

# Saint John's Episcopal Church



Trinity Sunday  
June 14 and 15, 2025

**The Prelude** *Adoro te devote*

*setting by Charles Callahan*

**The Processional Hymn** *Thou, whose almighty word*

*The Hymnal 1982, 371*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

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

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Gloria** *5pm*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Gloria** *9:30am*

*The Hymnal 1982, S 236*

- 1 Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
- 2 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 3 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
- 4 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 5 Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
- 6 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Canticle 13, A Song of Praise: Benedictus es, Domine, #236 from The Hymnal 1982, Service Music — Music: John Rutter (b. 1945). Copyright © 1985 Oxford University Press, Inc

**The Collect**

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; 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.**

## The First Lesson

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In our first lesson Wisdom is an attribute of God present from the beginning of the ages and before the creation. She delights in the human race, and strives to bring all people to insight and understanding.*

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

"To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth--  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response, Canticle 13: *A Song of Praise Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

*The book of Daniel includes the story of three righteous Jewish men: Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach), and Azariah (Abednego). Because they refused to worship an idol, they were cast into a fiery furnace. God responds by sending an angel into the furnace with them. Then all three men sing of God's great acts among the Jewish people and in all the earth, giving thanks for their deliverance from death in the fiery furnace.*

*We will read the response to the first reading responsively, breaking at the half-verse.*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*

**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*

**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

## The Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-5

*In this reading Paul bids disciples to rejoice in the reconciliation and hope which are theirs because of the sacrifice of Christ on behalf of sinners. Through faith we have justification; we are given a right relationship to God. Now even our sufferings can lead to endurance, and this to a perseverance which strengthens our hope, poured into our hearts as a gift of the Holy Spirit given to us.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

**The Gradual Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*The Hymnal 1982, 362*

**The Gospel** *all standing in body or spirit.*

**John 16:12-15**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Alan R. Hesse**

**The Nicene Creed**

*Enriching Our Worship I*

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**

*Scottish Liturgy 1982 (revised 2022), Form 2*

*Lay Leader* Let us offer prayers for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members.

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom you chose us, before the foundation of the world, and destined us in love to be your own: help us to pray for all your children. For the life of the world; that your peace may be known and may prevail.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We remember those on our prayer list: Mary, Christy, Brian, Steve, Charlie, Bruce, Dave, Alannah, MaryAnn, Dave F.,

Luke, Bruce, April, Lyn, Henry, Steve, Philip M., Rob, Cheryl, and Amy. Have compassion for those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who exercise rule and authority; that they may acknowledge your power:

For Donald our President, for Maura our Governor, for our Senators Edward and Elizabeth, for our Representative Bill, for all our elected officials,

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the Church which is Christ's body; that it may live for the praise of your glory:

In our prayers, we hold our Presiding Bishop- Sean, our Diocesan Bishop-Julia and our Rector Alan.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have died and those loved ones we remember. We remember especially Susan Harrington.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Peter Reilly by Valerie and Paul Coyle.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks for the churches of the Merrimack Valley Deanery:

**Grace Church** (Lawrence), **Esperanza Academy** (Lawrence), **St. Anne's Church** (Lowell), **St. John's Church** (Lowell), and **Congregations: Lectors, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors.**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for our own needs and of others. I invite your own thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud.

*Celebrant offers a concluding collect*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **The Offertory Anthem** *Canon of Praise*

*W.A. Mozart*

**The Offertory Prayer - 5pm, *All things come of Thee O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.***

## **The Doxology 9:30am**

*Then, all standing in body or spirit.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

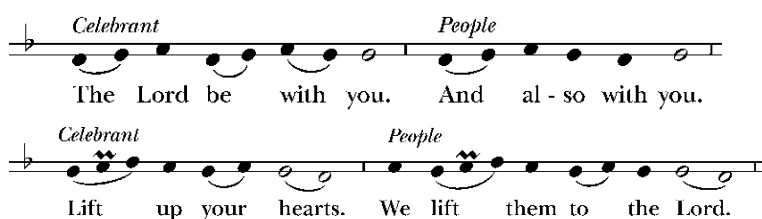
**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

