



**The Episcopal Parish of  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
Hingham, Massachusetts**

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*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 17, 2018*

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**Welcome!**

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist. It is our hope you will find it a place of beauty and refreshment, nurture and comfort. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you are here. We pray that within these walls you will find and be found by God. Please know there is always a place for you. If you would like more information about our faith community, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate.

**About the Service:** Page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymn numbers may be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*. Service music, prefaced by an "S," is found toward the beginning of the hymnal. The people's responses are in **bold**. Large-print editions of this bulletin are available from the ushers.

**Childcare** for infants and toddlers and play-care for two-year-olds is provided in the upstairs nursery. Please ask an usher for assistance. **Sunday School** classes start at 9:45 am and the children join their families in church during the Offertory. All are invited to Coffee Hour in Upper Weld Hall immediately following the service.

In addition to Sunday morning worship, we offer a weekly contemporary Sunday evening service at 5:00 pm known as **S.W.5** and a 10:00 am Wednesday Eucharist in the chapel followed by an optional Bible Study.

To visit **St. John's Online**, go to [www.stjohns-hingham.org](http://www.stjohns-hingham.org). Make sure to sign up for our weekly e-news *St. John's Goings-On* (click the link on the right side of the home page); "like" us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter @StJohns\_Hingham.



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated for the reading and the psalm.*

### THE LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people remain seated and all sing the Psalm.*

PSALM 92:1-4, 11-14

*Robert Knox Kennedy*



- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.



- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord      *People:* **Thanks be to God**

*The People stand to sing*

SEQUENCE HYMN 209: We Walk By Faith, and Not By Sight

*St. Botolph*

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.     *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Noah Van Niel

*All stand to recite*

## THE NICENE CREED

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*The People kneel for*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form VI

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## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*After the Priest pronounces the Absolution, all stand for*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion. The ministry of St. John's is funded through the generosity of parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity this morning.*

*As the gifts are presented at the Altar, all stand to sing*

Offertory Hymn 296: We Know that Christ is Raised

Engelberg

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, Page 361

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The Celebrant says the Proper Preface then continues:*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

## THE SANCTUS

*all sing*

Hymnal S-129

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

*The People kneel. Then the service continues on page 362.*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People:* **Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer concludes by saying:*

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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.**

*After the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread all sing the*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-163

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. In coming forward, please form lines on both sides of the choir. If you receive communion on the right side of the altar rail, return to your pew via the same way you arrived. If you receive communion on the left side of the altar rail, exit via the side door and return through the side door near the pulpit. We ask that you receive the bread in your hand and help guide the chalice to your lips. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest as the Priest approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from the priest. If you need communion brought to your pew, please tell an usher.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### Communion Hymns

302: Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted

*Rendez a Dieu*

677: God Moves in a Mysterious Way

*London New*

*Kneeling, the People join in saying the*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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**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

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing on the congregation and offers a special blessing on those departing next week to volunteer as a part of the Appalachia Service Project.*

*All stand to sing*

HYMN 525: The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE: All Glory Be to God on High

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the first Birthday of Arthur Robert Van Niel.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Celebrant/Preacher:** The Rev. Noah Van Niel **Assisting Priest:** Sr. Adele Marie Ryan, SSM **Deacon Intern:** Natalie Finstad **Verger:** Tom Daley **Readers:** Nancy Holtschlag, Davis Dassori **Intercessor:** Tom Daley **Chalice Bearers:** Phyllis Kidder, Anna Holtschlag **Acolytes:** Sam Hess, Paige Holtschlag, Ben Holtschlag, Anna Holtschlag **Altar Guild:** Wendy Ellison, Allison Marshall **Ushers:** Paula Bagger, Peter Barnes.

*Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers:* Herb Cafarella, Betsy Bishop, Becky Case, Janet Carter, Alec Clement, Chuck Clutz, Lloyd Emery, Dorothy Gibbs, Tommy Hense, Tib Sherrill, Rebekah Turner, Bill and Shirley Wilcox. The full **Prayer List** is available in the tract rack in the church entryway.

**Are you visiting St. John's this morning?** Welcome! We hope you enjoy the service and invite you to join us for coffee and conversation immediately afterwards in the Parish Hall (located down the hallway to the left as you enter the church's main doors). While we hope you will feel comfortable asking any of our parishioners questions about the service, church school or other aspects of St. John's, please also feel free to ask an usher or look for our Welcoming Committee members wearing "St. John's Ambassador" name tags. Also, please stop by our staffed welcoming table and take a red visitor's packet to learn more about life at St. John's. Finally, if you are comfortable identifying yourself as a guest this morning, pour your coffee or tea into one of the green mugs on the hospitality table. This will signify that you are a visitor and would like to be approached for conversation. Again, welcome!

