

Saint John's Episcopal Church



PENTECOST

Sunday May 24, 2026

The Prelude *O Good Beyond All Praising*

*setting by David Howard Pettit
Glen Carliss, Trumpet*

The Processional Hymn *Hail, thee festival day!*

The Hymnal 1982, 225

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

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

Acts 2:1-21

This story from the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the Holy Spirit filling the apostles and empowering them to share the message of the gospel with people of different languages.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 2:1-21

Und als der Tag der Pfingsten erfüllt war, waren sie alle beieinander an einem Ort. Und es geschah plötzlich ein Brausen vom Himmel wie eines gewaltigen Windes und erfüllte das ganze Haus, da sie saßen. Und es erschienen ihnen Zungen, zerteilt, wie von Feuer; und er setzte sich auf einen jeglichen unter ihnen, und sie wurden alle voll des heiligen Geistes und fingen an zu predigen in andern Zungen, wie der Geist ihnen gab auszusprechen. Es waren aber Juden zu Jerusalem wohnend, die waren gottesfürchtige Männer aus allerlei Volk, das unter dem Himmel ist. Da nun diese Stimme geschah, kam die Menge zusammen und wurde bestürzt; denn ein jeder hörte sie in seiner eigenen Sprache reden. Sie entsetzten sich aber, verwunderten sich und sprachen: Siehe, sind nicht diese alle, die da reden, aus Galiläa? Wie hören wir denn ein jeglicher seine Sprache, darin wir geboren sind?

Parther und Meder und Elamiter, und die wir wohnen in Mesopotamien und in Judäa und Kappadozien, in Pontus und der Landschaft Asien, Phrygien und Pamphylien, in Ägypten und der Gegend von Libyen bei Kyrene und Ausländer von Rom, Juden und Judengenossen, Kreter und Araber: wir hören sie in unsern Zungen die großen Taten Gottes reden. Sie entsetzten sich aber alle und wurden bestürzt und sprachen einer zu dem andern: Was will das werden? Die andern aber hatten ihren Spott und sprachen: Sie sind voll süßen Weins. Pfingstpredigt des Petrus.

そこで、ペテロが十一人の者と共に立ちあがり、声をあげて人人に語りかけた。「ユダヤの人たち、ならびにエルサレムに住むすべてのかたがた、どうか、この事を知っていただきたい。わたしの言うことに耳を傾けていただきたい。

今は朝の九時であるから、この人たちは、あなたがたが思っているように、酒に酔っているのではない。そうではなく、これは預言者ヨエルが預言していたことに外ならないのである。すなわち、

『神がこう仰せになる。終りの時には、／わたしの霊をすべての人に注ごう。そして、あなたがたのむすこ娘は預言をし、／若者たちは幻を見、／老人たちは夢を見るであろう。

その時には、わたしの男女の僕たちにも／わたしの霊を注ごう。そして彼らも預言をするであろう。

また、上では、天に奇跡を見せ、／下では、地にしるしを、／すなわち、血と火と立ちこめる煙とを、／見せるであろう。

主の大いなる輝かしい日が来る前に、／日はやみに／月は血に変るであろう。

そのとき、主の名を呼び求める者は、／みな救われるであろう』。

shu no kotoba .

kami ni kansha shi masu

The Response, Psalm 104: 25-35, 37 *This psalm describes the wonders of the world created and renewed by the Lord's Spirit. We will read the Psalm responsively, breaking at the half-verse.*

O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living
 things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
 and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of
it.

All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled
with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are
 created;*
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they
smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my
being.

May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:14-17

Усі, кого веде Дух Божий, є дітьми Божими. Бо ти не отримав духа рабства, щоб знову впасти у страх, але ти отримав дух усиновлення. Коли ми плачемо: «Абба! Отче!» — саме цей Дух свідчить нашим духом, що ми — діти Божі, а якщо діти, то спадкоємці, спадкоємці Бога і спільні спадкоємці з Христом — якщо, справді, ми страждаємо з Ним, щоб також прославитися разом із Ним.

