

St John's Episcopal Church



The Feast of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

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!

During the service, please text your prayer request, birthday, anniversary or occasion of thanksgiving to 415.275.0115.

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To the Glory of God

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

Sunday

8am: Worship

9am: Intergenerational Family Worship

10am:

Worship (in-person & live stream)

Children's Sunday School

Morning Youth Group

Monday

7:30pm: Women's Bible Discussion (Zoom) *(no class on May 25)*

2nd Tuesdays

7:30am: Christian Meditation

6pm: Dinner Church (resumes in September)

Wednesday

1pm: Bible Study

2nd Saturdays of the Month

8am: Men's Group

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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

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.

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.

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.

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.*

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-18

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in the same place. And there came suddenly from heaven a sound like the sweeping of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Then there appeared among them divided tongues, as of fire, and one rested on each of them. And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other tongues just as the Spirit gave them to speak.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. Now at this sound the crowd gathered and was confused because each heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astounded, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how do we hear, each in our own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those who live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjacent to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and questioning to one another saying, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you all, and attend to my speech: For these persons are not drunk as you suppose, it is only the third hour [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 daughters and your sons shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your elders shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both women and men,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.'

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 14:8-17

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Philip said to Jesus, “Rabbi, show us the Father, and we will be content.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with all of you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? The one who 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 speak to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does the works of God. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you all, the one who believes in me will also do the works I do and even will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you all ask in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you all ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and God 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 nor knows the Spirit. You know the spirit, because the Spirit abides with you, and the Spirit will be in 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.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Please stand.

Priest Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

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, 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.

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 the 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
May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by
water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in
eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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

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

Norfolk Mass

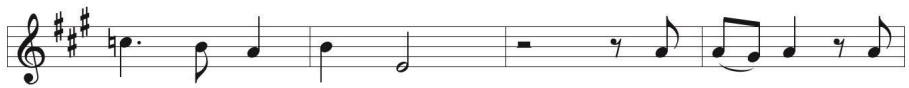
John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)



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:

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 wish to receive from the chalice please sip directly from the cup and do not dip the bread into the wine, as all evidence suggests that this creates a greater risk of transmitting infection. 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

The Spirit of the Lord

Tony Way

Sung by the choir

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. Alleluia.

Pour out the wine of your Spirit, O Lord. May we be drunk with your love.

Then shall we be strong, our hearts and lips cleansed by your sacred flame. Alleluia.

— From the Book of Wisdom, Maronite Rite

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.

Prayer for those who have died in the service of our country

God of Glory, in whose hands are the living and the dead: We give you thanks for all those who have laid down their lives in service of our country. Grant them your mercy and the light of your presence; and give us a sense of your will and purpose, that we may understand that the work you have begun in them will be perfected through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, in whom all strife is resolved. *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;
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.

— 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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Kick-off BBQ: June 7 All are invited to a parish BBQ on the lawn after the 10am service on Sunday, June 7. A complimentary lunch is provided by our Men's Group. A bounce house will be available for children, youth and adventurous adults.

Parish Weekend Away: September 11-13 Hiking trails, swimming pool, simple but well-appointed rooms, and amazing food! Join us at The Bishop's Ranch in Sonoma for our annual Parish Weekend Away 2026. This year we'll gather from Friday, 9/11 to Sunday, 9/13 for two days and two nights of fellowship, fun, rest, and spiritual development. Families, singles, and seniors welcome. Online signup www.stjohnsross.org

SCAM emails Several people have received emails from someone pretending to be Rev. Chris and saying he needs their help buying a gift card or similar request. Rev. Chris, nor anyone else from the St. John's staff will ever make such a request. We do not use or give away gift cards. If the email address is not from @stjohnsross.org it is not from a staff member. Please report emails like this as phishing or spam. If you are ever in doubt please call the church.

Summer Choral Program The St. John's Choir and The St. John's Choristers will be on their usual break from June 7 until August 30. But we will continue to have a summer choral program which we call the "Drop-in Choir." We invite any and all interested parishioners to come to the chancel on Sunday morning at 9 AM (sharp!) to learn the hymns, psalm and anthem for that morning, which we will sing at 10 AM. Even if you have not sung with a choir before, you are welcome to join us. It's not necessary to come every week, just on those days when you are here, so there is no commitment! Since the choir does not wear robes in the summer, we ask that you dress appropriately. Drop-in Choir will take place through the end of July. Talk to John Hirten, the Director of Music, for more info.

Women's Bible Discussion: Mondays - no class on May 25 On Monday evenings, 7:30-8:30pm, a group of women gather on Zoom to read and discuss books of the bible and sometimes other ancient texts. We are currently exploring the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Please contact Rev. Heather for more information.

Bible Study: Wednesdays All are welcome to participate in this in-person class on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Youth Room. We are currently exploring Redemption in the Bible. Please email facilitator Ethan Dettmer for more information and to receive the syllabus.

Sunday School at 10 AM. We will have combined Sunday School classes in the month of May. We will meet in the Fireside Room. Kids from preschool through 5th grade are welcomed. After class, all children will proceed to the church to join their parents for Communion.

