



ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024 10:30 AM
St. John's, Jamaica Plain

Ministers: The People of St. John's

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Ted Cole

Preacher: The Rev. Dorie Goehring

Altar Minister: Franklyn Salimbene

Music Director: Harrison Lee

Organist: Carol Buller

Greeter: Shannon McCarthy

Reader: Rachel Veto

Altar Guild: Franklyn Salimbene

A/V Volunteer: Georgia Buck

Fellowship Hour: Natasha Seaman

Flower Ministry: Claire Laton-Taylor

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #225 - *Hail thee, festival day!*

Opening Acclamation

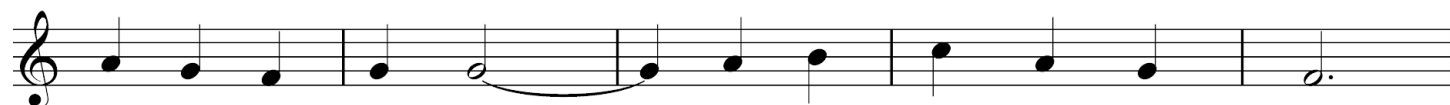
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

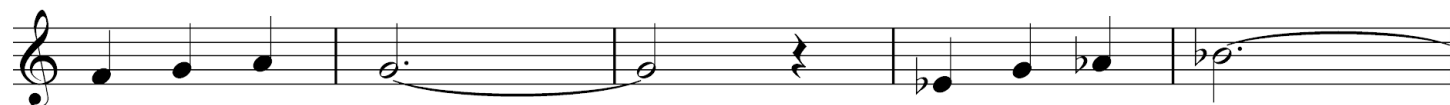
Song of Praise - 1982 Hymnal #S-236 (Rutter)



1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord



God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;



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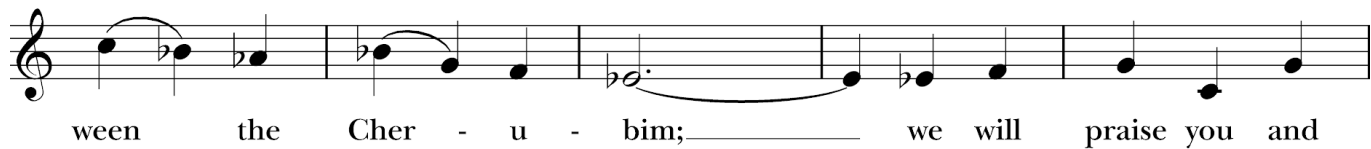
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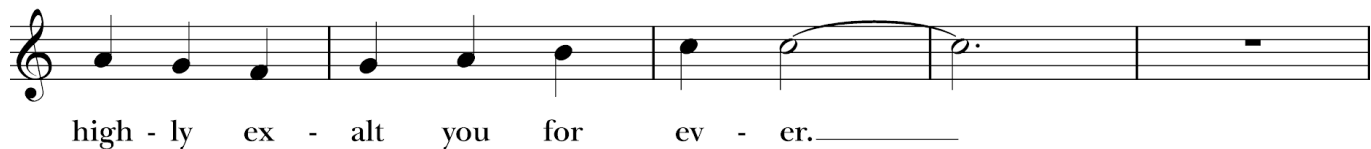
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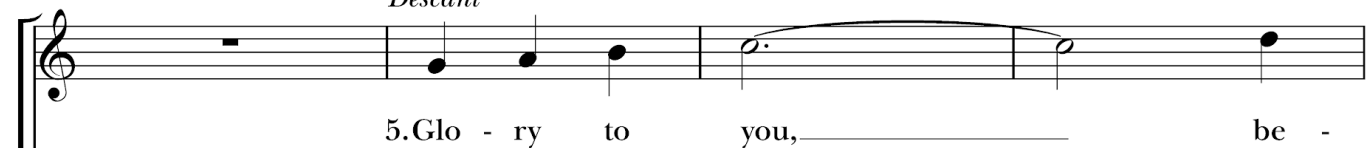