In this letter to the church at Rome, the apostle Paul invites us to be moved by God's Spirit. When we are moved, we become God's children and heirs with Christ.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Gradual Hymn *Come down, O Love divine*

The Hymnal 1982, 516

The Gospel *all standing in body or spirit.*

John 20:19-23

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

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

¹⁹ 那日（就是七日的第一日）晚上，門徒所在的地方，因怕猶太人，門都關了。耶穌來，站在當中，對他們說：願你們平安！

²⁰ 說了這話，就把手和肋旁指給他們看。門徒看見主，就喜樂了。

²¹ 耶穌又對他們說：願你們平安！父怎樣差遣了我，我也照樣差遣你們。

²² 說了這話，就向他們吹一口氣，說：你們受聖靈！

²³ 你們赦免誰的罪，誰的罪就赦免了；你們留下誰的罪，誰的罪就留下了。

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

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 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.

Enriching Our Worship I

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, in honor of Phyllis Helfrich who celebrates her 90th birthday this month, from the Choir.

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!**

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.** **Gluten free** wafers are available, ask at the altar railing.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The Communion Hymn *One bread one body*

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 151

Refrain ***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.***

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

One Lord. ***Refrain***

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

One Lord. ***Refrain***

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

One Lord. ***Refrain***

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 *There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place*

Wonder Love and Praise, 752

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain ***Sweet Holy spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,***

*Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we
have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness, and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." *Refrain*

If you say he saved you from your sin,
now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in,
you can make it right if you will yield;
you'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel. *Refrain*

The Dismissal

Let us go forth by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Postlude *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*Philip M Young
Glen Carliss, Trumpet*

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

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Alan R. Hesse

Director of Music: Misao Koyama

St. John's Choir; Glen Carliss, Trumpet

Crucifer: Stevie Wood

Torch Bearers: Rob and Robbie Wood

Lectors: Deb Roberts, Susan Carliss, Misao Koyama, Natasha Wood, and Rob Wood

Lay Eucharist Minister: Jared Cohen

Ushers: Allen George and Mary Howe

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

Hospitality: Altar Guild and Choir

Pentecost!

Today we are celebrating Pentecost. Shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching.

Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2026 Confirmands Ashton, Mackenzie, and Wendy. Confirmation took place at Christ Church, Plymouth, last Sunday, May 17th. Yet to be confirmed is Molly Donaruma.

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

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

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

During this Easter season, you are invited to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which this year highlights key ways we support shepherds, lay and ordained alike, who are strengthening congregational vitality throughout our diocese. Bishop Julia says: "Your generosity helps strengthen congregations and ministries across our diocese. For example, congregations such as **St. John's in Sandwich** are growing through tools like *Invite, Welcome, Connect*. Diverse clergy mutual support groups are serving a wide variety of communities. All of these ministries bind us together as one church, as the collective body of Christ". Please consider supporting the Annual Appeal. Donation envelopes can be found in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall.

This Sunday, May 24th, we are celebrating Phyllis Helfrich who turns 90 years old this month. If you would like to shower her with cards, please call the office for her contact information, and join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am service for a celebration.

There are open spaces on the Floral Calendar in the Narthex for altar arrangements. Suggested donation is \$50.00. Thank you to all who have provided lovely arrangements so far this year! Floral bouquets are obtained from Stop & Shop, Tupper Road, Sandwich.

Join us on May 26 at 7pm in the Parish Hall for "The Magic & Importance of Salt Marshes on Cape Cod."

Carol "Krill" Carson will be to present information about the majestic beauty and ecological importance of salt marshes on Cape Cod. Krill is the founder and president of the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA), a volunteer non-profit that focuses on rescue, research, and educational outreach in the New England area. This is a free presentation by our **Caring for Creation Committee**; light refreshments will be served.

St. John's annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on 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.

Sunday School is on break this weekend due to the holiday. Our last Sunday School assembly of the year will be on Sunday June 7. Sunday School will pause over the Summer and resume the first weekend after Labor Day.

Calendar

Saturday, May 23

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 24

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist,
Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Monday, May 25

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall
4-8pm Lasit Performing Arts Group (Hall &
Undercroft)

Tuesday, May 26

12noon AA, Parish Hall
7pm **Caring for Creation Presentation** - Magic
and Importance of Salt Marshes on Cape Cod,
Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 27

12pm-1pm Open Prayer, Church
7pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, May 28

12noon AA, Parish Hall
4-7 Lasit Performing Arts Group (Hall)
6-7pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

9:30am AA, Parish Hall
5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 31

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist,
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.

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.



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