

St John's Episcopal Church



The Feast of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

10am

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As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along or enjoy listening. Welcome - we are grateful for your presence!

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to the Glory of God

by Leslie Limpert

with Happy Birthday wishes to Rick and Alexandra

To remember or celebrate a loved one with a donation for our altar flowers, please contact Nancy Strauch at 510-237-5021.

Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 516

Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

Sung by all, standing.

- 1 Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming
- 3 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
no soul can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

— Bianco di Siena (d. 1434?) ; tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.

Opening Acclamation

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

ALL

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

3

Lord God, - heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther.

5

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

CHOIR ALONE: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God.

7 ALL

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

CHOIR ALONE: you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

9 ALL

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

11

you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ,

CHOIR ALONE: with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

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Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.' "

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

Psalm 104:25-32 (Metrical)

St. Anne

Sung by all.

1 Your works, O God, are manifold
And wisely made and well;
You filled the earth with forms of life,
More than our lips can tell.

2 And yonder lies the great wide sea
With life of every sort,
And ships, and that Leviathan
Which you have made for sport.

3 These look to you and you provide,
They gather what you give;
You open wide your hand with good
To fill all things that live.

4 But when you hide your face, O God,
They all are terrified;
You take away their breath, they die,
And in the dust subside.

5 You send your Spirit forth and so
Create and give new birth;
May all your glory long endure;
Rejoice, God, in your earth.

— Christopher L. Webber (b. 1932)

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Shepherd's Alleluia

John Karl Hirten

All repeat refrain after the choir each time.



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Verse: You are God, we praise and acclaim you.
You, O God, are eternal.
All creation worships you. — *Refrain*

Holy Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams

A moment of silent reflection follows the Sermon.

HOLY BAPTISM

God's Call

Dear friends in Christ,
God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us.
In baptism God declares that love;
in Christ God calls us to respond.

The Presentation for Baptism

The candidate for baptism is presented by parents and godparents:

I present N_____ to be baptized and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

The presider addresses the congregation

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptized so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call."

The presider directs these questions to the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of infants and younger children.

Question How do you respond to this promise?

Answer We hear God's call and ask for baptism.

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

Answer I will, with God's help.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

The presider addresses the congregation, saying

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

People We will.

The Presider then continues

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People 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.

Presider 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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.

Blessing the Water

Presider Praise God who made heaven and earth,

People whose promise endures for ever.

Presider We thank you God for your love in all creation,
especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and
cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant

with your people Israel;

through the Red Sea waters

you led them to freedom in the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized

by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism.

He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all.

It is Christ who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

People Amen! Come Holy Spirit!

Presider We thank you that through the waters of baptism
you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us
to new life. In the new covenant we are made members
of your Church and share in your eternal kingdom.
Through your Holy Spirit, fulfill once more your
promises in this water of rebirth, set apart
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honor, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!

Baptism and Chrismation

The candidate is presented by name to the presider, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

*N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Then the presider places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using chrism and saying to each one

*N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.*

When this action has been completed for all the candidates, the presider prays over them, saying

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

The presider then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and 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.

Asperges

The presider blesses the people with Holy Water as a sign of our renewed baptismal vows.

Peace

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory & Collection

The ushers take a collection during the offertory anthem. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. Ways of giving to St. John's are listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Offertory

Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Harold Freidell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,
 Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
 Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
 Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
 Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee,
 That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
 Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

—Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

The Doxology*Gelobt sei Gott**The people stand to sing the Doxology while the collection is presented at the altar.*

To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the
 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for
 life in us be - gun. Al - le - lu -
 ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Great Thanksgiving*The people remain standing.**Presider* The Lord be with you.*People* And also with you.*Presider* Lift up your hearts.*People* We lift them to the Lord.*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

. . . And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Norfolk Mass

John Karl Hirten

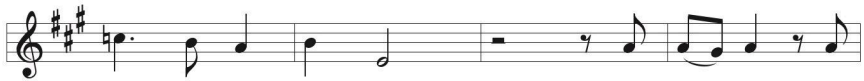
Sung by all.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, Heav-en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na, ho -



san-na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Lord's Prayer

You are invited to raise your hands in prayer and blessing as we pray.
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

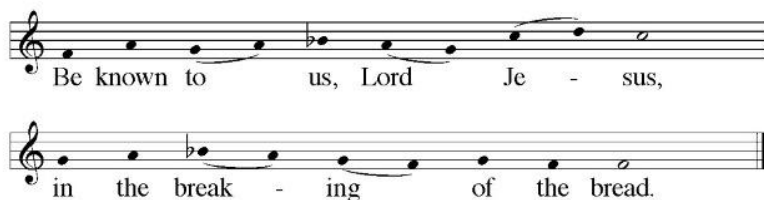
Presider and People

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Plainchant, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Please repeat refrain the first time after the cantor.



1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
—*Refrain*
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
—*Refrain*

Presider Holy things for holy people.

Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you would like to receive the common cup, please help guide the chalice so you may drink from it. The practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is no longer permitted, in alignment with best health practices. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music Come, Holy Ghost (*Song 44*) Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Come, Holy Ghost the Maker, come; Take in the souls of thine thy place;
Thou whom our hearts had being from, Oh, fill them with thy heavenly grace.
Thou art the comfort from above, The highest doth by gift impart;
Thou spring of life, a fire of love, And the anointing Spirit art.

—George Wither (1588-1667)

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The presider offers God's blessing.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Occasions of Thanksgiving

All those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and occasions of thanksgiving are invited to come forward.

Today, tomorrow and always we rejoice in the hands of God.

May God's powerful hands support you.

May God's guiding hands lead you.

May God's loving hands enfold you.

We rejoice in the hands of God. *Amen.*

Hymn 511

Holy Spirit, ever living

Abbot's Leigh

Sung by all.

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;
quickenings, 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.

— Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Komm Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Join us for coffee and fellowship In our parish hall following the service. Coffee and refreshments on the house. Or, support our Youth Ministry at the Espresso Bar: Lattes or espresso drinks: \$3. All proceeds support our Youth Ministry.

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

Choral Evensong: TODAY Come join the St. John's Choir and friends for Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 19, at 4pm. This beautiful, meditative, service is based on traditional practice dating back to the 16th Century, and will feature a Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis by our own John Karl Hirten, Preces and Responses by the Elizabethan English composer William Smith, and an anthem by Harold Friedell. There will be a simple wine and cheese reception after the service. All are welcome, and please bring a friend!

SUNDAY

8am: Worship

9am: Family Worship (Held in the Parish Hall.)

10am:

Worship (in-person in the church & live stream)

Children's Sunday School & Morning Youth Group

MONDAY

7pm: Bible Study (Zoom). All are welcome.

TUESDAY

7:30am: Christian Meditation (in-person and online)

WEDNESDAY**2pm:** Bible Study (in the Fireside Room). All are welcome.**2nd Tuesday** (*resumes in September*)

6pm: Dinner Church in the Parish Hall

2nd SATURDAYS of the Month (usually)

8am: Men's Group

SERVING TODAY

(Sunday Worship Prep)

Jo Burnett	Altar Guild
Susan Edwards	Altar Guild
Patty Griffith	Altar Guild
Leslie Ross	Altar Guild
Anne Doyle	Communion Bread Baker
<i>open</i>	Flower Angel

8:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Preacher
Leslie Limpert	Usher

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher

10:00 AM (Children's Sunday School)

Sandra Pathik	Children's Sunday School - Teacher
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10:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Preacher
The Rev. Skip Fotch	Clergy - Assisting
Jeanette Anspacher	EM
Connie Granger	EM
Mary Kay Dolejsi	Lector
Brian Wittenkeller	A/V - Audio
<i>open</i>	A/V - Video
Ted Anspacher	Usher
Jon Price	Usher
Chris Russell	Usher

Chancel Choir

Kathleen Auld, Betsy Bennett-Smith,* Cynthia Captain, Kari Chao, Danielle Colborn Wright, Kelli Fleitas, Roy Gale, Sepp Hammer,* Ariana Hiscott, Shari Kinney, Eleanor Prugh, Helen Sandeman, Jessica House Steward,* Lee Steward,* Sue Talmage, Paul Thompson,* Cheryl Ziedrich (*section leader)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Card Phishing Scams Both email and text phishing scams rely on impersonation tactics to engage with victims to ask them to purchase gift cards. The attackers leverage authority and urgency in their requests and will frequently impersonate employees of St. John's as part of the scam. After a few exchanges the person asks you to purchase gift cards and send them the activation codes. These attacks work because they are a simple, quick way to get money, especially when the email or text are impersonating someone at the church. If you get any kind of email or text from someone at St. John's asking if you "are available?" or asking for you to only "text them", before responding, reach out to the sender in a separate message or call them to check if they actually sent the request. Don't reply to the email or text or use any contact information provided in the reply - attackers often provide fake numbers or email addresses that they control. St. John's clergy or staff will NEVER ask you to purchase gift cards for them.

Annual Fund '24 - Spiritual is Tangible - We have received 96% of our 1mm goal in pledges and gifts from 252 households. If you have not made your pledge/gift, please join us by giving online or making a commitment. Thank you for your generous support!

Men's Group Retreat: Registration Open The Men's Group will hold its annual retreat Thursday afternoon May 30 thru Saturday June 1 — at St. Dorothy's Rest, the Episcopal retreat center deep in the Redwoods near Occidental, California. Enjoy good discussion, good food, and good fellowship. Go to www.stjohnsross.org.

Parish Weekend Away: September 6-8 Hiking trails, pool, tree swing, simple but well-appointed rooms, lots of free space for kids to roam, campfire and amazing food! Join us at The Bishop's Ranch in the Sonoma wine country for our annual Parish Weekend Away. This year we'll gather from Friday, 9/6 to Sunday, 9/8 for two days and two nights of fellowship, fun, rest, and spiritual development. Friday evening begins with a pot luck picnic on the on the lawn and the weekend closes with a worship service Sunday morning. The staff and clergy of St John's provide activities and program for all ages: some of which are age-specific, and some inter-generational. Go to www.stjohnsross.org.