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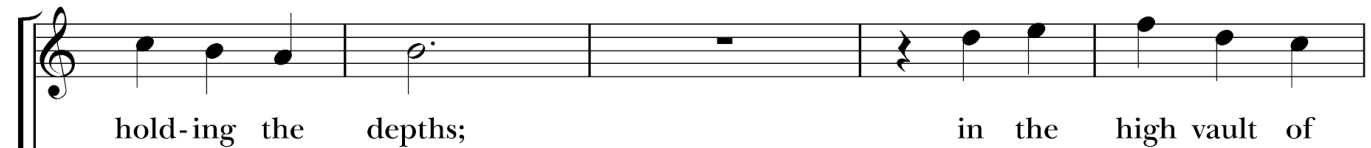
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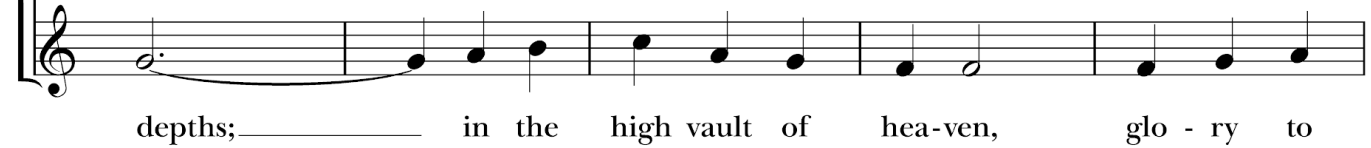
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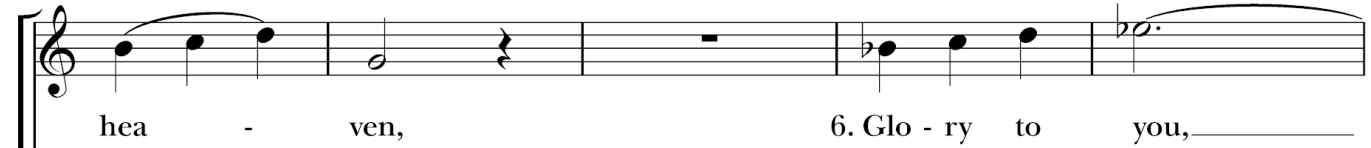
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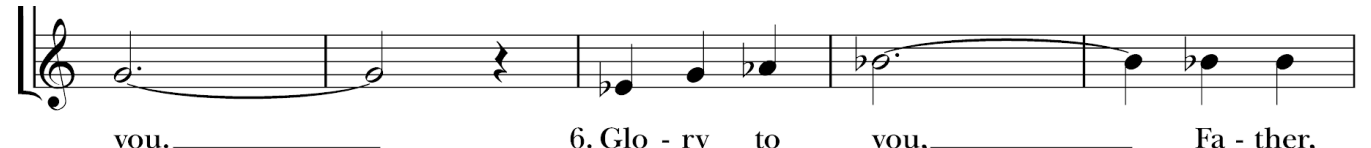
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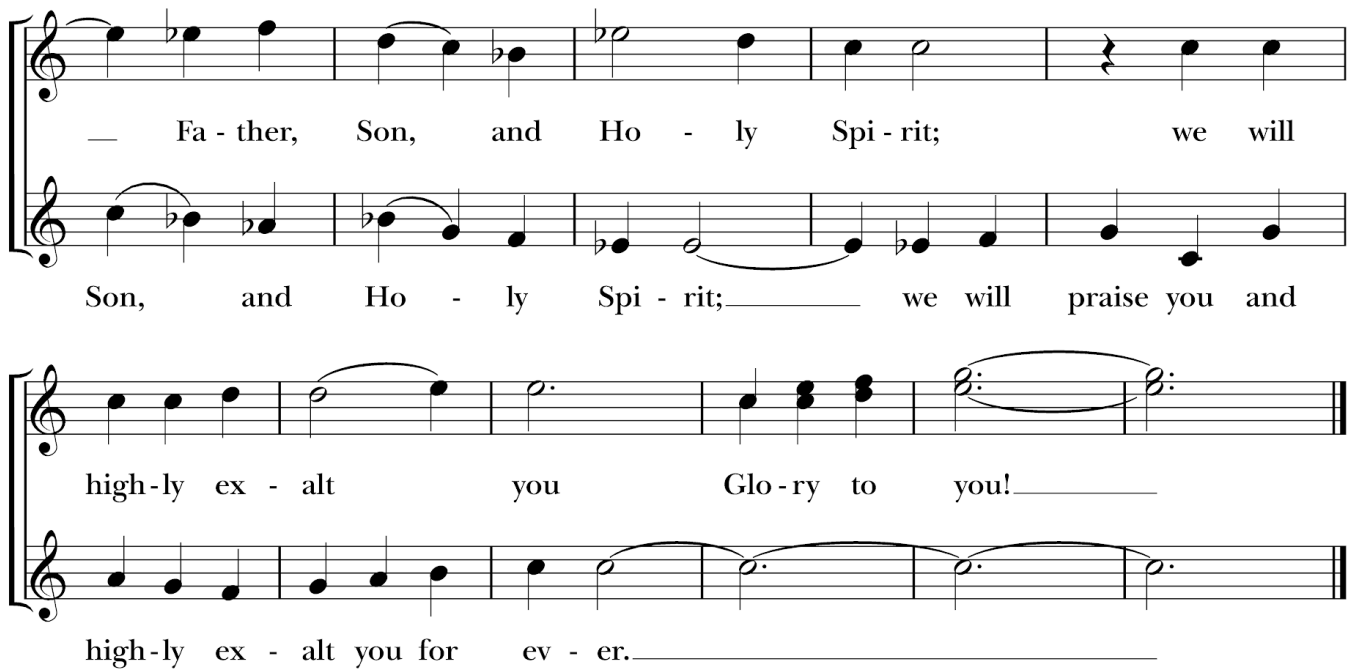
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hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,



