

Saint John's Episcopal Church



Trinity Sunday
May 30 and 31, 2026

The Prelude *All Glory Be to God on High*

setting by Paul Manz

The Processional Hymn *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*

The Hymnal 1982 362

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 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.**

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

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 Collect

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 First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Our first lesson is the story of creation. As this ancient narrative opens, the Spirit of the Lord hovers like a great mother bird over the shapeless world. God then forms the heaven and the earth and all its creatures in six days. The seventh day is set aside as a day of rest. God's ultimate creative act is human life, made in his image, to whom rulership and responsibility over all other life are given. A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster

The psalmist glorifies the Lord, sovereign of the earth and the magnificent heavens, who has made human life to have mastery over all other earthly creatures. We will read the psalm responsively, breaking at the half-verse.

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11

In this passage Paul closes his painful letter to the Corinthians with final admonitions and words of peace and love. There have been disagreements between Paul and his new converts. They have shown tendencies to set themselves up as superior in faith and practice to others. But Paul ends on a hopeful note, and his last words have become part of our liturgies – a way of stating the three forms of presence of the divine graciousness.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Gradual Hymn *I bind unto myself today*

The Hymnal 1982, 370 verses 1,2, 5, 6, and 7

The Gospel *all standing in body or spirit.*

Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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: We pray for healing and wholeness for Amy, Mary, MaryAnn, Judy, Marilyn, Dave, George, Kim, Tom, Alan, Charlie, Ed, Jim, Alden, Lily, and Catherine. 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.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God for those on our prayer list, from Mary and Alan Carlson.

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 Concord River Deanery: **St. Mark's Chapel, St. Mark's School.** (Southborough), **St. Elizabeth's Church** (Sudbury), **St. Peter's Church** (Weston), **The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild and all Altar Guilds,** and the **Diocesan Budget Committee.**

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for our own needs and of others. I invite your own thanksgivings and petitions.

Celebrant offers a concluding collect

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory Anthem *With a voice of singing*

Martin Shaw

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 Book of Common Prayer, page 361

The people remain standing in body or spirit.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 *Lamb of God*

S-161

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

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 in a white pedestal table.** 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.** **Gluten free** wafers are available, ask at the altar railing.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The Communion Hymn *I am the bread of life*

The Hymnal 1982, 335

The Postcommunion 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 Blessing

Welcome & Announcements

The Closing Hymn *Thou, whose almighty word*

The Hymnal 1982, 371

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *Postlude on Benedicamus Domino*

setting by U. Kornmuller

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

Serving This Weekend

Celebrant: The Rev. Alan R. Hesse

Lectors: AnaLise Luippold, Celia Ochoa, and Deb Roberts

Lay Eucharist Ministers: Charles Diana and Jared Cohen

Musicians: Misao Koyama and Choir

Usher: Mary Howe, Tim Orwig

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

Sunday School: Will Hibbard

Announcements

From Phylis Helfrich: Many thanks to all the members of St. John's for the lovely Coffee Hour celebration of my 90th birthday last Sunday. Thank you to those who prepared it; thank you to the choir for the beautiful flowers which graced the altar. It was truly a special day and I appreciate your love and thoughtfulness.

Hour of Prayer: The church is open for your quiet prayers weekly, on Wednesdays, from 12-1pm.

Sunday School: resumes this weekend. Final day of Sunday School will be on June 7th.

Caring for Creation Committee: Meeting Fridays at 11:00 AM Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293>. **Thank you Steve Tom** and the C4C committee for providing an exceptionally well-attended and informative presentation by Krill Carson on Tuesday, May 26 about "The Magic of Saltmarshes on Cape Cod". The next presentation in the series will be on June 23rd by our parishioner Claire Desilets "It's all about the bees". Please plan to join us!

Enhance the beauty of worship: there are many open dates for altar arrangements on the calendar in the Narthex. Suggested donation is \$50. Thank you to all who have provided lovely arrangements so far this year! Floral bouquets are obtained from Stop & Shop, Tupper Road, Sandwich. Additionally, all parishioners are welcome to bring flowers from your garden. We have vases available for your use. Please bring your flowers to Fr. Al. He will place them for you.

