



**The Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost: Proper 8**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

June 28, 2026, 10:00 AM

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



St. John's Weekly Calendar

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| Sunday, June 28 <i>The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:</i> <i>Proper 8</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, June 29 | 11:00 am | MANNA Lunch |
| Thursday, July 2 | 6:00 pm | Compline, <i>spoken</i> (Zoom) |
| Sunday, July 5 <i>The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:</i> <i>Proper 9</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) at Trinity Newton Center (11 Homer St., Newton, MA) |

Prayer Requests

The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for
Kenya, Tanzania

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for
Churches of the Merrimack Valley
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Frank D. Ashburn Chapel/Brooks School,
North Andover
St. Anne's Church, (North) Billerica
All Saints' Church, West Newbury
St. Mark's Church, Westford
Episcopal City Mission

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Birthdays

Jean Bowler 06/28
Eric Messinger 06/28
Teresa Foley Main 06/30

Anniversaries

NA

Pray for: Alec, Angela, Anne S, Anne T, Austin, Bob M, Bob Z, Cathy & Family, Christian, Ella, Elliott, Emma, Evelyne, Flynn, Fred, Gary, James, Jeanne, John, Kathryn, Kevin, Lena, Margaret, Marina, Mark, Mary, Phyllis, Rick, 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

Andantino

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Please stand as you are able for

Processional Hymn 401, “The God of Abraham praise”

Leoni

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship 1 p 50

Collect for Purity

BCP p 355

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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, S 280

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

The Collect of the Day

BCP p 230

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for

The First Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

After the Reading, the following is said

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 13 *Usquequo, Domine?*

The Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

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 660, “O Master, let me walk with thee”

Maryton

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Before the Gospel, the following is said

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

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 Homily

Brian Goeselt

Following the Homily, 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,**

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form VI, BCP p 392

*Please join in the **bolded** parts.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the Church in Kenya and Tanzania;

For The Anglican Church of Southern Africa;

For Episcopal City Mission;

For these churches of the Merrimack Valley Deanery: Frank D. Ashburn Chapel/Brooks School (North Andover),
St. Anne's Church (North Billerica), All Saints' Church (West Newbury), and St. Mark's Church (Westford); and

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Julia, Ian, and Mary, our Bishops; Michael, our Rector; and for all bishops and other clergy and lay ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For **Alec, Angela, Anne S, Anne T, Austin, Bob M, Bob Z, Cathy & Family, Christian, Ella, Elliott, Emma, Evelynne, Flynn, Fred, Gary, Jeanne, John, Kathryn, Kevin, Lena, Margaret, Marina, Mark, Mary, Phyllis, Rick, Shelbi, and Thomas.**

Please name others for whom you wish to pray, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Jean Bowler, Eric Messinger, and Teresa Foley Main.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week.

Please name other thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our Creator;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Presider concludes with the following Collect

God of Love, you made each of us wonderfully in a vibrant rainbow of diversity, infusing our beings with your image and enlivening us with your breath: We lament the grave harm done in your Name against your LGBTQ+ children. Empower us to right the wrongs we have done; teach us to cherish all your children as their true, whole, and authentic selves; and lead us toward reconciliation and radical love, that we might stand together as one family, resting in the hearts of one another and of our loving Creator. Through Jesus Christ, in whom you proclaim good news to the oppressed and marginalized. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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

During the Confession of Sin, it is traditional to kneel.

All: 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.

The Presider stands and says

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.**

Please stand as you are able for

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please stand as you are able for

Offertory Hymn 610, “Lord, whose love through humble service”

Blaenhafren

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p 369
(Expansive Language Version)

*Please join in the **bolded** parts.*

Presider: God be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Presider: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus S 129

Powell

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
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 163

Powell

Presentation of the Gifts

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for Holy People. Receive what you are.

— 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).

If you would like to receive the wine, you are invited to drink directly from the chalice.

Due to public health guidelines, we ask that you not dip the bread in the chalice.

Please be reassured that communion is fully received if you receive the bread alone.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and simply cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn WLP 761, "All who hunger gather gladly"

Holy Manna

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.

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People, and the People respond: "Amen."

Hymn 477, "All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine"

Engelberg

The Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Postlude

March-Fanfare

Ervin Henning (1910-1982)

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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 Reverend Michael Thompson, Esq.

Preacher: Brian Goeselt

Music Director: Jeffrey Mills

Wardens: Kristin Knudson and Laura Brewer

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Marina Matuzek

Acolyte: Tristan McGee

Altar Guild & Lector: Patty Schoeck

Usher: Betsy Blagdon

IT Minister: Alastair Battson

VP of the Day: Betsy Blagdon

Counter: Lily McKay

Coffee Hour Host: Tim Strayer

Today's Woman in Music

Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993), wrote the text to this morning's Communion Hymn. She was a Canadian hymn writer, ordained minister in the United Church of Canada, and prison chaplain. She began her musical studies with a Roman Catholic nun in a local convent, completed her B.A. at York University. Her graduate degrees in theology and divinity were from Emmanuel College, Toronto. Despite her early death from liver cancer, she produced over 40 hymn texts that appear in several hymnals.



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