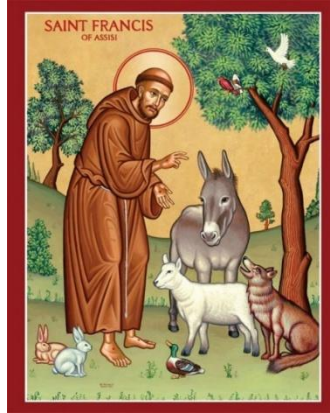


St. John's Episcopal Church

Sandwich, MA



The Feast Day of St. Francis (transferred)

October 3 and 4, 2026

The Prelude *Praise and Thanksgiving/ Morning has broken*

Thomas Keesecher

The Processional Hymn *All things bright and beautiful*

The Hymnal 1982, 405

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 forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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 – said, sung at 9:30*

The Hymnal 1982, S 278

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his 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 Collect of the Day

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Job 39:1–18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in
the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?

Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not
its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no
fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

The Response, Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

We will read the Psalm responsively, breaking at the half-verse.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading, The Canticle of the Sun, St. Francis

Most High, all powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!

Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which you give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night and he is beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those who will find Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

Here ends the reading.

The Gradual Hymn *For the beauty of the earth*

The Hymnal 1982, 416

The Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

Please stand, as able.

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

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

Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. 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

Lay Leader O Lord our God, help us call upon You with one heart and soul, according to Your will!

We pray for Your created world: You made the universe and all that lives and exists in it. The earth is filled with Your creatures. You make grass grow, plants, and fruit-bearing trees; You feed the birds of the sky and care for all creatures on earth. Out of Your love, You created humanity; give us strength to faithfully cultivate and guard Your creation according to Your will 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. For this and so much more we offer you our prayers.

We remember the victims of gun violence and natural disaster. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember those on our prayer list: We pray for healing and wholeness for Amy, Mary, MaryAnn, Cheryl, Marilyn, John, Alan, Mia, Jimmy, Jim, Lily, Catherine, Ann, Regina, Gerry, Herb, Al, Olivia, Jessica, Shaun, Bailey, Ellie, Michael, and Harper. Have compassion for those who suffer from any grief or trouble. I invite your prayers and petitions either silently or aloud. 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, and for all our elected official. 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.

We remember all those who have died in the hope of resurrection, especially Mark Heinlein. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, by Bob and Lynn Benson.

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks for the churches of the North Shore Deanery: **St. Michael's Church** (Marblehead), **St. Mary's Church** (Rockport), **Grace Church** (Salem), **St. Peter's Church/Iglesia de San Pedro** (Salem), and **Congregations' Secretaries and Administrators**. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for humanity—every community and every person. Grant that we may treat all with respect and uphold the dignity of our neighbors, accepting all in their diversity. Give us grateful hearts, understanding, responsible thought, and value-creating work. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to lift up your personal thanksgivings and petitions.

Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

The Peace

All stand, in spirit or as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)*

setting by Jane Holstein

The Offertory Prayer, at 5pm and 9:30am then, all standing in body or spirit.

Celebrant Receive, O God, these fruits of the earth and of our hands: bring to completion in them the work of your creation, so that, transformed by the Holy Spirit, they may be for us the food and drink of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C (*spoken at 5pm, sung at 9:30am*)

The Book of Common Prayer, page 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glorify to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.

You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

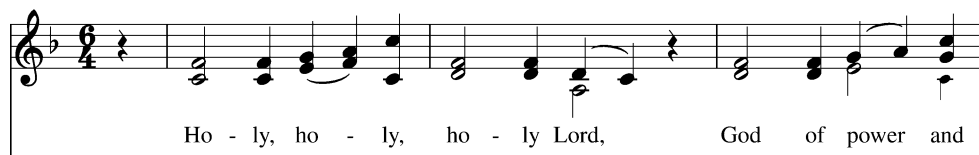
People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

