

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 A.M.  
SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Welcome to St. John's! We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence. To ensure newcomers feel welcomed, position prompts are provided throughout our bulletins. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable for you, please know it is fine to remain seated.*

**Prelude**      **Improvisation on "Melita"**

**Arr. A Pandolfe**

*All rise at the sound of the church bell.*

**Hymn 372, standing**      **Praise to the living God**

**LEONI**

*Presider*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*      **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

**Glory to God S-280**      *Gloria in excess*

**R. Powell**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Collect of the Day**

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

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*You may be seated.*

**The First Reading: Job 38:1-11**

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

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

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse beginning with the lector.*  
**Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32** *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

**2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

**23 Some went down to the sea in ships \*  
and plied their trade in deep waters;**

24 They beheld the works of the LORD \*  
and his wonders in the deep.

**25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, \*  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; \*  
their hearts melted because of their peril.

**27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards \*  
and were at their wits' end.**

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

**29 He stilled the storm to a whisper \*  
and quieted the waves of the sea.**

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, \*  
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

**31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.**

**32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people \*  
and praise him in the council of the elders.**

**The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 535, standing** **Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim**

**PADERBORN**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41, standing**

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**Christina Rutland**

*Silence and stillness are kept after the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed, standing**

**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.

**Pray for the World and the Church, *standing***

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops, Kate our priest; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.  
*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.  
*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for St. John's and Rev. Kate during this time of leave-taking and saying goodbye. We give thanks for the years we have had together as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place and for the ministry which we have shared.  
*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for those who are poor, sick, hungry, or oppressed, and for those who are in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially, Jinny Buracchi, Connie Cliffe, Roger Deakin, Margie Faulkner, Raymond Guarino, Nancy Gould, John Hayes, Chris Miller, Marguerite Quigley, Dorothy, Rider, George Wendell, Jerry Williams and those we now name either silently or aloud.  
*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.  
*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for the departed.. Pray for those who have died.  
*Silence*

*Intercessor:* At this time, you may offer your own intercessions and thanksgivings.  
*Silence*

*Intercessor:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.  
*The people kneel as able. A moment of reflective silence is kept.*

*People* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

### **The Peace, standing**

*Presider* The peace of the risen Christ be always with you!

*People* **And also with you!**

*Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### Offertory Sentence

*Presider* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.  
*The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received.*

Hymn 608, *standing* Eternal Father, strong to save

MELITA

### Presentation, *standing*

*The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table. Weekly donations to the Shoreline Pantry are placed before the Altar.*

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship

*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 God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S-129

Holy, Holy, Holy

R. Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

*The people stand or kneel, as the Presider continues*

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:

*Presider and People*

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

*The Presider continues*

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 children, that with 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.  
**AMEN.**

*Presider*        And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**The Lord's Prayer, said by all**

**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

Fraction Anthem S-163

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

R. Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### The Invitation to Communion

*Presider* Behold what you are;  
*People* may we become what we receive.

*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. For a blessing, place your hands across your chest. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding one arm across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.*

Hymn 699 **Jesus, Lover of my soul**

**ABERYSTWYTH**

### Post Communion Prayer, *standing*

*Presider* 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.

**Sending of Eucharistic Visitors, as requested**

*Presider* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

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

**The Blessing, standing**

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. **Amen.**

**Hymn 559, standing** **Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

**DULCE CARMEN**

**The Dismissal, standing**

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

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

**Postlude** **Prelude in G Minor, BWV 558**

**J. S. Bach**

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***Altar Flowers***

*Today's altar flowers are given by Brenda Floyd in celebration of the marriage of her daughter McKee Floyd to Stephen Ellis.*

*Directly following the service, all are invited to attend coffee hour in the Parish Hall.  
Rob and Karen van der Horst are hosting.*

**Goodbye Party**  
**Sunday, June 30th at 6:00-8:00 PM**

You are invited to a special farewell celebration in honor of Kate's ministry at St. John's. **Join us on Sunday, June 30th, at 6:00-8:00 PM in the Amphitheater, immediately following the 5:00 PM service.** Enjoy music by The Occasional Jazz Ensemble and delicious tacos from the Tiki Time Food Truck, including soft serve ice cream.

At the party, we will also have the grand opening for Bill's Blessings, complete with a ribbon-cutting ceremony! To receive food from the truck, please have your hand stamped by Chelsea and Bryan DiDonato in front of the church on Main Street. Additional volunteers will be on hand to assist.

For those unable to attend the evening festivities, there will be a coffee hour following both morning services. We hope you can join us for the later celebration in the evening.

If you would like to assist with setup, cleanup, provide bags of ice, hand stamp, or contribute fairy lights for the party, please contact Meghan Wrinn at [meghan@stjohnsessex.org](mailto:meghan@stjohnsessex.org).

**Available Flower Dates**

There are many dates available for 2024! If you want to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, or remember a loved one with your church family, please contact Chelsea DiDonato at 860-767-8095 ext. 10 or [chelsea@stjohnsessex.org](mailto:chelsea@stjohnsessex.org).

**Dates Available: July 14; August 25; September 1, 8, 22, 29; October 6 and 20.**

***Upcoming Funeral***

A Celebration of Life for Allison Huther will be held  
at St. John's at onFriday, June 28 at 12:30 PM.

**Ecumenical Service**  
**Sunday, July 28 at 10 AM in the Park**

Join us and our neighboring churches for an ecumenical service on **Sunday, July 28, at 10 AM in the park.** This will be in place of our 10:15 AM service. Please bring your own chairs and bring your friends and family!

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**WORSHIP & STUDY TIMES**

**SUNDAYS** | Holy Eucharist — 8:00 & 10:15 AM

“Come As You Are” Worship Service — 5 PM

**TUESDAYS** | Bible Study, *Parish Hall* — 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

**THURSDAYS** | Zoom Bible Study — 2:00 PM

**WEDNESDAYS** | Morning Prayer — 10:00 AM

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