

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
Feast of Pentecost  
June 12, 2011**



*Welcome  
Home*

**No matter where you are** on your journey of faith,  
***you are always welcome*** at St. John's Church  
**and most importantly** *at God's table.*

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II  
with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation

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*Please enter the church in silence to allow people to pray before the service.*

Prelude: "Prelude in G Major"

J.S. Bach

**The Liturgy of the Word**

Processional Hymn: #225 "Hail thee, festival day!"

SALVE FESTA DIES

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Bishop then continues*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People**      **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop      One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People**      **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop      The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

Bishop      Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

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.**

*The Bishop says the Collect.*

**People**      **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**The First Reading****Acts 2:1-21**

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.' "

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37B**

- 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.
- 37b Hallelujah!

Sequence Hymn: **#516** "Come down, O Love divine"  
(Verse 1) DOWN AMPNEY

**The Gospel**

**John 7:37-39**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Sequence Hymn: #516 "Come down, O Love divine"  
(Verse 3) DOWN AMPNEY

**The Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The Bishop says*

The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

*Presenters*

I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

*or* I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

*or* I present *these persons* who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

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

**People**    **We will.**

*The Bishop then says these or similar words*

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

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Bishop    Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop    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.***

Bishop    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.***

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

**People** ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop 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.***

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

**People** ***I will, with God's help.***

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

**People** ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop 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.***

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People** ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People** ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People** ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People** ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

*A period of silence follows.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **For Confirmation**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

*or this*

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

### **For Reception**

*N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

## **For Reaffirmation**

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you,  
direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

**Amen.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be  
over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them;  
and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word,  
that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the  
life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Bishop then says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

<i>The children return from Children's Chapel in Thaxter Hall.</i>
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## **Welcome**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Offertory Anthem: "We Gather Together"

S. Paulus

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
 and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
 you would not forget us.  
 Time and again you called us  
 to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
 in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
 lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus**

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 Bishop continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
 that she might conceive and bear a son,  
 Jesus the holy child of God.  
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
 the sacrifice of his life,  
 and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, 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.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this all of you:  
This is the 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet  
prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

***All are invited to come forward for communion.***

Communion Hymn: #508 "Breathe on me, breath of God"  
NOVA VITA

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all 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 forever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

Recessional Hymn #518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"  
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*The Deacon or the Celebrant dismisses them with these words*

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

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

Postlude: "Fugue in G Major"

J.S. Bach

<p><b><i>The Worship is over. The Service begins.</i></b></p>
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**We congratulate those who this morning  
are celebrating their  
Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation!**

**Confirmations**

Chris Latimer  
Camden Latimer  
Jack Constantine  
Kelsey Brandin  
Emily Peele  
Nate Cronauer  
Susan Harvey  
George Segee-Wright  
Garret Pray  
Olivia Walsh  
Julie Kennedy  
Lizzie Tague  
Eliza McLeod

**Receptions**

Sylia Moynahan  
Bud Moynahan  
Vicki Boyd  
Anna Kay Vorsteg  
Jacob Piper  
Maura Sheehan  
Carole Renselaer

**Reaffirmations**

Laurie Chandler	Susan McPherson
Philip Suter	Becky McBeath
Pat Baker	Jeff Thornberg
Charlie Nichols	Rob Stevens
Christine Niles	
Sandra Pagel	
Kathryn Saunders	

**St. John's is honored this morning to  
welcome The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson  
Bishop of the Diocese of New  
Hampshire!**

**95-87**

The results are in and the final score is 95-87. From what, you ask? Are we now including scores from the NBA Finals? No, not at all! This is the final score in the St. John's Peanut Butter and Jelly "Competition." The "Peanut Butter" side of the church donated 95 containers of peanut butter while the "Jelly" side contributed 87 containers. It was neck-and-neck until the last week when a last minute surge of peanut butter pushed them over the finish line! Many thanks to all who donated. The Seacoast Family Food Pantry is currently low on PB&J, so your efforts are sure to bring smiles to many. Thanks again from your Outreach Committee.

*Join us at a festive coffee hour after the  
service in Thaxter Hall.*

## **Clergy, Staff & Wardens**

The Rev. Robert E. Stevens, Jr., *Rector*  
The Rev. Jeffrey D.S. Thornberg, *Associate Rector*  
The Rev. G. Richard Siener, DD, *Assisting Priest*  
Dr. Abbey Hallberg Siegfried, *Music Director*  
Amy Dutton, *Christian Education Director*  
Joanne Ferguson, *Office Administrator*  
Lory Pratt, *Bookkeeper*  
Chris Sieve, *Senior Warden*  
Scott Osgood, *Junior Warden*  
Peter Tarlton, *Treasurer*  
Dani Megliola, *Clerk*  
*Vestry: Jim Breen, Bruce Dicker, Kathy Flygare,*  
*Susan Fockler, Chris Kozak, Robert Mood,*  
*Margaret Sofio, John Tabor, Anna Kay Vorsteg*

## **Office Information**

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## **Worship Schedule**

### **Thursdays**

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

### **Sundays**

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 AM Children and Adult Christian Education  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ Parish Choirs  
11:00 AM Coffee Hour

## **Welcome!**

If you are a newcomer or a visitor, please fill out an information card located in the pews, and place it in an offering plate or give it to an usher. We're so glad to have you with us this morning!

