Music Director: Jeffrey Mills

Wardens: Kristin Knudson and Laura Brewer

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Laura Brewer

Acolyte: Alexandra Stanton

Altar Guild & Lector: Kristin Knudson

Usher: Tom Wood

Counter: Libby Seaman

IT Minister: Jeff Barrell

VP of the Day: Alec Schoeck

Coffee Hour Host: Patty Schoeck

Guest Organist: Don Hodgkins

Today's Women in Music

The text of today's first hymn was written by **Jan Struther (1901-1953)**, the pseudonymous name of Joyce Anstruther (later Maxtone Graham, and finally Placzek), an English writer of hymns, but mostly known for her fictional character Mrs. Miniver. She died of cancer in New York. Interestingly, her great-nephew, Ian Maxtone Graham, was at one time co-executive producer of *The Simpsons*. 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. **Jane M. Marshall (1924-2019)**, pictured below, composed today's anthem. A native Texan, she was for many years on the faculty at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. She composed numerous anthems and was known as a choral conductor and educator, presenting workshops for church musicians across the United States.



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