



St. John's Episcopal Church

Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

The Day of Pentecost
June 8, 2025 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Variations on the chorale *Komm heiliger Geist, Herre Gott*
Matthias Weckmann (1616-1674)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #225 *Hail thee festival day*

SALVE FESTA DIES

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: 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 *Benedic, anima mea* **Tone VIII.1**

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, *
crea/tures both smál/ and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviáthan, *
which you have made / for the spórt of it.

28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food / in due séason.

29 You give it to them; they gáther it; *
you open your hand, and they are / filled with góod things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and re/turn 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, Ó my soul. *
— / Hallelujah! [Ant.]

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Sequence Hymn #711 *Seek ye first*

SEEK YE FIRST

Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27

Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who

believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 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."

Following the Gospel

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rector

Baptism Hymn #225 *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy*

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Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism

The family stands and presents the candidate as the people remain seated.

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

We present Charlotte DaSilva Connors to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the parents and sponsors the following questions:

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Parents and Sponsors

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents and Sponsors **I do.**

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents and Sponsors **I do.**

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents and Sponsors **I do.**

The congregation stands and the Presider addresses them.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will.

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest 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 God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest 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.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest 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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest 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.**

Priest Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



The Presider blesses the water.

The Baptism

The Candidate is presented to the Presider, who then baptizes with these words:

Presider I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen!**

The newly baptized is marked with the sign of the cross with Chrism, with these words:

Priest You are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen!**

The Presider prays over the newly baptized, and then presents a candle lit from the Paschal Candle.

All then join in praying the St. John's Baptismal Prayer.

St. John's Baptismal Prayer

People **Bless we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, the parents of this child, and give to them and to all in whose charge she may be the spirit of wisdom and love: that her home may be to her an image of thy kingdom, and the care of her parents a likeness of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Welcome of the Newly Baptized

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector

Offertory Hymn #516 Come down, O love divine

DOWN AMPNEY



During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly.

Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words

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.

The Sanctus *Hymnal S-125*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

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.**

Presider 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.

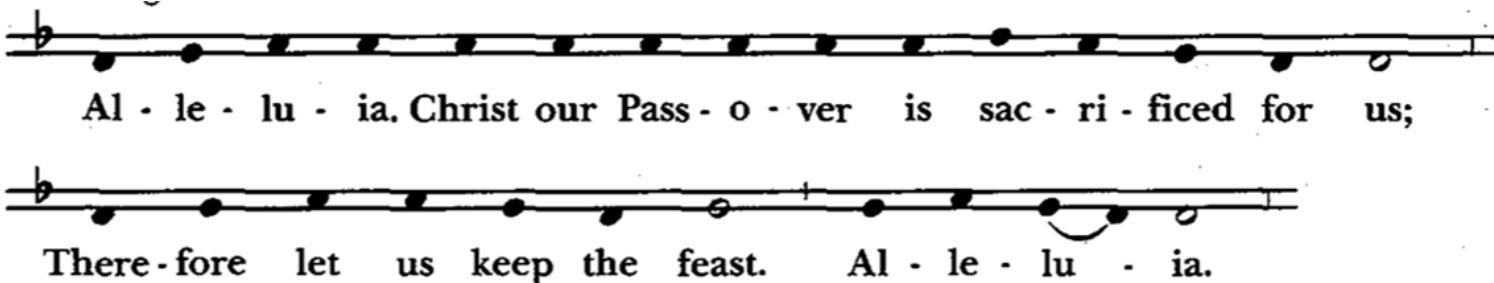
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



Anthem at Communion

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Andre Sala (1899-1968)

tr: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as able.

Presider Let us pray.

People **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 Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude Fantasia on the chorale *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

At the conclusion of the service, all are invited to join us in the Wolcott Cutler Memorial Garden for refreshments and celebration!

Today's altar flowers were arranged by Elizabeth Hay

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Michael Fenn, Seminarian

Nate Gunsch, Vestry Person of the Day

Jen DiManno and Nancy Armstrong, Readers

Louis Tompros, Intercessor

Nate Gunsch and Matt Hast, Ushers

Catherine Womack, Altar Guild

Birgitta and Brendan Ryback,

Brendan and Birgitta Ryback, August Kaminski and Duncan Holbrook-Smith,

Coffee Hour Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to our wonderful choir for their great contributions to our worship services over the past nine months. The choir goes on hiatus for the summer beginning next Sunday.

We are delighted to welcome Charlotte DaSilva Connors to the Household of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Charlotte is the six-month-old daughter of Gabriella DaSilva and Ryan Connors.

When baptism is celebrated, as it was today, the prayers for the baptismal candidate replace the Prayers of the people. Please continue to keep those on our prayer list in your own prayers this week: Lyn, Megan, Judy, Markus, Cecilia, Elizabeth, CK, Lin and John.

Thanks, blessings and farewell to Michael Fenn, the wonderful seminarian we have been blessed to have with us the past two years. Michael has been an important part of the St. John's family, offering this community a host of gifts. Michael continues the "field education" part of his seminary journey at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Marblehead, beginning this week.

Today we celebrate the Wolcott Cutler Garden restoration project with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony from 11:30 am to 1 pm, following this service. The garden work was made possible through the generosity of the City of Boston's Community Preservation Act Grant. Thanks go to Joanne Graziano for working to bring this long-needed project to reality. Come celebrate both the garden and the community support that made it possible!

Thanks to the many people who cooked, baked, sliced and diced to make today's multi-faceted celebration truly grand!

This Thursday, June 12, our healing service will be held in the sanctuary at 11am. All are welcome to attend this service which is held every other month.

This Friday, June 13, please join us at 7pm for Evensong! All are welcome.

Next Sunday – June 15 – our service will move to 9am to accommodate that day's annual Bunker Hill Day parade. In addition to the annual Bunker Hill Day festivities next Sunday, there will be a celebration on Monday, June 16, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the Bunker Hill Monument. That ceremony begins at 9:30am with a grand procession from the Navy Yard to the Monument. Celebrations continue Tuesday, June 17 with remembrance events to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, the people who fought, and all that was sacrificed. At 7pm on Tuesday, the U. S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus, along with the Musical Ambassadors of the Army, will play a tribute concert, honoring those who fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

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