The Feast of Pentecost



"That very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." ~ Romans 8:26

Sunday, May 19 at 10AM



Welcome to St. John:

This service bulletin will guide your participation in our worship service. You may also follow along in the (red) Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355.

We say together the text in **bold**.

Our liturgy welcomes people of all ages. For those who desire it, the **Nursery** is open and staffed by our professional team. An Usher can direct you. **Hearing devices** are available at both entrances to the church. An usher is happy to assist you.

The Feast of Pentecost marks the gift of the Holy Spirit and sending out of the church into the world. As one of the principal feast days of the year, it is common to hold baptisms on this day; so common, that the traditional English name for today is Whitsunday. Derived from "White Sunday", the name takes its cue from white robes worn by the newly baptized at the Pentecost service.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements



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The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by

choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**



Our weekly **liturgy** (i.e., form of worship) follows a pattern that Christians have enacted for centuries gathering in God's house, proclaiming God's deeds in scripture and song, communing with God in prayer, and eventually gathering at the altar/table to be nourished by Christ's Body & Blood. This pattern is how we remember God's love for us. It also allows us to re-member ourselves as God's people for the world.

Every service of the Eucharist, or Mass, is divided into two sections: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of Holy Communion. The first section borrows from Jewish synagogue patterns of readings, teaching & prayer. The second section is a gathering – a literal a "re-membering" - of the Body of Christ around the table of Christ as we celebrate the Last Supper. Jesus instructed us to, "do this in remembrance of me" (Lk 22:19).

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The **Collect** is a short prayer that changes every week, yet its function remains the same. This opening petition is meant to *collect* our scattered thoughts and intentions as we communally direct our hearts and minds to God.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

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.'

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Sung by choir and congregation



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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**.

In today's **First** Reading the gift of the Spirit is portrayed both as a reversal of the world's confusion and social breakdown brought about at Babel, and also the fulfillment of a promised new covenant community. The law, personified, will now be possessed by all and will dwell in the heart of each individual.

The empowerment brought by the Spirit is not senseless babbling but rather proclamation. Those who hear it, whether residents of Jerusalem or foreign pilgrims, are astounded by the variety of languages in which "God's deeds of power" are proclaimed. Geographical diversity represents the spread of the gospel to all nations of the world.

Today's **Psalm**, a hymn to God as Creator, shares imagery with many Near Eastern nature poems and myths, but with a different emphasis. Here, the created world is under God's sway and owes God praise. Sin disrupts the harmony of creation, and the psalmist prays for a restoration of creation's wholeness.

In today's **Second** Reading, Paul looks to the future destiny that awaits us in Christ. The fate of humanity and the cosmos are inseparable. Paul, like many of his day, saw the world as temporarily enslaved by evil spiritual forces. Nevertheless, since God's will is supreme, creation itself will eventually be liberated. The end-times images of Hebrew Scripture point to a hope that Paul here develops. Not only humanity, but the entire material universe will be redeemed, sharing in the glory of God. Until that time, all creation is "in labor pains," intermingled with pain, hope and expectation. Salvation is not merely for individual human beings. It is cosmic in dimension.



There move the ships, and there is that Le**viathan**, * 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**.

Jerome Webster Meachen

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**. * Halle**lujah**!

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

LEVAS 114

In today's **Gospel Reading**, from the Farewell Discourse, Jesus warns the disciples of his impending death and of persecution to come. Jesus understands his death as a return to the Father. He thus tells his disciples that it is to their advantage, for only thus can he send the Spirit. When the "Spirit of truth" comes, they will be led into an ever-deeper understanding of Jesus' revelation. Through the inspiration of the Spirit, the mission of the disciples will be one with the mission of Jesus.

The Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John+

People Glory to you, Lord 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, he 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 when he comes, he 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, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Eric Hillegas

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.

