

Saint John's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Pentecost
Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7, 2026

The Prelude *Song without Words*

Darwin Wolford

The Processional Hymn *God of Abraham praise*

The Hymnal 1982, 401

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.. Amen.*

The First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

The opening lesson is the story of God's call of Abraham (who was then known as Abram) to leave his own country and become the father of a great nation. Trusting in the Lord, Abram and his family forsake all that is familiar to them to set out for an unknown land. In this new country they worship the Lord. This story is a major illustration of the way God acts in history by calling individuals to venture forth in faith. A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 33:1-12

Exultate, justi

Joyful are the people who trust in the Lord. From heaven, God sees all who swell on earth. We will read Psalm 33 by half-verse.

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *

it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord with the harp; *

play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; *

sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the Lord is right, *

and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; *

the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *

by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *

and stores up the depths of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *

let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *

he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *

he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *

and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

In this lection Paul explains that the new relationship with God is open to everyone who follows in the way of Abraham's faith. This means that righteousness before God comes through God's free gift and the response of faith – not because of obedience to the law. This

was first true in the case of Abraham, who trusted in God's promise before the law even existed. This faith was "reckoned to him as righteousness." Now it is true for all who have faith and so show themselves to be among Abraham's descendants from many nations.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.


For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn *Heal me, hands of Jesus*

Wonder Love and Praise, 773



1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
 3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
 4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
 me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

The Gospel *all standing, as able*

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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 substance 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 was made human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again

The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

Scottish Liturgy 1982 (revised 2022)

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
worshipped 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

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.

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: **St. James' Church** (Amesbury), **Christ Church** (Andover), **All Saints' Church** (Chelmsford), **St. James' Church** (Groveland), and **Trinity Church** (Haverhill).

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Celebrant O God, you exerted your strength and power when you raised Christ from the dead, putting everything in subjection beneath his feet: accept the prayers which we offer in Christ's name for the world you have created and redeemed; through Christ in whom you have set forth the mystery of your will, to unite all things in heaven and on earth, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry.

Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.

For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Celebrant God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand, as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory *Rejoice! The Lord is King!*

Glenn Wonacott

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 heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!



The Great Thanksgiving

Scottish Liturgy 2022, adapted, Eucharistic Prayer VII

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. You made us, all the people of the world, and everything that is. You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds. Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness. Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven, but already we laugh with the saints and angels, and sing their joyful song:

The Sanctus *said at 5pm; sung at 9:30am*

The Hymnal 1982, S-125



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.

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us. He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor, and cried with those who were sad.

He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive. For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what he told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again to live now in us. Together with him we offer you these gifts: in them we give you ourselves. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, 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.**

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

People **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

The Fraction Anthem 9:30am

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.

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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 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.

The Communion Music *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

The Hymnal 1982, 304

The Postcommunion 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, and Celebrations

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

The Hymnal 1982, 686

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *La Tromba from Concerto No. 10 for two keyboards*

Francois Couperin

Serving This Weekend

Celebrant: The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

Director of Music: Misao Koyama, with Choir

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ames and Charles Diana

Lectors: Jann Czarnetzki and Susan Carliss

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

Ushers: Mary Howe and Bill Mills

Hospitality: Jeannie Johnson

Welcome to St. John's!

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please 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.



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Announcements

Thank you to Cole's Lawncare and Landscaping, Josh Cole and his crew, for taking over the mowing and grounds care for us. We are most appreciative of this service!

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

Sunday School: concludes this weekend, June 7th. Thank you Will Hibbard and all who assisted this year with our Sunday School program! Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am service to celebrate our Sunday School and recent Confirmands!

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". Mark your calendars for 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. Thank you to those who have already offered to help. 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.

Ways and Means Committee: meets on Tuesday June 16 at 6:30 via Zoom. All are welcome to join in at the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86559395776>

June 6 - 14, 2026

Saturday, June 6

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 7

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

Coffee Hour Celebration of Confirmands and Sunday School, Parish Hall

Monday, June 8

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, June 9

12noon AA, Parish Hall

6:30pm Vestry via zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71140757470>

Wednesday, June 10

12pm-1pm Open Prayer, Church

1pm Common Threads, Parish Hall

7pm **Last** Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, June 11

12noon AA, Parish Hall

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

6-7pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, June 12

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

Saturday, June 13

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

5:30pm Second Saturday Social

Sunday, June 14

9:30am Worship Service

Coffee Hour, Parish Hall