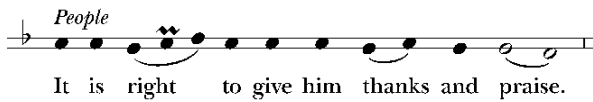
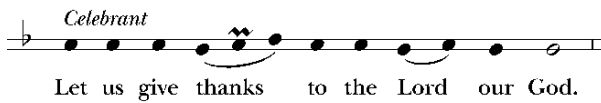


## **The Great Thanksgiving -- Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing in body or spirit.*

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 361*

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.	
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	

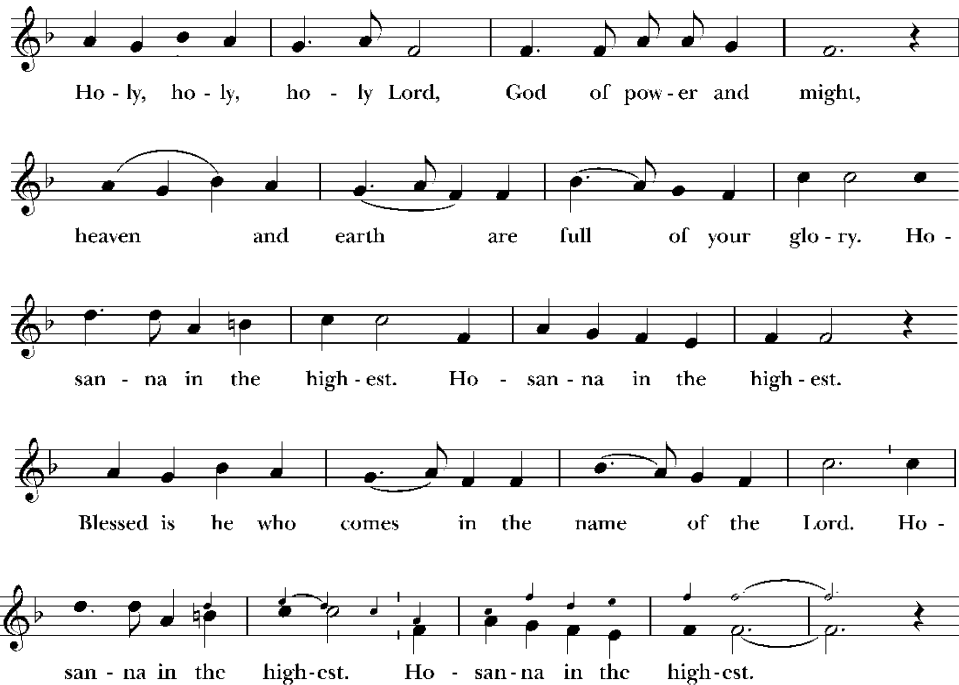


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## Sanctus

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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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

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

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### The Fraction Anthem

***Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
Feed us now, give us life,  
Lead us to one another.***

As we proclaim your death,  
as we recall your life,  
we remember your promise  
to return again. ***Refrain***

5 You are the bread of peace,  
you are the wine of joy,  
broken now for your people,  
poured in endless love. ***Refrain***

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

***All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.***

*Please hold out your hand to receive the host. You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."*

*As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided.*

*If you **prefer to receive a blessing** you may cross your arms across your chest.*

*If you would like to **remain in your seat** and receive communion, please **let an usher know**.*

**The Communion Hymn** *Taste and see*

*Wonder Love and Praise*, 764

### The Post Communion Prayer

**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.

#### The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

#### The Blessing

#### Welcome & Announcements

**The Closing Hymn** *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

*The Hymnal 1982, 686*

#### The Dismissal

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

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

#### The Postlude *Organ Voluntary*

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*Liturgical Note: Introduction to the readings come from Fredrick Borsch's "Introducing the Lessons of the Church Year, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition" Morehouse 2009*

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#### Serving This Weekend

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Alan R. Hesse

**Lectors:** Jann Czarnetzki, Celia Ochoa, Deb Roberts

**Lay Eucharist Ministers:** Lillian Woo, Mary Ames

**Musicians:** Misao Koyama and Choir

**Usher:** Mary Howe, Tim Orwig

**Altar Guild:** Sylvia Connor, Phyllis Helfrich, Bev Messersmith, Anne Miller

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#### Announcements

**St. John's Annual Pancake Breakfast:** In just three weeks we will again host the Fourth of July Community Pancake Breakfast. WE need your help with set-up, mixing, flipping, serving, fruity chopping, and all the things it takes to host our wonderful town of Sandwich.

