



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

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 22, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

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## To Our Visitors

**Welcome!** Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please fill out a visitor's card found in the pew and put it in the offering plate, hand it to a greeter or usher, or give to our clergy. We look forward to getting to know you better.

**Handicapped Entrance:** St. John's is handicapped-accessible through the ramp and door on Otis Street. Please ask an usher for assistance. If you need to remain in your pew to receive Communion, please make this known to an usher.

**Children:** Church School for Kindergarten to Grade 12 is available at 10 am. To enroll your children in Church School, please talk with the church school coordinators or an usher.

**Nursery:** We have professional staff in our nursery from 10 am until after the worship service to care for children three years and younger. Please ask an usher for directions. Of course, you are also welcome to keep your children with you during the service!

**Liturgy:** The Episcopal Church is rich in tradition and liturgy. If you are not familiar with Episcopal worship services, please note that the service is taken from the red *Book of Common Prayer*; music is from the blue book, *Hymnal 1982* and from the green book, *Wonder, Love & Praise*. In the Order of Service, readings from the *Prayer Book* are identified by the abbreviation *BCP* before the page number; selections from the *Hymnal* are preceded by the word *hymn*, and from *Wonder, Love & Praise* by *WLP*. Service music is in the front of the *Hymnal* and is noted with an *S* before each number. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable, feel free to sit.

**Communion:** All who seek God are welcome to receive Communion. Children are invited to come to the rail to receive Communion or a blessing, at the discretion of their parents. At the rail you may stand or kneel. The priest will serve you the consecrated bread and then an assistant will serve the consecrated wine.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms can be reached through the door at the front of the church. For directions, please ask an usher.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

William Mathias

Hymn 475

“God himself is with us”

Tysk

## The Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

*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.**

Hymn S-280

Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
 my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people

From far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger  
 with their images,  
 with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
 and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
 I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people  
 not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,  
 and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
 so that I might weep day and night  
 for the slain of my poor people!

## Psalm 79

Choir sings Antiphon; All repeat. Choir sings verses; All join in singing the Antiphon.

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 79. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Help us, O God our Savior." The word "Savior" is written with a long dash underneath it, indicating a long note. The music is in a simple, homophonic style, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment to the vocal line.

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- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, \*  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, \*  
and there was no one to bury them. [*Ant.*]
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? \*  
will your fury blaze like fire for ever? [*Ant.*]
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob \*  
and made his dwelling a ruin. [*Ant.*]
- 8 Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake. [*Ant.*]

### Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For

there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**The Holy Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13

*All standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Eric Litman

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 358

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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

*Leader:* As brothers and sisters of Christ, let us do the will of God by interceding in a spirit of faith for the needs of all. For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place;

*People:* **We pray to you, O God.**

*Leader:* For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, that all may find the ground of their common identity in the risen Christ;

*People:* **We pray to you, O God.**

*Leader:* For the work and witness of the church throughout the world; for the ministry and gifts of all the baptized; and for those who serve the church in ordained ministries: deacons, priests, Alan and Gayle, our bishops, and Michael, our presiding bishop;

*People:* **We pray to you, O God.**

*Leader:* For all that is good and bountiful in the world;

*People:* **We pray to you, O God.**

*Leader:* For all those in danger and need, the sick, especially **Robert, Sally, Edwin, Devon, Diane, Joan, Sara, Phyllis, Margaret, Cathy, Philip, Hank, Ann, Suzanne & Grant, Betsy, Peggy, Nick, Alyssa, Tom, Karen, Lee, Judy, Phoebe, Barbara, Gary, Peter, Richard, Charlotte, Peter, Nathaniel, Karen, MaryBeth, Anita,** and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners;

*People:* **We pray to you, O God.**

*Leader:* For the dying and the dead;

*People:* **We pray to you, O God.**

*Leader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love;

*People:* **We pray to you, O God.**

*Leader:* Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Evangelist, and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People:* **To You, O Lord our God.**

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### Confession of Sin

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*Leader:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Leader:* 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.*

## The Peace

*The celebrant greets the people saying:*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Greet one another with the peace of Christ*

**Offertory Anthem** I Will Bow

Frederick Chatfield

**Hymn 380** The Doxology (v. 3)

## THE EUCHARIST

Form B, BCP p 367

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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, Hymnal S-129**

Robert Powell (*b.* 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The Celebrant continues:*

We give thanks to you, O God, etc.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All:* **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues:*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, etc.

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.

*All:* **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

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*The celebrant introduces the prayer saying:*

And now, as our Saviour 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.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*After the host is broken, the people join in singing:*

### Agnus Dei, Hymnal S-163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God

- All people are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table in this place. -

Communion Motet Ave verum corpus

Edward Elgar

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP p 366

*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

*All:* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Hymn 376** “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

*Hymn to Joy*

**The Dismissal**

*Leader:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Postlude** Recessional

Carlotta Ferrari

Please join us after today's service for our coffee hour in the Loring Room, through the door at the front of the church on your right. You are welcome to take this leaflet with you for your reflection on the scripture readings during the week and for a reminder of coming events.