Prayers of the People: Form IV Stand or kneel. BCP 388 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; especially those in our Diocesan cycle of prayer: St. John's, Bellefonte; St. Luke's, Mount Joy, and The Anglican Church of Canada. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially Joseph, our President; the Congress of the United States; Josh, our Governor; and all our local officials, that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Each week we **pray** for the Church, the world, the suffering & the dead. We pray for those who are closest to us, as well as those who are furthest away, being reminded in prayer that our family in Christ includes strangers whom we may never meet. The specific language & global perspective are offered to shape & inform our individual prayers throughout the week.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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* Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Larry, Barb, Bud, Vickie, Bob, Ed, MaryEllen, Bill, Laura, Richard, Victoria, Lance, Matthew, Arthur, Ellen, Jeanine, Donna, Marilyn, Gerald and family, Jami, Ron, John, Carol, Denise, Clayton, Amy, Rich, Dan, Randy, Vernon, Sue, Joel, Owen, Elizabeth, Michael, Carol, the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Haiti, and Haitian refugees living in York, give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially, Bessie, Elizabeth, Ellen, Jessie, George, Elizabeth and Elizabeth, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Please kneel or stand

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

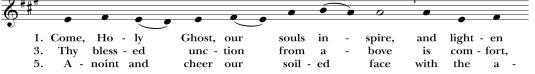
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

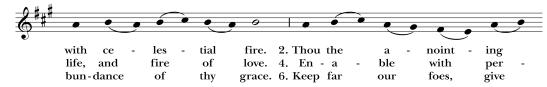
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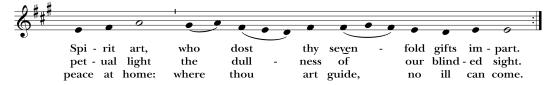
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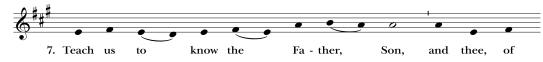
Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

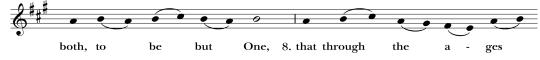
Hymn 504

















Words: Latin, 9th cent.; tr. John Cosin (1594-1672); para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Music: *Veni Creator Spiritus*, plainsong, Mode 8; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

Q. What are the sacraments?

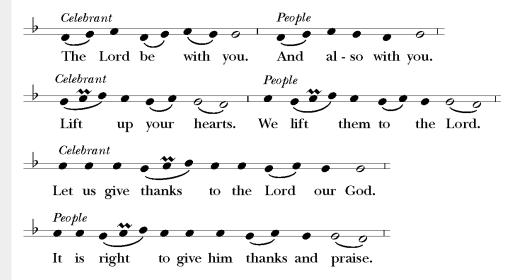
A. The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace. (BCP, 857)

Q. What is the Holy Eucharist?

A. The Holy
Eucharist is the
sacrament
commanded by
Christ for the
continual
remembrance of his
life, death, and
resurrection, until
his coming again.
(BCP, 859)

The prayer begins with the opening dialogue, the **sursum corda** ("Lift up your hearts...").

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A proper preface is said.

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



Sanctus, Benedictus

This proclamation includes two songs of praise. "Holy, Holy, Holy" is the song of angels surrounding God's throne (Rev. 4:8). "Hosanna!" is the song of pilgrims who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Matt. 21:9). We join with both the angels of heaven and all those looking for God's deliverance in our world.



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Please stand or kneel

The Celebrant continues with a remembrance of salvation history and Jesus' Words of Institution at the Last Supper until:

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues with prayers, summoning the Holy Spirit, until:

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Bread and wine are offered in remembrance of the Last Supper in which Jesus took bread and wine and gave to his disciples, instructing them to "do this in remembrance of me."

In the **fraction**, or breaking of bread, the Passion of Christ is "publicly exhibited" before our eyes (Gal. 3:1).

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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Invitation to Communion and Godly Play

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Ushers will invite each row. Please notify an usher to receive Communion at your pew. Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians. Please come to the altar rail when invited; either kneel or stand. To receive the **bread** place one hand cupped on top of the other with palms facing up. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. **Wine** may be received either from the common chalice or from a tray of individual cups which follows the chalice. **Children** are invited to receive Communion first, or a blessing if not yet receiving Communion, and then dismiss to Godly Play.