Wednesday Bible Study Please join us for an ongoing in-person bible study led by parishioner Ethan Dettmer on Wednesday afternoons in the Fireside Room at 2pm. All are invited - no experience or preparation necessary. For more information, contact Rev. Heather.

An exploration of Mary Magdalene and the Divine Feminine Last spring a group of us read and discussed Meggan Watterson's *Mary Magdalene Revealed*. This spring we are going to explore Cynthia Bourgeault's *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity*. Our gatherings will be once a week in the evening on Zoom - probably on Wednesdays. Stay tuned for more details. Please contact Rev. Heather for more information.

Affordable Housing Civic Academy: June 4 All are invited by to attend the Marin Organizing Committee's meeting to learn more about the proposed BAHFA affordable housing bond measure planned for the November 2024 ballot and which, if passed, would unlock \$350–\$700 million for affordable housing and homelessness solutions in Marin.

When: Tuesday, June 4 7-8:30pm

Where: St. Anselm's Church, 97 Shady Lane @Bolin Avenue in San Anselmo

Children's Sunday School @10AM. We will have our Sunday School class in the Fireside Room. After the class we join parents for holy communion in the church.

Confirmation Celebration Sunday Join us in celebrating our 2023-2024 Confirm Not Conform Class during the 10 am service + at Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 9th.

Sunday Morning Youth Group We meet at the 10 am service – 6th-12th grade in the Youth Room. Join us for doughnuts and good chats!

Sunday Evening Youth Group We meet from 5:00-6:30 pm on Sunday evenings. Join us for games, chatting, crafts, service projects, and more! Dinner is provided.

Evening Youth Group Dinner Volunteers We need volunteers to provide dinner for Evening Youth Group as we enter Spring 2024 of our program year. Sign up here. Your help is always appreciated!

Youth Group on Instagram Follow the St. John's Youth Group at *st.johnsrossyouth*

Music Notes Pentecost is often thought of as a Christian holiday, but the name “Pentecost” (which is Greek for “fiftieth,” as in “the fiftieth day”) originally applied to the “Feast of Weeks,” an important feast day in ancient Israel celebrating God’s giving of the *Torah* to Moses on Mount Sinai. The feast is known today as *Shavuot* and occurs fifty days after Passover. According to Christian tradition, it was on the day of Pentecost that God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus, hence the birth of a new movement known as Christianity. Pentecost is sometimes described by Christians today as the “Birthday of the Church.”

“Draw us in the Spirit’s tether” was a hymn tune written in 1945 by Harold Friedell, who was the influential music director at Calvary Church and then St. Bartholomew’s Church in New York City. Using a text written by Percy Dearmer in 1931, Friedell composed it as a communion hymn specifically for Pentecost Sunday 1945. Taking his previously composed hymn tune, Friedell created the SATB anthem arrangement the choir is singing this morning. The hymn text begins in the upper room with the disciples and comes full circle as we join them around the table and are nourished to serve others in the world. Dearmer distinguished himself in the field of hymnology as the co- editor, with composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, of *The English Hymnal* (1906). He also co-edited *The Oxford Book of Carols* (1928) and other major collections.

Hymnes and Songes of the Church, published in 1623 by the English poet and author George Wither, is considered by some to be the first “true” hymnal of the English church, since it contains original poetry not exclusively based on the Psalms. Orlando Gibbons contributed some selections to the book, either because Wither had a royal patent to print the volume, or because Gibbons wished to counterbalance some of Wither’s own music, which apparently was not very good, that was previously published in 1621 for a similar book. Gibbons was known primarily as an organist and “virginalist” (a virginal is a type of keyboard, similar to a harpsichord), but his

choral music is more well known today. Withers was a Puritan and a staunch critic of the Crown. He was imprisoned for criticizing the court in a pamphlet entitled "Abuses Stript and Whipt" (1613) and again for "Withers Motto" (1621). A prolific Puritan writer and a captain in the English Civil War, he achieved the distinction of being imprisoned by both parties!

In the late 1740's, J. S. Bach revisited organ pieces that he had written some thirty years earlier while he was organist at the ducal court of Weimar. At least fourteen pieces were extensively reworked, and four others were either composed for the collection or had been included by students who acted as scribes for the composer, who by 1750 had lost his eyesight. It is thought that Bach's ultimate intention was to have them published, but he died before that could happen. The pieces were not unknown by organists, but full publication of the so-called "Great Eighteen" chorales didn't happen until Felix Mendelssohn performed them publicly in Leipzig and edited the first publication. "Komm Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist (Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit) is an extended version of a shorter piece based on the Lutheran setting of the plainchant "Veni Creator Spiritus."

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