



**The Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost: Proper 15**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 16, 2026, 9:00 AM

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



St. John's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 16 **9:00 am** Holy Eucharist: Rite II, *sung* (in-person & livestream)
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: **11:30 am** Vestry Meeting
Proper 15

Thursday, August 20 **6:00 pm** Compline, *spoken* (Zoom)

Sunday, August 23 **9:00 am** Holy Eucharist: Rite II, *sung* (in-person & livestream)
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: **11:30 am** Vestry Meeting
Proper 16

Prayer Requests

The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Churches of the Mystic Valley Deanery

Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading

St. John's Church, Saugus

Emmanuel Church, Wakefield

The Third Order, Society of St. Francis

Congregations: Parish Historians

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

The Church in Wales

Birthdays

Gary Messinger 08/16

Anniversaries

Judy and Mark Edington 08/20

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, Rod, 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

Toccata per l'Elevazione

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

Please stand as you are able for

Processional Hymn 444, "Blessed be the God of Israel"

Thornbury

Welcome

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

BCP p 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 232

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for

The First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Lectionary Insert

After the Reading, the following is said

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

Lectionary Insert

The Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Lectionary Insert

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 635, "If thou but trust in God to guide thee"

Wer nur den lieben Gott

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Lectionary Insert

Before the Gospel, the following is said

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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

The Reverend Todd L. Miller

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 Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger;

For The Church in Wales;

For the The Third Order, Society of St. Francis, and Parish Historians;

For these churches of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Reading), St. John's Church (Saugus),

Emmanuel Church (Wakefield); 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, Todd, Trinity's 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, Rod, 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 Gary Messinger.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Judy and Mark Edington.

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 adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

BCP p 360

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 the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Please stand as you are able for

Offertory Hymn 671, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound"

New Britain

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

Presider: The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Presider adds a Proper Preface.

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 129

Powell

Presider: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

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.

Agnus Dei 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 323, "Bread of heaven, on thee we feed"

Jesu, Jesus, du mein Hirt

Please stand as you are able for

The Prayer After Communion

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Presider: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 398, "I sing the almighty power of God"

Forest Green

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Voluntary in A

William Selby (1738-1798)

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St. John's is delighted to welcome our siblings from
Trinity Parish of Newton Centre and their Rector, The Reverend Todd L. Miller.

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 Reverend Todd L. Miller

Music Director: Jeffrey Mills

Wardens: Kristin Knudson and Laura Brewer

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Brian Goeselt

IT Minister & VP of the Day: Alastair Battson

Lector & Usher: Alec Schoeck

Counter: Libby Seaman

Altar Guild: Patty Schoeck

Coffee Hour Host: Jan Gilpin

Today's Woman in Music

Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), pictured below, was the most prolific translator of German hymns into English. Today's hymn before the Gospel is but one example. How many of her other translations are in our *Hymnal 1982*? She was born in England, at the edge of London, and then the family moved to Manchester, where her father became a major industrialist in the textile business. The family were liberal Unitarians. During a year in Dresden, she became interested in German hymnody, and translated hundreds of these chorale texts into English. In addition to her translations, she was an early feminist who supported education for girls in England. **Another musical note:** The composer of today's postlude emigrated to Boston from England in 1773. He was organist at Trinity, Newport, Rhode Island, and then at King's Chapel in Boston. This voluntary is among the first published organ or harpsichord music from North America.



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