**Congratulations to all who were Confirmed or Received** into the Episcopal Church yesterday at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. **Confirmation:** Caroline Bienfang, Helen Bradshaw, Claire Cassell, Spencer Cassell, John Donohue, Jr., Peter Farley II, Elizabeth Gross, Elizah Harvey, Samuel Hess, Trent Hesselman, Aiden Kealy, Liam Keliher, Connor Keliher, Caitlin Keliher, Catherine MacDonald, Michael Macdonald, Abigail Macdonald, Liam Slane, Ian Strehle, James Sutton, Emily Taylor, Cameron Vidal, John Wilson, Leah Godfrey, William Carter and Sara Taylor. **Reception:** Catherine Salisbury, Caroline Shanahan, MB Barber, Holly Carter, Karen Fanning, Nancy MacDonald, Michael MacDonald, Richard Belmore, Judith Shapiro. Please join us at coffee hour to celebrate this event.

This morning we welcome guest organist, **Janet Hunt**, who is substituting for Buffy today. Stay for coffee to say hello to Janet.

This morning we offer **Prayers for Healing**, with oil and laying on of hands in our chapel during communion, as we do every month. If you've never experienced it, you may find the powerful healing presence of Jesus in a new way. Please proceed to the chapel either before or after receiving communion.

We are taking a break from **Sunday School** this morning but starting our summer program next Sunday, June 24. We'll be using the easy to follow curriculum, *The Kids Travel Guide to the Fruits of the Spirit*. Class sizes range between 4 and 12 children and can take place on the playground if desired. If you are available one or two Sundays this summer, please consider signing up for a slot or two. Please contact Alexis for the sign up link. For more information on Sunday School please contact director Alexis MacElhiney (amacelhiney@stjohns-hingham.org).

**Sing at St. John's this summer!** All are welcome to sing in the choir for Sunday services during the summer. Come at 9:00 am to rehearse for the 10:00 am Eucharist. Do your children like to sing? Bring them with you! Come any Sunday; no long-term commitment is necessary. Please contact Organist/Choirmaster Buffy Gray at egray@stjohns-hingham.org for more information.

**St. Stephen's B-Safe** summer program at St. John's this year is the week of **July 16-20**. Please mark your calendars and look for a signup in the next few weeks. Food donations will be needed all week and volunteers will be needed to help with the kids on Friday. Thanks in advance!

**Volunteer Opportunity!** We have an exciting opportunity to participate in a tutoring program this Fall and next Spring at Roxbury Presbyterian's "Saturday School" to help Boston middle schoolers work on their literacy skills. We are looking for 4-5 folks from St. John's to commit to eight tutoring sessions on Saturdays 9 am-noon from September 29 through November 17. Tutoring/teaching experience not necessary. Main requirements are caring enough to volunteer and committing to the eight Saturdays. Please let Chrissy Roberts know if you are interested at cjrob47@hotmail.com or 781-749-1165.

As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." Next Sunday, June 24 we say goodbye to our Deacon Intern, **Natalie Finstad**, who has fulfilled her training with us this past year. Please plan to stay for a special coffee hour for Natalie and to wish her well in the future.

*Note about Online Giving...*we have made a couple of adjustments to our **Vanco** online giving pages on our website in order to fix a few glitches in our system. The *Pledge* page is the same, as is the *South Africa* page. Please note the *Memorial* page has become the *Various Online Giving* page. On this page you can now do non-pledge giving, donations to various outreach programs, and memorial giving with the memorial intention still available on another line. Hopefully this will clarify the various giving you can do online and make it easier for everyone to accomplish with fewer key-strokes and page changes.

**The Parish Offices** will be going on summer schedule starting Monday, June 25. We will be closed on Mondays and open regular hours Tuesday through Friday. And as always, if you plan on dropping by during the week please be sure to call to make sure someone is here. The staff gets a little thin in summer due to vacations, etc., and we don't want to miss you. Thank you!

**Mission Statement of the Episcopal Parish of  
St. John the Evangelist:**

*We seek to share the Good News of the Gospel through engaging worship,  
faithful service, and life-long Christian formation while joyfully  
living out our faith in this community and the world.*

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