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Pentecost, commonly called Whitsunday

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## THIS SUNDAY – 5:30 P.M. PENTECOST CHORAL EVENSONG

5:05 Music Before the Service

Reception to follow in Green Meldrim House

### UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

#### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

**Whit Monday to Whit Friday**

OCTAVE OF PENTECOST

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

*With Holy Communion*

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**In addition, on Whit Wednesday**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

**In addition, on Whit Saturday**

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

#### ◆ NEXT SUNDAY ◆

**Sunday, June 11 is TRINITY SUNDAY -**

10:30 a.m. *Choral Mattins*

with Brass Ensemble

If you would like to donate to the cost of the brass, please make checks payable to St. John's Church with "Brass" in the memo line and include a note of intention (memorial or thanksgiving).

### PENTECOST

Pentecost is sometimes described as the birthday of the Church, but this is a mistake. The church already existed in the disciples of Jesus, and indeed, in those who came before Jesus, but believed in the promise of his coming. Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the church (the disciples of Jesus), for the sake of their mission, and for the first publishing of the gospel that ensued, and the increase of the

church that it produces.

How are we to think about the giving of the Spirit to the church for the proclamation of the gospel? Oliver O'Donovan is illuminating: "We are not to think of it as an addition or supplement to the work of Christ, as though that work were incomplete or half-finished. If Pentecost were mentioned [in the Creeds] as the next thing after the ascension, we might conclude that Christ's triumphant return to his Father's glory was not the sign of an accomplished and finished work, but only the penultimate or antepenultimate thing. Some Christians have spoken in those terms, as though the whole work of Christ was left hanging in the air and is constantly threatened with meaninglessness unless the 'next thing', which turns out to be human cooperation, follows in quick order'.

O'Donovan continues: 'The gift of the Spirit at Pentecost is understood in the New Testament not as a supplement to the ascension but as the fruit of it. The triumph Christ has won for us is shared with mankind. 'Exalted thus at God's right hand, he received the Holy Spirit from the Father, as was promised, and all that you now see and hear flows from him' says Saint Peter

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

- 8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Edwin H. Culver

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Mr. Martin R. Sullivan, Jr.

ACOLYTES

- 8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Jack McClellan Jamie McClellan
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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Coke S. and Helen S. Blume; C. Redmond and Lorraine B. Gill; and the Reverend Jeffrey Gill by their family

And in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Victor;

And in loving memory of James Cox by Ron Melander and the Cox and Iggulden families;

And in thanksgiving for the light and guidance of the Holy Comforter by Mr. and Mrs. William Schweigert Burdell;

In honor of the 36th anniversary of the ordination of Father John Patrick Hunt on June 6, 2017.

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SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

READING ROOM: II Samuel- Father Dunbar

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

- Tuesday- Men's Breakfast with Father O'Brien
6:45 a.m., Parish House
Thursday- St. Luke with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3
Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch
Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

JANE'S CANNERS

Canning Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. has begun! Workers welcome!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

(Acts 2:33).’

O’Donovan’s point clarifies the distinct mission of the Spirit – not in somehow supplementing his work, but rather in applying it. That’s why St. John speaks of his mission as that of bearing witness to Christ. It is the Spirit’s work in the Church’s proclamation to make Christ, and his finished work of atonement, fully present to us in all its saving power, and thereby to convince and convict us inwardly of our guilt and his grace, that repenting and believing in him, we might receive all the benefits he has won for us. That is why the Spirit that does this must be the Spirit of God, a Spirit who is in all things co-equal, co-eternal, consubstantial with the Father and the Son. ‘Through God alone may God be known’ applies both the revelation of God in his Son, and to the knowledge of God the Son through the Spirit. Only one who is God can enable us to know and believe in Christ. ‘No man can say that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Ghost’ (1 Cor. 12:2).

All this is unfolded in the narrative of St. Luke in Acts 2. In accord with Jesus’ command and promise, the 120 disciples are gathered with one accord in prayer – not just the apostles (the clergy, as it were), but all of them, the women too, together seeking the fulfillment of God’s will and design for the mission that they share. There are distinctions to be made in the body of Christ, but all have a part in its mission. The promised Spirit comes on the disciples on the feast of Pentecost – whose name, meaning “fiftieth day”, alludes to a time of jubilee, when the remission of debts and the redemption of persons and livings

from alienation (Leviticus 25) is proclaimed – precisely because he comes to proclaim the great and eternal remission of sins and redemption of sinners. He comes upon them with power of the storm wind, in tongues of fire, signs manifesting the power of God, and they speak the praises of God in words that are understood by the polyglot crowd of pilgrims gathered out of the world into Jerusalem – a sign of the church’s world-wide mission to all sorts and conditions of men. Then Peter stands up, and publishes the gospel in the Spirit and with power, telling the Jews of Jerusalem: *God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.* Many of the listeners are *pricked in their heart*, convicted of their guilt, yet Peter’s aim is not to condemn but to save: *Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.* A great number are, and Luke concludes the account with an inspiring description of the life of the Church in Jerusalem, a community faithful in doctrine, loving in mutual care, experiencing the powerful presence of the Spirit and united in continual common prayer.

On Pentecost therefore we celebrate what it means to be the Church, as those who believe the Gospel, have received the Spirit, and are engaged as a community of faith and love in the mission of Christ; and it is by this account of the Church’s nature and mission that we are measured, and must direct ourselves. How do we measure up? How are we directed? What we celebrate, let us also imitate.  
GGD

**8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel ..... Prayer Book, page 180  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

**9:30 A.M. – ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)**

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery (Cranmer Hall)**

**10:30 A.M.— SOLEMN EUCHARIST & ADDRESS**

HYMN #107 *Hail Thee, Festival Day* ..... Salve Festa Dies

**ANTE-COMMUNION**

Collect for Purity ..... Prayer Book, page 67

The Summary of the Law ..... 68-69

KYRIE ELEISON: #710 ..... Healey Willan

Collects ..... 179, 177

The Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 ..... 180

HYMN #109 *Come, Thou Holy Spirit, Come [Choir only]* ..... The Golden Sequence

The Congregation may be seated until the last stanza: please stand when the Gospel Procession begins.

The Holy Gospel: St. John 14:15-31 ..... 181

The Nicene Creed ..... 71

HYMN: #776 *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* ..... Azmon

ADDRESS ..... Father Dunbar

**OFFERTORY**

Sentences

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AGNUS DEI #712 ..... Healey Willan

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(Trebles of the Choir)

Thanksgiving (*said with the congregation*) ..... 83

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #713 ..... Healey Willan

The Blessing (*kneeling*) ..... 84

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VOLUNTARY: *Komm, Gott, Schopfer, heiliger Geist* (BWV 667) ..... J. S. Bach

*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.*

*If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

**12:00 P.M. (NOON)-HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) as at 8:00 a.m.**