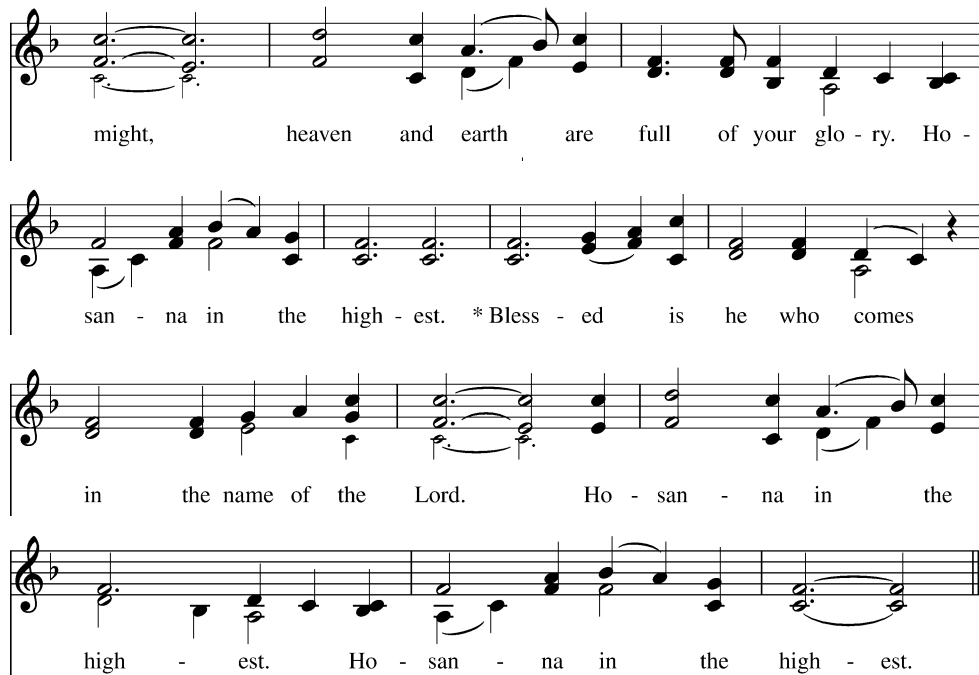
Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The celebrant continues

The Sanctus *spoken at 5pm, sung at 9:30am*

Wonder, Love and Praise, 858





Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring Before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant Remembering now Jesus' work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Sarah, Hagar, Rachel, Leah and Rebecca, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, page 364

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.**

Cantor or Choir

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor or Choir*

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Congregation

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Cantor or Choir

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Congregation

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord

Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the bread.
Je - sus }

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

If you would rather receive a blessing rather than receiving Holy Communion, simply cross your arms. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms when the minister comes to you following the bread and wait for the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

If you are not able to join us at the communion rail, please indicate to an usher you would like to receive and we will bring communion to you.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please dispose of your communion cup as you exit, near the first pews.

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

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Recessional *All creatures of our God and King vs. 1, 4, 5, and 7*

The Postlude *Psalm 19*

The Hymnal 1982, 400

Benedetto Marcello

Serving This Weekend

Celebrant: The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

Director of Music: Misao Koyama

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lillian Woo and Deacon Cathy Harper

Lectors: Analise Luippold and Susan Carliss

Altar Guild: Jann Czarnetzki, Judy Cohen, Dee McLaughlin, and Sharon Therriault

Ushers: Alan Carlson and Mary Howe

Hospitality: Volunteers needed for serving coffee after worship. Sign up in Parish Hall

Announcements

Mark your calendars:

Walk to End Alzheimer's – October 18th

Halloween on Main Street – October 31 – **3pm Worship Service**

Family and Pet Photos and Mementos due by 3pm for All Saint's Day

Thanksgiving – November 26 (Office closed Friday Nov. 27)

Christmas Faire – December 4 and 5

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: will take place this weekend, October 3 and 4 in the church and on the front lawn. Bring your animal friends, great or small, live or stuffed to church for a blessing.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING the 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's Cape Cod: on Sunday, October 18th at Cape Cod Community College, setting off at 9am. Visit the link below to join the walk or make a donation. Look for **Mary's Page** under the Teams heading. We sincerely appreciate your support!

https://act.alz.org/site/TR?team_id=932191&pg=team&fr_id=18639

CANDY NEEDED: The candy donations basket for "Halloween on Main Street" is in the Narthex.

HALLOWEEN: will be celebrated at the church on Saturday, **October 31st at 3pm in the interest of safety for parishioners and kids.** You are invited to come in costume, and stay to help hand out candy to the throngs of kids and adults who Trick or Treat.

FAMILY PHOTOS WANTED: Bring photos of loved ones for the altar for All Saints' Day. You can leave them in the office, or Narthex.

ST. JOHN'S THRIFT BOUTIQUE: hours have changed to 10am-3pm Tuesday through Saturday, closed for the month of January. Winter clothing is needed! Please call 508-833-1452 to make an appointment for drop-offs; kindly do not leave donations on the porch.

HOOR OF PRAYER: The church is open for your quiet prayers weekly on Wednesdays from 12noon-1pm.

CARING FOR CREATION COMMITTEE: Join us on Fridays at 10am via Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293>. Ask Steve Tom or Fr. Al for details.

October 3-10, 2026

Saturday, October 3

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist and
Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Animals and Sunday School

10:15am Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Monday, October 5

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

4:30am-5:30pm, Lasit Theater Group, Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 6

12noon AA, Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 7

12noon Open Prayer, Church

7pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, October 8

12noon AA, Parish Hall

4:30-7pm Lasit Theatre Group, Church

6pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, October 9

10am Caring for Creation Zoom link: **(note time change)**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293>

Saturday, October 10

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

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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