



The Day of Pentecost

May 28th, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship at Saint John's Episcopal Church.

Here are a few notes to make you feel more comfortable.

- Relax and allow your focus to be on praising God, not on the “right” way to do things, because there is no “right” way.
- Please remain muted for the duration of the service unless you have a speaking role. All are welcome to unmute themselves during announcements.
- Above all, ask questions through Zoom's chat feature, if you have them. Anyone in the congregation will be happy to try and answer them.

We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.

The Liturgy of the Word

The service begins with three chimes of a bell, followed by the announcement of the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN – 511 (*standing, as able*)

HOLY SPIRIT, EVER LIVING

Timothy Rees

- Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ;
thee we praise with endless worship
for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.**
- Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry;
quickening, strengthening, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age, and soul to soul,
in a fellowship unending
thee we worship and extol.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*standing, as able*)

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Officiant says

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (*standing, as able*)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:1-21 (*seated*)

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.’”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:25-35,37 (*seated*)

Leader Let us read a portion of Psalm 104 responsively by whole verse.

- 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 forever; *
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 SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (*seated*)

Reader A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-23 (*standing, as able*)

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **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."

Gospeller Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON (*seated*)

The Rev. Christopher Richardson

THE NICENE CREED (*standing, as able*)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III (*standing, as able*)

Officiant Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People **That your name may be glorified by all people.**

Officiant Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
for justice, freedom, and peace.

Officiant We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Officiant We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Officiant Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Officiant Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Officiant Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Officiant We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Officiant Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Today we especially pray for Olivia Alcott and family, Lisa Alcott, Mary Becht, Susan Bush, the Correa family, Sue Craig, Maureen Cunningham, Kim French, Colton Hiemenz, Lamar Holsinger, John Kissel, Kevin Lewis, Rebecca McNemar, Tim McNemar, deniray mueller, Marian Peeler, David Richards, Don Sirbaugh, Alan Smith, Charles Spissu, Dale Van Bibber, Mike and Sue Whitaker, Daniel Whitehurst, Alexander, Keller and all of the people across the world affected by natural disasters, violence, war, and gun violence.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSON OF SIN (*kneeling, as able*)

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant 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.*

PEACE (*standing, as able*)

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*seated*)

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (*seated*)

Officiant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN -508 (*seated*)

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

Edwin Hatch

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do or to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

DOXOLOGY (*standing, as able*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures, high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.**

The Holy Communion

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1 (*standing, as able*)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

People **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.**

(standing or kneeling, as able)

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Saint John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN – LEVAS 114 *(seated)*

EV'RY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

African American Spiritual

- 1 **Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,
moving in my heart, I will pray.**

- 2 **Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine.**

- 3 **Jordan river chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul.
There ain't but one train runs this track,
runs to heaven and runs right back.**

SENDING EUCHARISTIC MINISTER *(seated)*

Celebrant deniray, in the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body.

People **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread.**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

Celebrant May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN – LEVAS 120 (*standing, as able*)
SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Doris Ackers

- 1 **There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

[Refrain]

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

- 2 **There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness, and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."**

[REFRAIN]

- 3 **If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in,
you can make it right if you will yield;
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.**

[REFRAIN]

DISMISSAL (*standing, as able*)

Deacon **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All are invited to join us in our meeting room following the service for coffee and fellowship.
- We are encouraging that at least one person volunteer each week to be the St. John's representative to Street Church on the Sundays when we do NOT host (cook, serve, and cleanup). The job is essentially to be the liaison and provide whatever the volunteers need. This includes aiding with cleanup at the church afterwards and locking up. Contact Peg Kissel for questions or training. PLEASE SIGN UP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE49ADA62CA4FFC52-street> or contact Sam Meade to sign up for you by calling the church phone number : (614) 221-9328 or emailing stjadministrator@st-johns-columbus.org
- St. John's and Sacred Table are hosting a dinner church twice a month on Wednesday evenings. This will be an opportunity to gather around a "dinner table" as sacred space. Worship and a meal will all be one experience, and we will have local artists, poets, and musicians joining us. Our next dinner will be on May 31st at St. Johns at 6 P.M.
- Christopher will be leading a Civil Rights Pilgrimage May 31-June 7. During that time, they will be spending time in Atlanta, Selma, and Montgomery to visit places like the King Center, National Memorial for Justice and Peace (aka, the Lynching Memorial), Legacy Museum, Edmund Pettis Bridge and then make their way to the start of the Trail of Tears. Sometime after he gets back, Christopher will host a presentation on the trip during our fellowship hour after the 10 a.m. service.
- Saint John's is participating in Franklinton's "Chicken and Beer Fest" on June 3, at Dodge Park from 5-7 pm. We will be manning the beer truck and are looking for volunteers to help. We will be wearing our new Saint John's tee shirts to be more visible to the Franklinton community. Please contact Deacon deniray (614-668-6036 or email deniray@deniray.com) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. This fest is a fundraiser for 'Use Your Ears', providing beginner, intermediate, advanced music/songwriting courses, mentorship, and workshops for your 8-24-year-olds.
- Bishop Smith will be visiting St. John's on June 11th. This will be the first "Bishop's Visit" since Christopher joined us in 2020 and the only opportunity St. John's will have to host Bishop Smith. Also scheduled for that day will be multiple baptisms along with receiving someone into the Episcopal Church. Please join us to make June 11th a special day for St. John's, Columbus!
- We are proud to participate in Columbus Pride. We participate both by joining the parade, and by holding our annual Pride Mass. Pride Mass is Thursday, June 15, 2023, with reception at 5:30 PM and Mass at 6:30 PM at Trinity on Capital Square (125 E. Broad St., Columbus). The Pride Parade is on Saturday June 17 at 10:30 am.
- Street Church meets at the PNC on the corner of Central and Broad on Sundays at 1pm.
- If you know anyone in assisted care, please reach out to us! We would love to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.
- Jericho's Light Club will be meeting every Friday and Saturday from 5-9 pm in the parish hall/undercroft.

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Mission Statement:

St. John's is a body of Christians, where all are welcome, giving thanks to God through traditional worship in an informal setting and serving God, fully dedicated to being in ministry with our neighborhood and beyond.

Vision Statement:

St. John's envisions a world of equity, peace, and compassion. At St. John's you can be yourself, while experiencing God's love, without fear of judgment.

Who We Are:

St. John's was founded in 1873 as a neighborhood mission and continues to strive to be fully engaged in the Franklinton community through worship, service, and relationships. We do not do outreach; everything we do reaches out into the larger community and invites the community into the life of the congregation.