St. John's Annual Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, July 4th in advance of the town parade. We will need many volunteers to help with set up on Friday, cooking, serving and clean-up on Saturday, for this event. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Narthex. For questions, please contact Deb Roberts.

The "Kick Off to Summer Raffle" is a benefit for the church with numerous prizes including a gas grille, picnic supplies, gift cards and certificates and more. Tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$10 and can be obtained from the office, Thrift Shop, and after weekend services. For questions, contact Diana or Jim Stanley or the Parish Office.

St. John's Summer Concert Series: kicks off July 11th under the tent behind the 161 building. Admission is free, food is available for purchase, bring a comfy beach chair and your friends and family, and enjoy an evening of great music! Additional dates, July 25, August 15, and August 29. We will need extra hands to help with set-up and clean-up, greeting, cooking, raffle sales, and kitchen staff. Sign-up sheets will be available shortly.

The Society of St. Margaret in Duxbury invites you to *Evensong*, Sunday evening, May 31 at 5pm, 30 Harden Hill Road, Duxbury.

Ways and Means committee: meets on Tuesday June 2 at 6:30 via Zoom. All are welcome to join in at the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86559395776>

May 30 – June 7, 2026

Saturday, May 30

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 31

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist and Sunday School

Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

1:30-3:30pm Yoko Furihata-Waynen Student Violin Recital, Church

Recital begins at 2:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Reception in Parish Hall follows.

Monday, June 1

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

4-8pm Lasit Performing Arts Group (Hall & Undercroft)

Tuesday, June 2

12noon AA, Parish Hall

6:30pm Ways & Means via Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86559395776>

Wednesday, June 3

12pm-1pm Open Prayer, Church

7pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, June 4

12noon AA, Parish Hall

4-7 Lasit Performing Arts Group (Hall and Church)

6-7pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, June 5

11am Caring for Creation Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293>

Saturday, June 6

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 7

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist; last Sunday School.

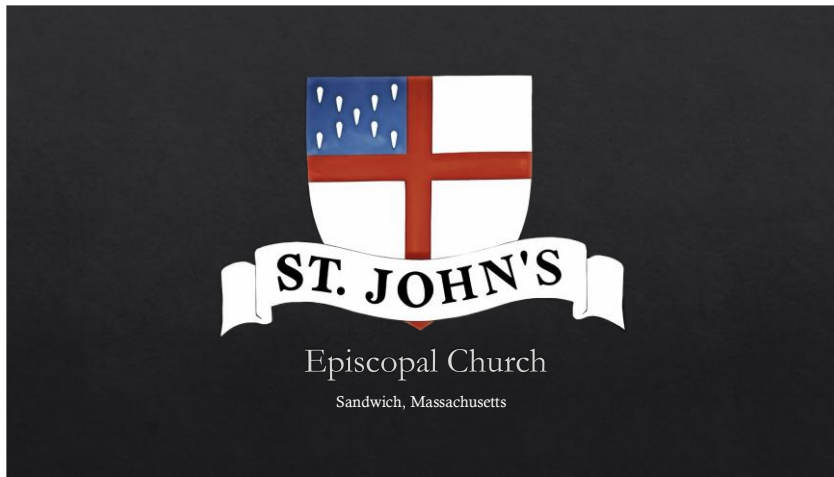
Coffee Hour in honor of Confirmands, Parish Hall.

Welcome to St. John's!

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, know that there is a warm welcome for you here!

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice, and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.



Saint John's Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church of Sandwich Est. 1854

**159 Main St
Sandwich, MA**

Office Hours, Tues-Fri 9am-2pm Parish Office 508-888-2828

Susan Sharpe, Parish Administrator parishadmin@StJohnsSandwich.org

Misao Koyama, Music Director music@StJohnsSandwich.org

The Rev. Dr. Philip H. Towner, Priest Associate (retired)

The Rev. Barbara Peterson, Priest Associate (retired)

The Rev. Alan R. Hesse, Rector 508-888-2828 extension 2, text 508-505-5668, Rector@StJohnsSandwich.org