



St. John's Episcopal Church

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Day of Pentecost, May 28, 2023, 9 am

Typically, Episcopalians stand to sing and for the proclamation of the Gospel; kneel for confession and prayer; and sit while listening to reading or preaching. You will see some indication for those postures in the bulletin. Your presence is more precious than your posture: please stand, sit, or kneel as you are able and prefer.

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Page references are to the red Book of Common Prayer. Music is indicated by "S" for service music (front of blue Hymnal), "LEVAS" for hymns from Lift Every Voice and Sing, and "WLP" for hymns from Wonder, Love, and Praise.

***At the Lord's Prayer, you are encouraged to pray in various languages – the final page of today's bulletin has several translations that may be helpful reminders.**

PRELUDE *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

Bach, var. by Georg Böhm

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HYMN 225 *Hail thee, festival day!*

THE OPENING SALUTATION

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant and People

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 S 280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

First Lesson

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles. 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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea*

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.**

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
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.

**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. *
Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson

A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the 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.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 516 *Come down, O Love divine*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Stand as able

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 20:19 – 23.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Julie D. Bryant

THE NICENE CREED

Stand as able

Celebrant and People

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Our prayer list is offered at this time.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people remain in place to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC *O Sacrum Convivium*

R. Remondi

DOXOLOGY 380, V 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Standing, seated or kneeling

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down 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 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 S 125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 Bread and the Cup are distributed with these words

The Body (and Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

COMMUNION MUSIC *In Remembrance of Me*

Buryl Red

Let us pray.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS 120 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Allegro*

Léon Boëllmann

PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin, Rector
Lynn Robinson, Minister of Music • Judith Marcinko, Organist
Bryan Harbin, Usher • Faye Pritchard, Altar Guild
Bill Pritchard, Reader • Patricia Broida, Prayers of the People
Patricia Broida, Intinction Cup Bearer
Bryan Harbin and Bill Pritchard, Tellers • Faye Pritchard, Fellowship
Peter Olivere, Sound and Live-stream Coordinator

Live-Stream Worship Continues on Sundays. We continue to use the following Zoom access link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElNYnpDZ1N2ZVFhSWdNlkoZDUT09>
and Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589. The password is still 2020. Any other information remains the same.
If you can't copy the link, go to zoom.com/join and enter Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020.
If you don't have Zoom on your device you will need to do that prior to the service.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome:** We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Or you may come forward and receive a blessing.

**The flowers on the altar today** are given to the Glory of God by the Elsie McNeely Trust in memory of Elsie H. McNeely and her husband Charles W. McNeely, and also given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. McNeely's daughter Lenora Jane Williams, and Joseph W. and Naomi W. Harriman, parents of Elsie McNeely. The trust left to St. John's by Elsie has given us our A/C systems and contributed to our kitchen remodeling and roof repairs.

**The flowers** are also given by Peter and Patricia Broida in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**Let's begin in silence.** The parlor is available for socializing before worship, and you are encouraged to make use of it to catch up with one another. This allows the sanctuary to be a quiet space for those who wish to pray or prepare themselves to read and gives the prelude its due attention as an invitation to worship.

**The Book Club meets** for the final time this season on Tuesday, **June 6**, at 7:30 pm downstairs in the undercroft. They are reading *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristen Harmel, "a heart-stopping tale of survival and heroism centered on a female forger who risks everything to help Jewish children escape Nazi-occupied France." The Book Club will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 5. Over the summer they will be reading *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. Everyone is invited to attend, even those who haven't read the book. This is a social gathering.

**Emergency Pastoral Care.** For pastoral emergencies please call or text the Reverend Julie D. Bryant at 703-336-2255. Her email address is [rector@stjohnsarlingtonva.org](mailto:rector@stjohnsarlingtonva.org).

**Barbara Olivere maintains our common Prayer List**, and sends cards to people who are ill, as well as birthday cards and anniversary cards. Please communicate with her at [prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org). If you are able to share in this ministry, please be in touch with the Rector or Barbara, as keeping in contact with one another is particularly important to those unable to be with us in worship.

**Worship in the time of Covid 19.** We encourage wearing masks. Please continue to exercise good judgment and sensitivity during your time in Church. Please do not ask those who continue to wear masks why this is the case; and respect any wish for distance. Please continue to wave as a means of **Passing the Peace**. Communion will be in both forms using an intinction cup, and the celebrant will wear a mask for the distribution of the Sacrament.

**St. John's position on racism** can be found on the home page of our website, [www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org](http://www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org).

**Rev. Bryant also serves as Rector of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Falls Church.** They celebrate their Sunday service at 11 am where you are welcome to attend. The church is located at 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042. Their website is [www.saintpatricks.us](http://www.saintpatricks.us) Their YouTube Channel carries their services live as well as past weeks. The channel is <https://www.youtube.com/user/StPatsEpiscopal>.