



Day of Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 28, 2023, 10:00 AM

St. John's Episcopal Church

297 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville, Massachusetts



St. John's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 28 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer, Rite II, <i>spoken</i> (in person)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, <i>sung</i> (in person/live stream)
Thursday, June 1	6:00 pm	Compline
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, June 4 <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer, Rite II, at Saint John's, <i>spoken</i>
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Trinity Newton Centre, <i>sung</i>

Prayer Requests

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery
St. Andrew's Church, Methuen
St. Paul's Church, Newburyport
St. Paul's Church, North Andover
Merrimack Valley Project
Deacons

The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Angola, Mozambique

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

The Extra-Provincial Churches

Birthdays

Ken Sinclair 05/29
Marilyn Justice 05/30
Lizzie Seaman 05/31
Henry Bees 06/03

Anniversaries

Kate McKey-Dunar and Ed Dunar 06/01

Pray for Healing: Harding, Karen, Martha, Jan, Barbara, Suzanne, Ruppert, Lauren, Alison, Sheila, Mary, Gail, Anne, Marina, Kevin, Flynn, Charlie, Michael, Alec, Peggy, Rose Marie, Andy, John, Christopher, Quintin, Phyllis, Jo, Peter, Cynthia, Jenny, Peter, Cara, Marco, Sara, and James.

Order of Service

Prelude

Veni Creator: Toccata, Op. 8, No. 8

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

Processional Hymn 225, "Hail thee, festival day!"

Salve festa dies

The Opening Acclamation of Easter

BCP p 355

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

All: 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.*

Gloria in excelsis S 278

William Mathias

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.*

The 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.' "

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 (Choir sings verses, Congregation sings refrain)

Benedic, anima mea



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| <p>25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.</p> <p>26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great. Refrain</p> <p>27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.</p> <p>28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
Refrain</p> <p>29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled
with good things.</p> <p>30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
Refrain</p> | <p>31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.</p> <p>32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works. Refrain</p> <p>33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.</p> <p>34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
Refrain</p> <p>35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.</p> <p>37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah! Refrain</p> |
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The Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 504, “Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire”

Veni Creator Spiritus

The Holy Gospel John 7:37-39

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Tara Soughers

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP p 304

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Leader: Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God’s help.

Leader: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God’s help.

Leader: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God’s help.

Leader: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form II, BCP p 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, Alan and Carol; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession

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

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Come down, O Love divine
(*The text is found at Hymn 516.*)

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p 369

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason,
and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust;
and we turned against one another.

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

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

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus S 128

Mathias

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

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

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

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

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP p 365

All: 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.*

Fraction Anthem S 165

Mathias

Presentation of the Gifts

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

- All people are welcome to receive communion at the Lord’s table in this place. –

St. John’s is currently serving communion in both kinds. Please be reassured that communion is fully received through receiving the host alone. Due to public health guidelines we are not practicing intinction (dipping the host in the chalice). If you would like to receive communion in both kinds, you are invited to drink directly from the chalice.

Communion Hymn 513, “Like the murmur of the dove’s song”

Bridegroom

The Postcommunion Prayer *(standing)*

BCP p 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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 forever. *Amen.*

Blessing

Hymn 511, “Holy Spirit, every living”

Abbot’s Leigh

The Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude

A Pentecost Proclamation

June Nixon (b. 1942)

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PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Tara Soughers

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Betsy Blagdon

Lector: Bryn Wood

Usher: Tom Wood

Music Director: Jeffrey Mills

Altar Guild: Bryn Wood

IT Master: Robert Main

Wardens: Rhys Bowen and Tim Strayer

VP of the Day: Eric Messinger

Counter: Robert Main

Acolyte: Tobias Gilpin

Coffee Hour Host: Patty Schoeck

Today's Women in Music

The prelude and postlude today are based on the plainsong hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus*, which is sung before the Gospel reading. **Jeanne Demessieux**, the composer of the prelude, was well-known as a virtuoso concert organist, touring Europe and the United States. She had memorized the complete organ works of J.S. Bach and César Franck, among others. The postlude was composed by **June Nixon**, an Australian organist and choral conductor. She has received numerous awards in both Australia and the United Kingdom for her work as a church musician.

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