

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Day of Pentecost:

June 8, 2025

4:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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EVENSONG

The Service of Evening Prayer Sung

Choral Prelude

Veni Sancte Spiritus

(adapted from Die Kunst der Fuge BWV 1080) -Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
arr. Paolo Pandolfo (b.1964)

Translation:

1. *Come, Holy Spirit, and send down from heaven the ray of your light.
Come, father of the poor, come, giver of gifts, come, light of the hearts.*
- 2 *Best consoler, sweet host of the soul, sweet refresher.
Rest in work, cooling in heat, comfort in crying.*
- 3 *O most blessed light, fill the innermost hearts of your faithful.
Without your power nothing is in man, nothing innocent.*
- 4 *Clean what is dirty, water what is dry, heal what is wounded.
Bend what is rigid, heat what is cold, lead what has gone astray.*
- 5 *Grant to your faithful who trust in you, your sevenfold holy gift.
Grant us the reward of virtue, grant us final salvation, grant us eternal joy. Amen.*

-Sequence for Pentecost

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Translation: *Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Have mercy on me. Amen.*

Come, O Spirit, Come

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), arr. Tom Brand

Text: *Come, O Spirit, Come, O Come, Holy Spirit.
Come now, Creator Blest, and make within our hearts Thy place of rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid, and fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
Thy Light to every thought impart, and shed Thy love in every heart;
Fount of life and fire of love, come down, o mighty Spirit from above.
Descend, O Holy Dove. Hallelujah!
Now may we know the Father, Son, and Thee, from both, as Three in One,
That we Thy name may ever bless, and in our lives the truth confess.
Praise the Father and the Son, and Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow gifts that from the Spirit flow! Hallelujah!*

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Processional Hymn # 504 *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*

Verses 1-4 choir only; verses 5-9 sung by all

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en
3. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,
5. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a -
with ce - les - tial fire. 2. Thou the a - noint - ing
life, and fire of love. 4. En - a - ble with per -
bun - dance of thy grace. 6. Keep far our foes, give
Spi - rit art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.
7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of
both, to be but One, 8. that through the a - ges
all a - long, this may be our end - less song:
9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Preces & Responses

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and Choir

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Hymn # 26

O Gracious Light

Phos hilaron

Verses 1 - choir only; verses 2-3 sung by all

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of
Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through
blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Psalm # 145

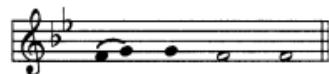
from the Plainsong Psalter

The congregation may be seated for the Psalm and is invited to join the refrain

In Easter Season



Let all flesh bless God's ho - ly Name for ev - er and ev - er,



hal - le - lu - jah.

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

The Readings

A Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2:1-13)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary

Magnificat from The Great Service

Robert Parsons (c.1535-1572)

*Text: My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.*

*And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our
forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John (14:21-29)

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

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

The Song of Simeon

Nunc dimittis

The Great Service -Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656))

Text: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;***

*who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers.

The Prayers

The Officiant says to the people

*The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.
Choir Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy*

*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 Suffrages

Preces & Responses

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1676)

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. O Lord, save thy people

R. *And bless thine inheritance.*

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

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.*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen.*

Offertory Anthem *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the spirit of truth. (John 14: 15-17)

An offering for the St. John's Music Program will be taken during this anthem
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Final Prayers

chanted by the priest at the High Altar

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

Final Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, Heav'nly Dove

Verse 1 - choir only; verses 2-3 sung by all



1. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heav'n - ly Dove, With light and com - fort from a - bove;
2. Lead us to Christ, the li - ving Way, nor let us from His pas - tures stray.
3. Lead us to heav'n, that we may share Thy ho - ly joy for - e - ver there.



Be Thou our Guard - ian, Thou our Guide, O'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.
Lead us to ho - li - ness, the road that we may take to dwell with God.
Lead us to our e - ter - nal rest, to be with God, for - e - ver bless'd,

Music: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)
Edited by Tom Brand

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Text: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt.

Choral Postlude

Choral Blessing & Final Amen

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Text: *Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.
The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Bless and preserve us.
Amen.*

The congregation departs in silence

Worship Ministers This Evening:

Officiant: The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

Organist & Choirmaster: Tom Brand

VeeJay: Laura Daly

Altar Guild: MB Witt, Ginny Reynolds

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer

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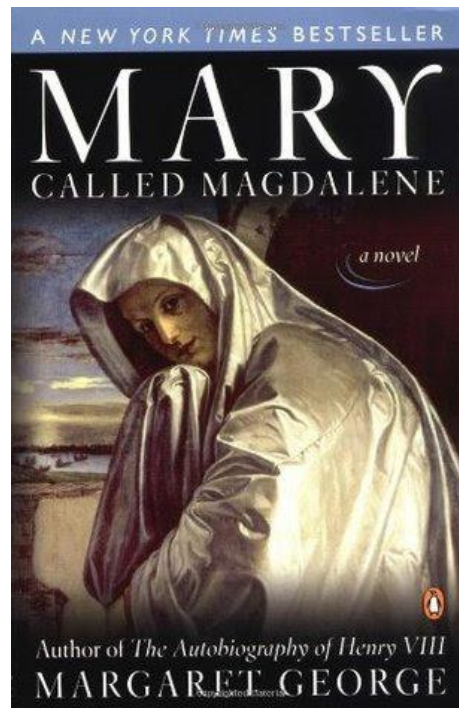
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ST JOHN'S READING CLUB



CURRENT SELECTION

Margaret George's "*Mary, Called Magdalene*"
to gather after 10:00 Coffee Hour, Sunday, August 10th
start reading now!

The New York Times bestselling author reveals the untold story of Mary Magdalene -- a disciple of Jesus and the most mysterious woman in the Bible. Was Mary Magdalene a prostitute, a female divinity figure, a church leader, or all of those? Biblical references to her are tantalizingly brief, but we do know that she was the first person to whom the risen Christ appeared -- and the one commissioned to tell others the good news, earning her the ancient honorific, "Apostle to the Apostles." Today, Mary continues to spark controversy, curiosity, and veneration. In a vivid re-creation of Mary Magdalene's life story, Margaret George convincingly captures this renowned woman's voice as she transitions from girlhood to womanhood, becomes part of the circle of disciples, and grapples with the divine. While grounded in biblical scholarship and secular research, *Mary, Called Magdalene*, ultimately transcends both history and fiction to become a 'diary of a soul.'

The St. John's Reading Club welcomes all and any interested readers.