Sunday Morning Youth Group On most Sundays, all youth (grades 6th-12th) are invited to meet in the Youth Room at 10am. This Sunday, all are welcome to join Robert for a conversation about the question of the week. For more information, please contact Rev. Heather.

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.”

William Levi Dawson was a distinguished composer, professor and choral director who today is best known for his well-crafted arrangement of Spirituals. Born in Kansas City, MO, of African-American heritage, he studied at the Chicago Musical College and later at the American Conservatory of Music, where he attained a Master of Music degree. After teaching for a while in the Kansas City school system, he became music professor at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, where he developed what would become a world-renowned choral program. *Every time I feel the Spirit* is typical of his spiritual arrangements, as they are both characteristic and respectful at the same time.

Tony Way is director of music at St Francis’ Church in downtown Melbourne, Australia. St Francis is one of Australia’s busiest Roman Catholic churches with some 13,000 visitors a week. Apart from overseeing the provision of music for daily masses and offices, Way directs the St Francis’ Choir which sings at the main Sunday mass 46 weeks of the year. The choir, founded in 1845 has a long tradition of performing orchestral masses by Haydn, Mozart, Schubert and others. Tony Way has an honors degree in organ and musicology from the University of Melbourne and a master’s degree from Australian Catholic University. In addition to his work at St Francis, he composes liturgical music and is a music reviewer for *Limelight*, Australia’s leading classical music magazine.

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*.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Prep (Pentecost)

Anne Doyle	Altar Guild
Holly Kaufman*	Altar Guild
Susan Mackenzie	Altar Guild
Shelley Wilson	Altar Guild
Lyn Klein	Communion Bread Baker
open	Flower Angel

8:00 AM - Worship (Pentecost)

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Preacher
Charlie Hoeveler	Usher

9:00 AM - Family Worship (Pentecost)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher

10:00 AM - Sunday School (Pentecost)

Sandra Pathik	Sunday School - Teacher
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10:00 AM - Worship w/Choir (Pentecost)

John Summerlin	A/V - Audio
Kevin Erdman	A/V - Video
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Preacher
Connie Granger	Eucharistic Minister
Bill Kaufman	Eucharistic Minister
George Harris	Lector
Jan Heglund	Usher
Charlie Hoeveler	Usher

11:00 AM (Coffee Hour)

Holly Kaufman*	Goodies Supplier
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PRAYER LIST

Members

Rosemary Morgan	Melinda Booth	Ted Anspacher
Betty Enemark	Travis Wright	The Rev. Jan West
JT Sweet	Carol Hughes	Katie Hoertkorn
Signe Lando	Arlene Henry	

Friends & Family

Susan	(friend of Peter English)
Rebecca Prugh	(daughter of Eleanor Prugh)
William Wright	(father of Josh Wright)
Jezebel Wilkinson	(friend of Barry Druschel)
Maria Isabel, Jimmy, & Katherine O'Malley	(extended family of Lyn Taylor)
Michael Satzow	(friend of Alisa Quint)
Barbara Servos	(sister of Sue Talmage)
Naomi Talmage	(granddaughter of Sue Talmage)
Cindy Chase	(friend of Holly Posner)
Maria Bonilla	(friend of the Posner family)
Patrick Dowd	(friend of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Cindy Sohl	(friend of Shari and David Kinney)
Sarah	(daughter of Paula)
Michael Daly	(son of Marty Daly)
Cathy	(friend of Marian Mancini)
Ellie, baby of Aarti & Rick	(friend of Marian Mancini)
Kathy Behrendt	(daughter-in-law of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Mary Goff	(Sister of Betsy Bennett Smith)
Liz Colborn	(relative of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Melissa Mikesell	(friend of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Joy Burghardt	(friend of Anne Doyle)
Vera Grigorian	(former parishioner)
Leslie Gay	(friend of Lauren Lamm)
Marcia Summers	(former parishioner)
Martin Ash	(friend of Alisa Quint)
Kayley Jones	(goddaughter of Rick and Marilyn Riede)

In Death

Judith Hughes (cousin of Holly Kaufman)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Holy Spirit Church, Concord, and St. Bede's, Menlo Park

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel
Responding to the needs of our communities
While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

Bishop of California	The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios
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Music Director	John Karl Hirten (<i>john@stjohnsross.org</i>)
Treasurer	Susan Aley
Youth Ministry	Mike Lessin
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ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKEND AWAY 2026

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Typical Schedule

Friday

4pm check-in: BYO picnic on the lawn as folks arrive. Or, eat on the way.

7pm: Welcome and introduction

Saturday

Breakfast, lunch and dinner in the refectory. Saturday programs with afternoon free time for whatever you want.

Sunday

Breakfast in the refectory. Closing community and worship service with Holy Communion. Stick around for more swimming and playing as long as your rooms are clean

Registration

St. John's wants to make the retreat as accessible as possible, so we are offering flexible rates. For each category there are two rates listed - the full-cost rate and a subsidized reduced rate.

adult: private (\$785 full rate/\$630 subsidized)

adult: shared (\$395 full rate/\$315 subsidized)

youth: age 13-18 (\$200 full rate/\$160 subsidized)

child: age 5-12 (\$105 full rate/\$85 subsidized)

child: age 0-4 (free)

Saturday day only (\$140 full rate/\$110 subsidized)