you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,



— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 the Spirit's holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Sovereign, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant invites the people to sit for the lessons.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

*The text of the psalm is from the Book of Common Prayer,
 and adapted for expansive language.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 May the glory of the Holy One endure for ever; *
may the Holy One rejoice in all God's works.

33 God looks at the earth and it trembles; *
God touches the mountains and they smoke.

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

35 May these words of mine please God; *
I will rejoice in the Holy One.

37 Bless the Holy One, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Bible texts are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and used by permission. Texts are adapted for inclusive language. In the Easter season, we hear two lessons from the New Testament and a Gospel reading.

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Acts.

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, "People 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 Holy One shall be saved.
“

[Acts 2:1-21]

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the

Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

[Romans 8:22-27]

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the reading of the Gospel. As the Gospel Procession walks to the Chancel Crossing, the choir and people sing the Sequence Hymn.

Sequence Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #51 *We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting*

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, the Advocate will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And the Advocate upon coming will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no

longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, the Spirit will guide you into all the truth; for the Spirit will not speak on their own, but will speak whatever the Spirit hears, and will declare to you the things that are to come. The Spirit will glorify me by taking what is mine and declaring it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.

[John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15]

The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

After the Sermon, the subdeacon invites the congregation to stand and recite the Nicene Creed.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 Intercessor comes forward and leads the People in the Prayers.

The Prayers of the People - Book of Common Prayer Form IV

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

O God, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

O God, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,

that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others
and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Intercessor O God, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he
loves us.

Silence

O God, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or
spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and
bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

O God, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your
will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your
saints in your eternal kingdom. We especially remember Milton McGorrill,
in whose memory the flowers this Sunday are given.

Silence

O God, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Intercessor invites the People to offer aloud or in their hearts their concerns, thanksgivings and memorials this day. Prayer concerns from the LiveChat on YouTube may be shared aloud in the sanctuary. After the time of sharing is complete, the Intercessor offers the following prayer:

O God, we lift up to you these prayers spoken with our lips, and those prayers we speak to you in our hearts, and those prayers which we have no words to express in any way, knowing that, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, you hear our prayers before we even ask them. And further, we pray in the hope and in the confidence that in Christ Jesus, you are working blessings in our midst beyond our asking and imagining. In Christ's holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

In keeping with long standing Christian tradition, during the joy of the Easter season, we omit the Confession and proceed straight to the Peace, led by the Celebrant.

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you!

People **And also with you!**

The Celebrant invites the People to share signs of Christ's peace .

New Member Rite

Celebrant I welcome new members of the congregation to come forward.

The Celebrant invites the new members to introduce themselves to the congregation. After the introductions, the Celebrant leads members, new and old, in renewing their commitment to membership at St. John's.

Celebrant Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Will you seek to be faithful in the worship of God and participate in the life of this community of faith?

Answer **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you participate in a life of service to those who are poor, outcast or powerless?

Answer **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive to recognize the gifts that God has given you, and how they might be used in building up God's realm?

Answer **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you commit your time, talent and money to this parish, and to its ministry in this city and in the world?

