

# Welcome to St. John's Church



*"Pentecost,"* Jean Restout II, 1732

## Day of Pentecost:

### *Whitsunday*

*May 24, 2026*

*8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

### **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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# MORNING PRAYER

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn # 516

### *Come Down, O Love Divine*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

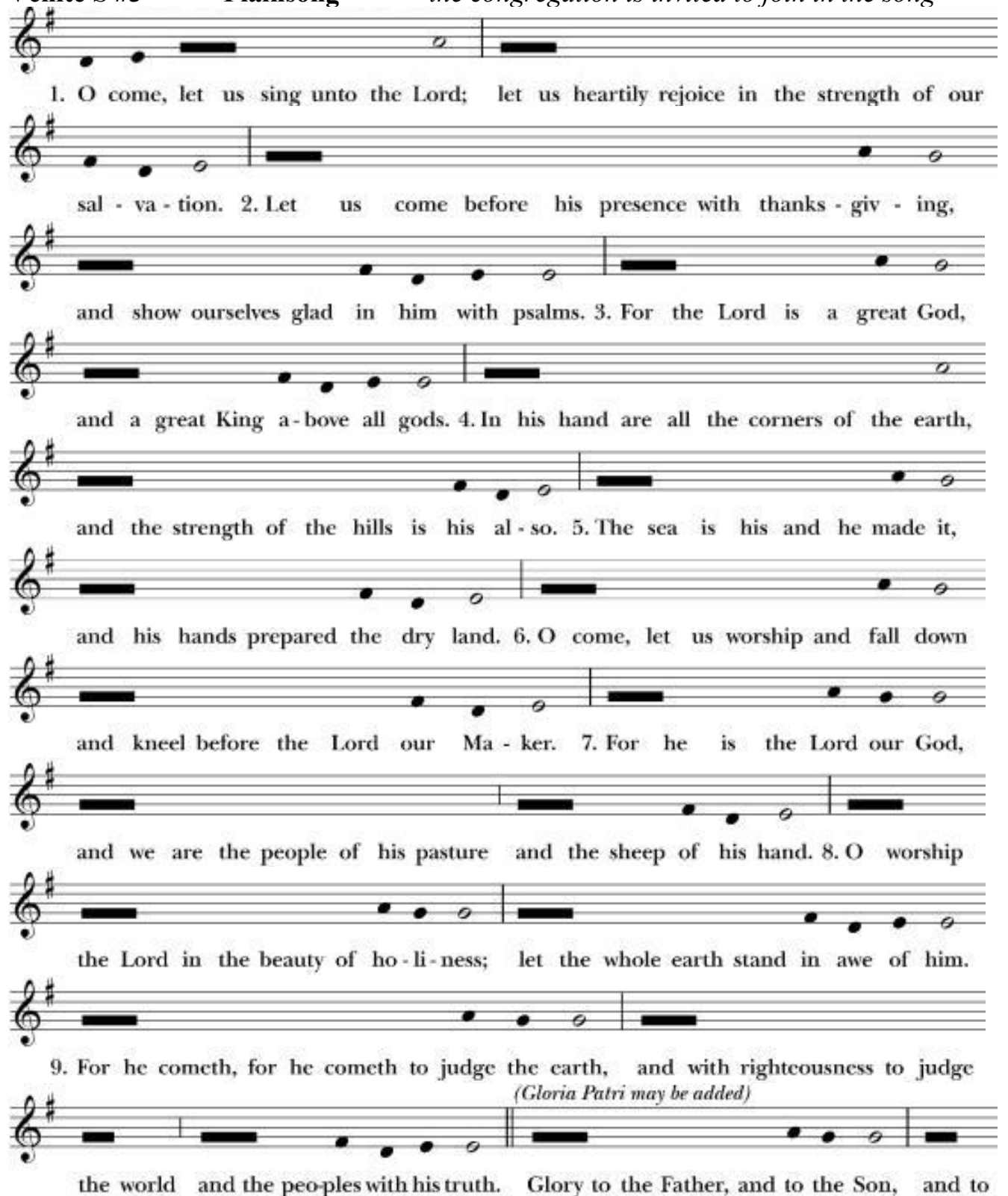
*People* *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*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.*