***Participants in this Sunday's service:***

***Celebrant*** The Rev. Eric Litman  
***Eucharistic Minister*** Marina Matuzek  
***Lector*** Cathy Gallant  
***Acolyte*** Tristan McGee  
***Altar Guild*** Patty Schoeck  
***Music Director*** Jeffrey Mills  
***Ushers*** Tom Wood  
Gary Messinger  
***Coffee Hour*** Kate Reeder  
***Collections*** **Alec Schoeck (VP)**  
Jan Gilpin  
***Wardens*** Laura Brewer  
Brian Goeselt

***Participants in next Sunday's service:***

***Celebrant*** The Rev. Eric Litman  
***Eucharistic Minister*** Brian Goeselt  
***Lector*** Alastair Battson  
***Acolyte*** Alexandra Stanton  
***Altar Guild*** Cleo Messinger  
***Music Director*** Jeffrey Mills  
***Ushers*** Jeff Barrell  
Alastair Battson  
***Coffee Hour***  
***Collections*** **Alastair Battson (VP)**  
Laura Brewer  
***Wardens*** Laura Brewer  
Brian Goeselt

# Prayer Requests

## The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for the faithful in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, and Peru.

## The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda.

## The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew,  
Marblehead

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead

St. Mary's Church, Rockport

Congregations: Secretaries and Administrators

## Birthdays:

Kelly Brown, 9/24

Gail Bursell, 9/26

Emma Wood, 9/28

## Wedding Anniversaries:

Laura Crain & Anthony Fisher, 9/22

Aram & Sarah Raissi, 9/24

Bryn & Tom Wood, 9/28

Kristin Knudson-Groh & Michael Groh, 9/28

Sally & Bob Hammett, 9/28

## Pray for Healing:

...remembering especially Rev. Robert Hammett, Sally Hammett, Edwin Matuzek, Devon Merrick, Diane Joyce, Joan Schmid, Sara Winslow Adams, Phyllis Dumas, Margaret Fitzgerald, Cathy Gallant, Philip Lanyon, Hank Ullman, Ann Olson, Suzanne Seckel Rodkey & Grant Rodkey, Betsy, Peggy Mills, Nick, Alyssa, Tom Rieley, Karen Medin, Lee Barstow, Judy Stanton, Phoebe, Barbara, Gary Ruppert, Peter, Richard, Charlotte Hudson, Peter, Nathaniel, Karen Harris, MaryBeth, and Anita.



## St. John's Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, September 22

8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
5:00 pm OA Group Meeting (*Loring Room*)

### Monday, September 23

6:30-8:30 pm EfM Meeting (*Loring Room*)

### Wednesday, September 25

7:30-9 pm Boundless Way Zen (*DiMauro Hall*)

### Thursday, September 26

4:45-7 pm Red Fire Farm CSA (*DiMauro Hall*)  
7:30-9 pm Choir Rehearsal (*DiMauro Hall*)

### Saturday, September 28

12:00 pm Bowen Back-to-School Event

### Sunday, September 29

8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
5:00 pm OA Group Meeting (*Loring Room*)

# Notices

## St. John's Church School Begins Today

Church school will begin this week at 10 am. We welcome children from preschool through high school. We look forward to meeting new children and also seeing familiar faces. Childcare is provided for young children not attending Church School. Please contact Jan Gilpin ([jgilpin@gilp.net](mailto:jgilpin@gilp.net)) or Nicky Chapman ([nutternicky@hotmail.com](mailto:nutternicky@hotmail.com)) if you have questions and/or are willing to volunteer.

## A Celebration of Creation

Blessing of the Animals Service will be Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 am service. This service will be held on the Otis Street lawn. In the event of rain, it will be in DiMauro Hall. Bring your pet, your stuffed animal or a picture of your departed pet. Invite your friends and neighbors (and their pets!) – *all are welcome!*

## Fellowship Groups

Fellowship groups are forming for this year. These are groups of 8-10 who meet in each other's homes every 4-6 weeks for Bible study, a meal, and good conversation. We also have a family-centered group that meets at the church with childcare, designed for those who may not have the space in their home to host a large group. Fellowship groups are an opportunity to deepen relationships with each other and with God. Please contact Patty Schoeck ([patty.schoeck@verizon.net](mailto:patty.schoeck@verizon.net)) or Carmen Pancerella ([carmenpancerella@verizon.net](mailto:carmenpancerella@verizon.net)) if you'd like to join or if you have questions. There will be a sign-up sheet at church on September 22nd.

## Monday Lunch at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen

Monday, September 30th: Volunteers from St. John's are invited to assist in serving lunch to the homeless at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen. For those travelling from Newton, let's meet at St. John's Newtonville with a departure time of 11:00 a.m. for the trip downtown. If you are coming from a downtown location, meet us at The Cathedral at 11:45. And, for those who cannot attend but would like to contribute, please bring cookies or bars (homemade or store bought) to church on Sunday, September 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Libby Seaman ([epseaman@comcast.net](mailto:epseaman@comcast.net) or 617-251-5629).

## Family Game Night

Mark your calendars: our fall Family Game Night will be Sunday, October 27 at 6 pm.

## Today's Woman in Music

**Carlotta Ferrari** (b. 1975) is an Italian composer. She served as chair of the music composition department at Hebei Normal University in Shijiazhuang, China, and currently is adjunct faculty at the Department of Arts and Music of the European School of Economics in Florence. She has composed in many genres, and is currently working with Marco Casazza, violinist and physicist, on the relationship between art and science. Today's postlude is the final movement in her Ceremonial Suite, composed in 2016.



*Welcome to Saint John's!  
We are happy that you are with us.*



## **Saint John's Parish Directory**

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The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts

*All baptized members of St. John's are ministers of the Parish*

The Rev. Eric R. Litman, Priest-in-Charge

Laura Brewer, Brian Goeselt, Wardens

Kevin McGee, Treasurer

Cleo Messinger, Clerk

Alastair Battson, Rhys Bowen, Phoebe Robinson Foley

Jan Gilpin, Kate Reeder, Alec Schoeck

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Jeffrey Mills, Organist and Choirmaster

Joshua Caudill, Parish Administrator

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Abby Strayer, Tim Strayer, Jessica Zabchuk Dion