Answer **I will, with God's help.**

Addressing members of the congregation, the Celebrant asks

Will you support these persons in their new life at St. John's?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **Blessed are you, O God our Maker, for you form us in your image and restore us in Jesus Christ. Bless these new members of St. John's Episcopal Church. Strengthen their union with the whole body of Christ as they join us in our life of praise and service; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome these new members of this community of faith.

People **We recognize you as members of the household of God and welcome you as members of this congregation. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim Christ's resurrection, and share with us in Christ's eternal priesthood.**

The Celebrant invites the congregation to share congratulations with the new members. Then service continues with the Offertory.

The Offertory

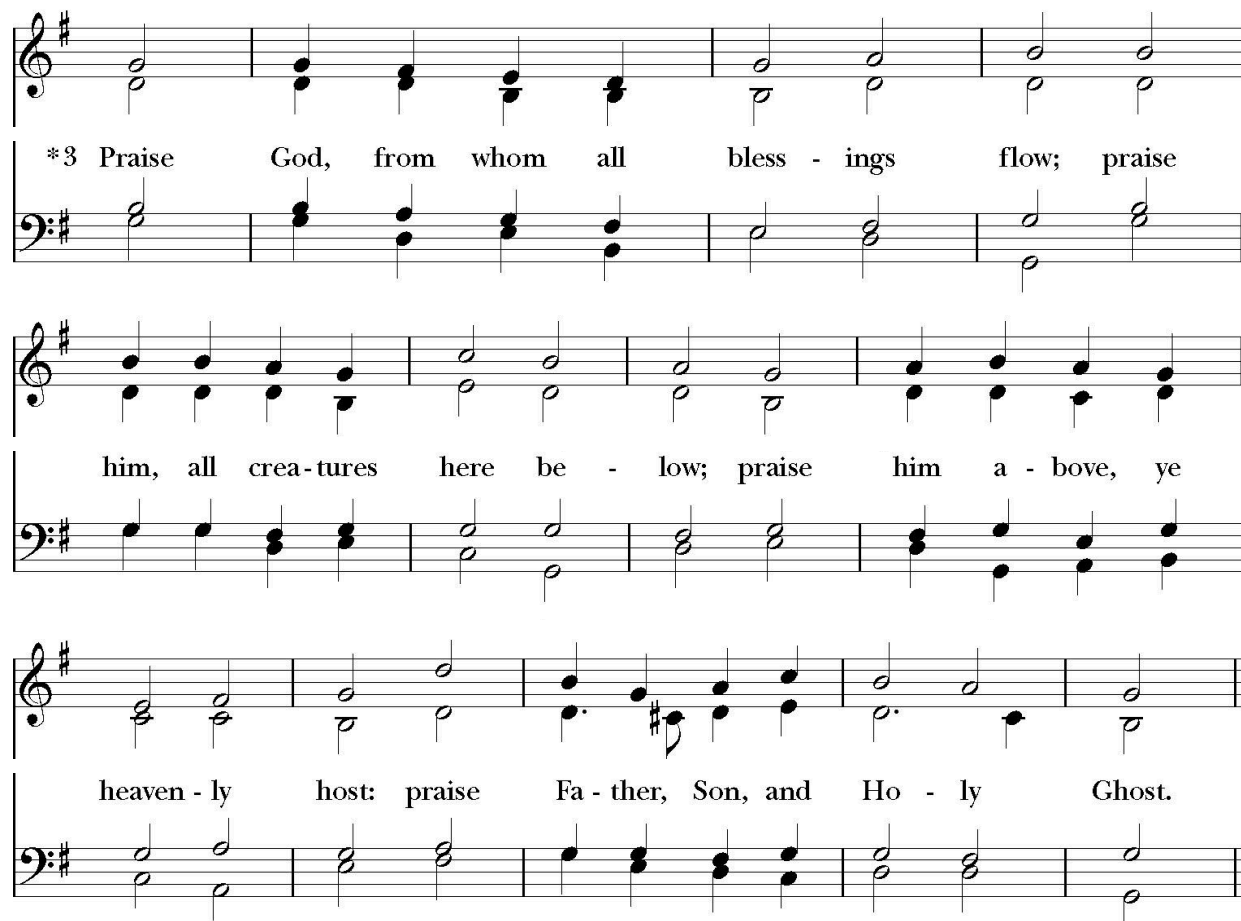
We welcome your financial offerings to support the ministry of the St. John's community. You can give through our online donation platform at the Donate page of our website: www.stjohns-jp.org.. You may also give via text message by sending the dollar amount of your donation to: (844)

935-2967. GivePlus Text will then walk you through a simple donation process. Thank you for supporting St. John's!