This year we will have a "float" in the parade. Fr. Al is looking for children/teens/adults to sit in John Harrington's truck and wave to the good folk lined up along the route.

**The Thrift Shop needs your donations and you!** Clothes, home goods and jewelry are flying off the shelf. Please contact Kathy at 508-364-7923 to set up an appointment to bring your items in.

Volunteers are needed. No experience is necessary. If you can give 3 hours a week, we need Tuesday afternoon 1-4pm and one Saturday (per month, or more) morning shifts 10am-1pm and/or afternoons 1-4pm. Please contact Kathy and begin a new ministry for yourself!

**Christmas Faire planning:** Join the team, Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, following worship. We will meet in the chapel. We want to hear your ideas!

**Common Threads Appreciation:** St. John's celebrated our volunteers of the Common Treads ministry on June 11<sup>th</sup>. We gave thanks to members of this growing ministry. To learn more about Common Threads, please contact Mary Ames at 508-367-3658.

**St. John's Summer Breeze Concert Series:** Great local musicians are all set to entertain you and the town of Sandwich this summer every Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup> – August 27 at 6pm. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy music and food. In case it rains, the great music will continue inside the church.

If you would like to sponsor a concert to offset the cost of entertainment, please place our donation in the offering plate or send to the office. Please indicate "Concert Series."

We are also looking for teams or individuals to staff the concessions. No experience necessary.

This is going to be a great summer!

**St. John's "Golf Outing for 4" raffle: Tickets are available now through August 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Contact the Parish Office or see a volunteer after worship for your chance for:

18 holes for 4 players with carts at White Cliffs Country Club in Plymouth OR

18 holes for 4 players with carts at Squirrel Run Country Club in Plymouth.

Tickets are \$10 each or 6 tickets for \$50. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at each service, in the Church Office during business hours, and the Thrift Shop. The drawing will be held at the final Summer Breeze Concert on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Hydrangea Festival Garden Tours to benefit St. John's Church:**

Two Cape Cod gardeners (parishioners), who have been cultivating their home-based gardens for a combined 75-plus years, are inviting residents and visitors alike to admire the fruits of their labors. A woodland garden with fishpond and waterfall in Sandwich and Howe's Gardens in Centerville will be open for tours in mid-July.

**The Woodland Garden**, cultivated by **Don and Phyllis Helfrich** of Sandwich, will be open from 10am-3pm, Saturday, July 12, and 10am-3pm Friday, July 18. The garden, at 7 Jeanne's Way, Forestdale, contains perennials and shrubs behind a 100-foot-long stone wall; a scarlet oak tree, one of the largest and oldest on Cape Cod; and many hydrangeas. Dogs on leashes welcome. Street parking is available.

**Howe's Gardens**, at 1124 Old Stage Road, Centerville, will be open 9am-1pm Saturday, July 12, and 9am-1pm, Monday, July 14. The garden features hundreds of varieties of daylilies, many created by Mary and Arnold Howe. The garden also contains numerous other perennials and shrubs. Register to win a Cape Cod daylily. Parking is available on a side street to the left of Howe's home. Dogs on leashes welcome.

Proceeds from the garden tours will benefit St. John's Episcopal Church, Sandwich. Admission is \$5 per garden tour. The tours will proceed rain or shine.

The garden tours are part of the **Cape-wide Hydrangea Festival** organized by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call Mary Howe at 774-810-6878 or the church office at 508-888-2828.

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**June 14-22, 2025**

**Saturday, June 14**

10am Comforting Reflection for Susan Harrington,  
Parish Hall

11am Funeral Service for Susan Harrington

5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

6pm Invite, Welcome, Connect Social, Parish Hall

**Sunday, June 15**

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

**Monday, June 16**

10am Al-Anon, Church

**Tuesday, June 17**

12noon AA, Parish Hall

**Wednesday, June 18**

No activities scheduled

**Thursday, June 19**

12noon AA, Parish Hall

6pm AA, Undercroft

**Friday, June 20**

No activities scheduled

**Saturday, June 21**

9:30am AA, Undercroft

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, June 22**

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist

11am Christmas Faire Planning Meeting, Parish Hall



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