Communion Music

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

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Ablutions



Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

At the **altar** we offer ourselves to God, allowing ourselves to be broken & shared, like bread and wine, for the world. Finally, we receive the bread & wine – the Body & Blood of Christ – our spiritual food & drink, which unites us to Christ and his risen life.

Q. What are the benefits which we receive in the Lord's Supper?

A. The benefits we receive are the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life.

(BCP, 859-60)

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

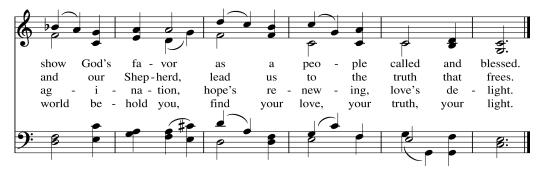
The response is: Amen.

Recessional

Gracious Spirit, give us your servants

WLP 782





Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the

power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude Toccata pour Grand Orgue Gaston Beiler

The term **Mass** derives from a Latin dismissal: *Ite, missa est,* or "Go, you are sent."

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Bessie, Elizabeth, Ellen, Jessie, George, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth

Parish Prayer List

Please Pray For: Larry, Barb, Bud, Vickie, Bob, Ed, MaryEllen, Bill, Laura, Richard, Victoria, Lance, Matthew, Arthur, Ellen, Jeanine, Donna, Marilyn, Gerald and family, Jami, Ron, John, Carol, Denise, Clayton, Amy, Rich, Dan, Randy, Vernon, Sue, Joel, Owen, Elizabeth, Michael, Carol, the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Haiti, and Haitian refugees living in York.

The Departed: Bessie M. Wiles (5/19), Elizabeth Belfield (5/20), Ellen Johnson (5/20), Jessie Phillips (5/20), George Phillips (5/20), Elizabeth Moore (5/21), and Elizabeth Rudisill (5/21).

Birthdays: Milton Leake (5/19), Tom Warman (5/21), John Garber (5/24), Parker Dietz (5/25), Carson Dietz (5/25), and Michelle Norton (5/25).

Anniversaries: Jess and Michael Dellinger (5/19).

Worship Schedule This Week

Wednesday, 10AM: Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 8AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite I; 10AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Announcements

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a **Toiletry Drive** over this and next Sunday, **May 19 and 26**, to support the **New American Welcome Center**. A collection bin will be in The Commons for you to place your donations. Items of greatest need are bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand lotion, and feminine pads.

Join us for a **York Revolution** baseball game on Friday, June 21 at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25/adults and \$13/children, including admission and a buffet dinner on the Bud Light Home Run Patio at 6pm. To reserve tickets please email Kristine Potter-Klouse at krispotter13@hotmail.com. A sign-up sheet is also available on the front table in the Commons. Please do not allow cost to be an obstacle. Fr. Eric is happy to provide full scholarships, rector@stjohnyork.org. Family members and friends are always welcome to join us!

Excerpts in margin notes are adapted from, Planning for Rites and Rituals: A Resource for Episcopal Worship.

Seasonal Liturgies

Throughout the year, we are pleased to offer worship opportunities beyond Sunday morning to help deepen and strengthen our faith. Join us on occasion as we mark significant events in Jesus' life, and significant occasions in our church calendar. Taken together, regular participation in these services enriches both our personal and communal understanding of our faith.

We'll hold these services at varying times, offering as many choices as possible for those with busy work and family-centered lives – and we'll be conscious of your time. Most of these services are under 60 minutes, and many are only 30 minutes.

Please mark your calendar now and join us!

May			
	30 Thur	5:30PM	The Feast of Corpus Christi
June			
	23 Sun	8:00AM	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
		10:00AM	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
July			
	4 Thur	10:00AM	Independence Day Service w/ Brass Concert

The Rev. Eric Hillegas, Rector Mr. Rodney Barnett, Organist and Choir Director

St. John Episcopal Church is a community of believers that welcomes all people to celebrate God's presence in today's world.



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