Offertory Anthem *God be in my head* by H. Waldorf Davies

The Celebrant invites the people forward for Holy Communion. Those with financial gifts to offer place them in the offering plate. As the bread and wine are elevated and the Offering is blessed at the altar, the people, led by the choir, sing the Doxology.

The Doxology: 1982 Hymnal, #380, verse 3



*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A
adapted for expansive language

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy Trinity our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Sovereign. In fulfillment of Christ's true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People
Sanctus: 1982 Hymnal, H-S 125 (Proulx)

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.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Creator: 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 Creator 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 Sovereign 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 God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 domain.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Celebrant continues.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in the words of the New Zealand Prayer Book:

The People pray the version of the Lord's Prayer offered below. We will rotate between this version, the Book of Common Prayer Rite I and Rite II versions every three weeks.

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving
God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the
universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your
heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of
peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread
we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too
great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the
power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
People **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

Then the congregation offers the Fraction Anthem:

Fraction Anthem: 1982 Hymnal, S-159 (Douglas)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy
up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of
the world, grant us thy peace.

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The Celebrant offers the Invitation:

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

The Celebrant and altar ministers receive Holy Communion and then serve the People around the altar. After receiving, the People return to their seats.

Musical Improvisation during Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

The Celebrant invites the People to stand and join in the Post Communion Prayer.

Celebrant Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Announcements

Blessing for Pentecost

Celebrant May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with the Spirit's blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Sovereign, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to Christ in word and deed. **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Eternal Majesty, the Incarnate Word, and the Ever-abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you and those you love for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #531 *O spirit of the living God*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the Spirit of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

During the Postlude, we invite you to a time of individual healing prayer with a member of our lay pastoral care team by the baptismal font, either for yourself or a loved one you hold in your heart.

New to the parish and want to connect with us? In the sanctuary, please fill out a white visitor card in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the clergy. Participating on YouTube? Email our Parish Administrator Carmen at parish.admin@stjohns-jp.org to get signed up for our weekly email and ask to meet with one of our clergy for a friendly conversation.

Parish Prayer List

Concerns

Delva Bent

Winnie Lyons and Richard
Pettengill

The Lewis and Minick Families

Rev. Dr. Jim Speer

Laurie Speer

Mary Ellen Cahill

Andy and Sally Thomas

Kathryn O'Leary

Christina Hopkins

Jefferson Lyons

Kierin Kerbawy

Thomas Groeneman

Mayra Escutia

Wendy Dodd

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Memorials

Geraldine (Gerri) Romanos

Megan D.
Pere and Paquette Puigserver
Jim Grant
Carolyn Whitman
Scott, Penny, and Wolfgang
Wilhelm
Lori Reed
Juan Carlos

Maria Minick
Joy Aliss Cochran
Ira Katz
Kate Brodeur
Johnny Collins
Perea Hopkins
William Jack Hamilton
Trudy Simpson
Wei Kwei Yang
Milton McGorrill

If you would like to add a concern, thanksgiving or memorial to our Parish Prayer List, please email the church office at parish.admin@stjohns-jp.org and we will be honored to add them.

Pray without Ceasing - Monday nights at St. John's, 7:00-8:00 PM

Come together with fellow parishioners for a weekly gathering for a book discussion and prayer practice Mondays from May 6 to June 10. We are reading *Good Goats: Healing Our Image of God* by Dennis, Sheila and Matthew Linn. Ted facilitates the group and you can join anytime. Reach out to him at ted@stjohns-jp.org or 617-942-0611.

June 2 - First Sunday of June Intergenerational Service Join us Sunday, June 2 for our special First Sunday service with Godly Play and Blessing Prayers for birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, relationship anniversaries and life transitions.

June 9 - Prepared Communion Celebration and Parish Picnic We celebrate the end of the program year with a feast of a fellowship hour following worship on Sunday June 9. In worship, our 2024 Prepared Communion class will celebrate their special Holy Communion service and help serve their families. Plan to be a part of this special day!