Venite S #3

Plainsong

*the congregation is invited to join in the song*



1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth, and the strength of the hills is his al - so. 5. The sea is his and he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For he is the Lord our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship the Lord in the beauty of ho - li - ness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. 9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth. *(Gloria Patri may be added)* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to



the Ho-ly Spi-rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37** *The congregation is invited to join in the Refrain*



Send forth your Spir- it, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

- 25 O LORD, 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 LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## THE READINGS

*INTRODUCTION: This reading tells the story of the Holy Spirit filling the apostles and empowering them to share the message of the gospel with people of different languages.*

### **A Reading from 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.***

## Canticle Hymn#391

*Before the Lord's Eternal Throne*

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye  
 2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed  
 3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our  
 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high  
 5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is  
 2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering  
 3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors  
 4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten  
 5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.  
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.  
 3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?  
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.  
 5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

*INTRODUCTION: In this reading we hear that Christians are all one body and are inspired by the same Spirit which is manifested in a variety of gifts and forms of service.*

### **A Reading from 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.*

Office Hymn # 531

*O Spirit of the Living God*

1 O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, in  
 2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to  
 3 Be dark - ness, at thy com - ing, light; con -  
 4 Con - vert the na - tions! far and nigh the

all thy plen - i - tude of grace, wher - e'er the foot of  
 preach the rec - on - cil - ing word; give power and unc - tion  
 fu - sion, or - der in thy path; souls with - out strength in -  
 tri - umphs of the cross re - cord; the Name of Je - sus

man hath trod, de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.  
 from a - bove, when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.  
 spire with might, bid mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.  
 glo - ri - fy, till ev - ery peo - ple call him Lord.

*INTRODUCTION: The gospel reading describes an appearance of the risen Lord in which he bestows the Holy Spirit on his disciples.*

**A Reading from the Gospel of St. John (20:19-23)**

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

The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

Worth Bracken, *Lay Preacher*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.***

***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. Amen.***

**The Prayers**

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

***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**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
R. *Deliver us and forgive us our sins.*

V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. *Give to your people the blessing of peace.*

V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. *And your wonders among all peoples.*

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. *Never forget the lives of your poor.*

V. Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;  
R. *And your favor to those who are true of heart.*

V. Satisfy us by your kindness in the morning;  
R. *So we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

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.*

### **A Collect for Sunday**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **A Prayer for Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Announcements**

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

*Text: 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*

*Officiant:* Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

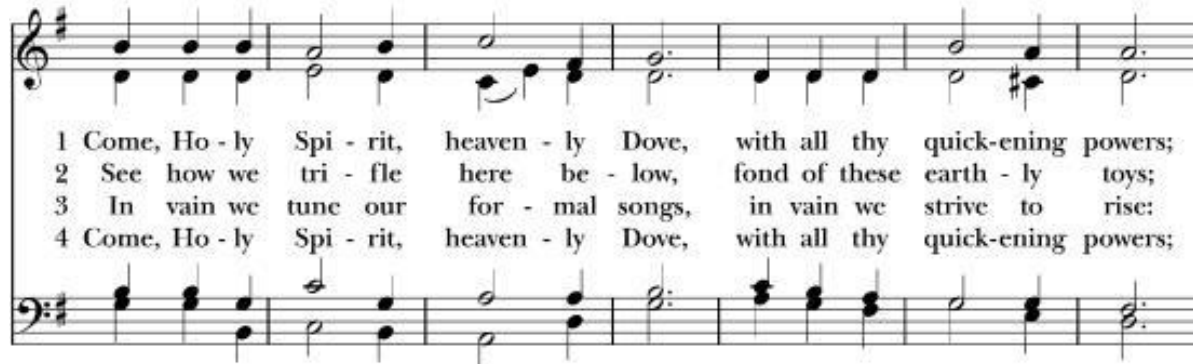
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the

midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Closing Hymn # 510**      *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*



1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;  
2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;  
3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise;  
4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;



kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.  
our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.  
ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.  
come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*      *2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Postlude**

**Worship Ministers Today:**

Tom Hollinger: 8:00 Lay Worship Leader

Sara Coles: 10:00 Lay Worship Leader

Worth Bracken: Lay Preacher

Emily D'Souza: Organist

John Magee: 8:00 Reader

Leslie Weigel: 10:00 Reader

Laura Daly: Veejay (VJ)

MB Witt, Sara Coles: Altar Guild

Corinne Johnson: Coffee Hour

**ST. JOHN'S PROUDLY  
ANNOUNCES:**



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