

Saint John's Episcopal Church

Gloucester Massachusetts

9 am, May 23, 2021

The Day of Pentecost

The Final Day of Easter



Welcome Back!

Welcome to Saint John's Episcopal Church in Gloucester, Massachusetts

Day of Pentecost—May 23, 2021

Participating in the Liturgy	<i>The People of God gathered in St. John's Church</i>
Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector
Lector/intercessor	Dori Mottola
Acolyte	Norm Barr
Ushers	Bill Melvin & Dani Stotzer
Musician	Mark Nelson, Music Director
Preparing for the Liturgy	
Altar Guild	Melanie Murray-Brown & Karen Kasper
Flower Guild	Rosemary Sullivan

Saint John's Episcopal Church

StJohnsGloucester.org

48 Middle Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930-5795

Parish Office Telephone: 978-283-1708

WiFi password: 48MiddleSt



Alan McIntosh Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts & Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan

The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector
Mark Edward Nelson, Music Director
Elizabeth de Veer, Parish Administrator
Marge Bishop, Church Assistant
Gwen Kopka, Interim Thrift Shop Manager
Staff e-mail: first name+@stjohnsgloucester.org

Wardens: Karen Kasper, Ellen Sibley
Clerk: Joan Gorga
Treasurer: Sue Lupo, Assistant Treasurer: Geoff Pope
VESTRY
2022 – Patricia Anders, DeeDee Bedford, Errol Smikle
2023 – Katharine Newhouse, Jane Ward, Carol Ann Zapustas
2024 – Doug Parsons, Janet Knott

The Day of Pentecost

*The service is contained in this folder. Join in the spoken responses in **BOLD**.*

But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him *Habakkuk 2:20*

Voluntary

Please stand for the hymn:

Hymn 224

Sonne der Gerechtigkeit

1 Hail this joyful day's return,
Hail the Pentecostal morn,
Morn when our ascended Lord
On His Church His Spirit poured. Alleluia.

2 Like to cloven tongues of flame
On the twelve the Spirit came;
Tongues, that earth may hear their call;
Fire, that love may burn in all. Alleluia.

3 Lord, to Thee Thy people bend,
Unto us your Spirit send:
Blessings of this sacred day
Grant us, dearest Lord, we pray. Alleluia.

4 You who did our forebears guide,
With their children still abide;
Grant us pardon, grant us peace,
Till our earthly wanderings cease. Alleluia.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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 in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated for the readings

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silent prayer follows the reading

Psalm 104:25-35,37 *Sung by Carol McKenzie, Sue Lupo & Mark Nelson* *Benedic, anima mea*

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 for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-11

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.' "

*Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.***

A period of silent prayer follows the reading

Please stand to hear the Alleluia & the Gospel reading.

Holy Gospel

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

*Acclamation before the Gospel: **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.

*Acclamation after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Easter Troparion Christ is risen

adapted from Jeremiah Ingalls, 1805

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death

And on those in the tombs bestowing life!

Homily

The Rev. Bret Hays, Rector

After a period of silence we stand and say:

Nicene Creed

**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

Celebrant: God gives us gifts of the Spirit for the common good. In the power of the Spirit let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world.

Intercessor: For peace from on high and for our salvation.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor: For Alan and Gayle our bishops, and the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor: For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor: For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor: Lifting our voices with our most glorious and ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John, apostle and evangelist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who pours out your Spirit on all flesh. Hear our prayers which we offer in confidence and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Ormonde Plater. oplater.net/prayer.htm

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

At the Offertory: **Hymn 508**

Nova Vita

- 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer p. 361

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 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:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

After all have received, a period of silence and reflection precedes the postcommunion rite

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Easter Blessing

Church of England: Common Worship 2000

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

At the procession: **Hymn 516**

Down Ampney

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;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Voluntary

The Emperor's Fanfare

Antonio Soler (1729-1783)

**Nurture and Challenge Your Spirit with us at St. John's!
Our mission in Christ is to nurture and equip members
for spiritual growth and active participation in ministries
of compassion, justice, and peace in the church and beyond.**



Saint John's Episcopal Church

StJohnsGloucester.org

48 Middle Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930-5795

Parish Office Telephone: 978-283-1708

WiFi password: 48MiddleSt



Alan McIntosh Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts & Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan

The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector
Mark Edward Nelson, Music Director
Elizabeth de Veer, Parish Administrator
Marge Bishop, Church Assistant
Gwen Kopka, Interim, Thrift Shop Manager
Staff e-mail: first name+@stjohnsgloucester.org

Wardens: Karen Kasper, Ellen Sibley
Clerk: Joan Gorga
Treasurer: Sue Lupo, Assistant Treasurer: Geoff Pope
VESTRY
2022 – Patricia Anders, DeeDee Bedford, Errol Smikle
2023 – Katharine Newhouse, Jane Ward, Carol Ann Zapustas
2024 – Doug Parsons, Janet Knott