Note: *There will not be a First Friday gathering in June since it falls on the same weekend as the Parish Picnic. First Fridays will return in the fall!*

St. John's is the Host Site of the Summer BIPOC Dinner for the Diocese,

June 9, 5-7 PM All black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) in the Diocese of Massachusetts, lay and ordained, are invited to a community meal of support and community by the Racial Justice Commission's BIPOC Support Sub-Committee, of which Ted is a Co-Chair with the Reverend Jennifer Beal. The Sub-Committee organizes the event, and BIPOOC at St. John's are especially welcome!

St. John's and You - Becoming Episcopalian - Being a member of St. John's is open to anyone who participates in our worship life, supports the community financially and signs the church register. If you feel moved by our worship and values to become Episcopalian, we would be honored to go on that journey with you! Bishop Carol Gallagher is coming to St. John's on September 29 and at that service, after a time of preparation, she can confirm you as an Episcopalian or receive you into the Episcopal Church if you have been confirmed in another denomination. Speak with Ted to learn more and formally begin your journey to become Episcopalian! (ted@stjohns-jp.org or call/text 617-942-0611)

Ways to Stay Connected with the St. John's Community

We send a **Weekly Email Newsletter** which is one of the best ways to get up to date information about what is happening at St. John's. [Sign up on our website with this link](#) or email our Parish Administrator Carmen at parish.admin@stjohns-jp.org.

Our blog, **The Red Door**, offers regular posts on music, social justice reflections and more. [Find The Red Door here](#) or type <https://www.stjohns-jp.org/news> in your browser.

St. John's is also on **Facebook** and **Instagram**

Our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsJP/>

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St. John's Vestry

Co-Warden: Ann Collins
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Member: Abigail Francis
Member: Shannon McCarthy

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Rector: The Rev. Dr. Ted Cole, Jr.
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Co-Warden: Deb Whitman
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MAY 19, 2024
PENTECOST SUNDAY



The Holy Spirit comforts and guides us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given
Tuesday	Romans 8:22-27	The Spirit intercedes
Wednesday	Galatians 5:22-26	Fruit of the Spirit
Thursday	Psalm 139:7-12	The inescapable God
Friday	Acts 4:23-31	The believers pray for boldness
Saturday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	All living things depend on God
Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Nevertheless I [Jesus] tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” **John 16:7 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we thank you for the work of the Holy Spirit that comforts and guides us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who fill us with good things, we thank you for this food that strengthens us to be your witnesses in the world. Amen. (Psalm 104:28)

A Blessing to Give:

May the comfort and power of God give you peace in Christ’s name.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Gracious Spirit, Heed
Our Pleading*



taking
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you felt you needed guidance from someone else?
- How do you experience the work of the Holy Spirit through prayer, scripture, and the community of faith as a guide for your life in Christ?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

Jesus says that because he is leaving, he knows his followers are very sad. Because of his departure and because of the disciples' sorrow, Jesus sends the Advocate, that is, the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for advocate means someone who walks alongside us and can also be translated as helper, comforter, teacher, guide, or companion. It is a word rich in meaning and a powerful term for Jesus' followers who are grieving and needing direction. When we experience loss and transitions, feel alone, and are not sure of the future or how to understand the present, the Advocate, the "Spirit of truth", speaks the same message Jesus taught his followers and is here for us. Pentecost is a time to remember that Jesus remains with us as Savior through the work of the Holy Spirit. We are lifted up and sent on our way to do the work of Jesus in the world. We are not alone; we never have been and we never will be. Our loving God does not want to leave us feeling grief. We are empowered as the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in the world.

Discuss: How does being empowered by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, make a difference to you?

Pray: **Everlasting God, we thank you for the Holy Spirit that comforts and strengthens us; help us to faithfully be your presence in the world through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can the work of the Holy Spirit help you comfort someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Pentecost has been described as the giving of the Holy Spirit. It is the beginning of the ministry of the preaching of Peter (Acts 2:14-21) and all future preachers. It is also the birth of hearing the gospel in our own language. Light a candle, preferably a red one, to celebrate Pentecost. Take a moment to look at the flame as a reminder of the "fiery tongues that settled on each person" (Acts 2:3, CEV).

Then Pray: **Dear God, we thank you for the Holy Spirit that helps us in our weakness and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. Amen.** (Romans 8:26)



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org