



**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
2018 DEWITT TERRACE,
LINDEN, NJ 07036**

**PENTECOST - WHITSUNDAY
MAY 19, 2024**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CELEBRANT - THE REV. ANGIE CIPOLLA

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Prof. Richard Alston

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays: Eric Johnson - May 9

Weekly Newsletter

The newsletter will be included in the weekly bulletin email. There will be only a few copies made & put in the entryway for those who do not have email addresses.

Women's Group News

The next meeting of the Women's Group will be Thursday, May 16 at 12 pm. Not only will we continue to learn Mah-jong but other games will be available as well as crafts, or just come and spend some time in companionship. You will be most welcomed!

Thrift Store Revenue

The Thrift Store Revenue for Sat., 4/13 was \$452 and Sat., 4/27 was \$319. Amount collected since 6/11/2022 is \$21,008.98.

Volunteers Needed for Thrift Store!!!

Volunteers are needed for the Thrift Store. A two- or three-hour donation of time would be greatly appreciated. Please see Eileen or Nancy.

Mother Angie can be reached at 908-986-3354 or MotherAngie.StJohn.Linden@gmail.com.

Parish Office Hours from September thru June: Mon thru Fri - 9AM to 12 Noon. Please call 908-925-1535 before coming.

Sanctuary Lamp - \$10 & Flowers: \$25 - please send payment two weeks prior when requesting a Sunday & call/email the office two weeks prior to date of requested Sunday.

Hymns are located in the blue *Hymnal 1982*, or when specified (“O”) in the red hymnal, *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism*.

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1 st Reading & Psalm:	Patricia St. Clair
2 nd Reading & Prayers of the People:	Marcel Vaughn Handy
Usher:	Barbaranne DiMarco
Greeter:	Carolynne Baykowski
Eucharistic Minister:	Amanda Thorn
Videographer	Howard Whitmore

Vestry

Howard Whitmore, Sr. Warden	Marcel Vaughn-Handy, Jr. Warden
Carolynne Baykowski	Velma Barton
Barbaranne DiMarco	Patricia St. Clair
Amanda Thorn	Nancy Wall

PENTECOST SUNDAY

GATHERING HYMN: "EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT"

HYMN #O351

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

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

SONG OF PRAISE:

"OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS"

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Oh, How I Love Jesus

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1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its
2. It tells me of a Sav - ior's love, Who died to set me
3. It tells me what my Fa - ther has In store for ev - 'ry
4. It tells of One whose lov - ing heart Can feel my deep - est



worth; It sounds like mu - sic in my ear, The sweet - est
free; It tells me of His pre - cious blood, The sin - ner's
day, And though I tread a gloom - y path, Yields sun - shine
woe, Who in each sor - row bears a part, That none can

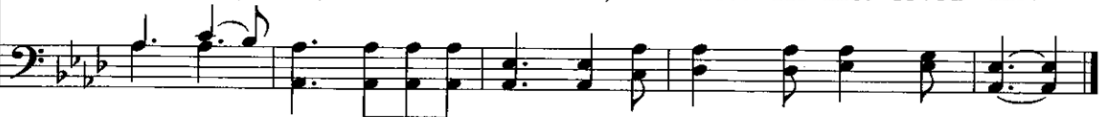


name on earth.
per - fect plea.
all the way.
bear be - low.

Oh, how I love Je - sus, Oh, how I love



Je - sus, Oh, how I love Je - sus, Be - cause He first loved me!



Text: Frederick Whitfield, 1829-1904

Tune: HOW I LOVE JESUS, CM with refrain; American melody

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

People: **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: 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.' "

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm:Psalm 104:25-35, 37

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 Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

HYMN #O139

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

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

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Book of Common Prayer, page 292

On this day when we celebrate the Holy Spirit empowering the first disciples, it is appropriate to renew the covenant of our own baptism, empowered by the same Spirit.

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

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

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

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

The Celebrant blesses the water:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Now bless this water, we pray you, that it may be a sign to us of our Baptism, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The people are sprinkled with blessed water in remembrance of their baptism.

Celebrant: 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.**

Prayers of the People:

In the power of the Holy Spirit that we have received by grace, let us pray, saying “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Grant to the Church strength, wisdom and judgment through the Holy Spirit. Release in your people the power of a living witness to the whole world, fulfilling your command to those who seek to follow you in truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Have mercy on a world where there is often speech without communication, relationships without love, and where people are separated by barriers of race and nationality. Send your Holy Spirit to show men and women their true needs and teach them to live together without fear.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant us right judgment in our families, friendships and work. May we know your presence in every situation. Give us grace to reflect your love in our care for those with whom we share our lives.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Break through the darkness of unhappy lives with the light of your healing and guidance. Have mercy on those who have never known you. Redeem and restore those who have lost the faith they once had.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who now rejoice in the perfect knowledge and unclouded vision of your nearer presence. May we who know and worship you imperfectly here come at last into that same eternal light.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all deacons, priests and bishops, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for Sally, our bishop, that they may shine forth by their words and actions the coming of God's Kingdom. We pray to the Lord

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Creator Spirit and Giver of life, make the dry, bleached bones of our lives live and breathe and grow again as you did of old. Pour out your Spirit upon the whole creation. Come in rushing wind and flashing fire to turn the sin and sorrow within us into faith, power, and delight. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BCP p. 830 #50

For an Anniversary

O Lord, our God, you have given us all good things for our salvation. You commanded us to love one another and to bear with one another's weakness. You yourself are the lover of humankind. To these your servants who love each other in the love of the Spirit grant eternal devotion and true love. We ask this in the Name of Jesus, our Lord. *Amen.*

(Based on Eastern Rite prayer of 9th or 10th Century)

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BCP p. 831 #53

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION"

*THE PRIEST GOES TO THE COMMUNION RAIL TO RECEIVE
THE OFFERINGS AND THE BREAD AND WINE*

OFFERTORY HYMN

"SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT"

HYMN #O232

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer 1 (*Enriching Our Worship*)

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.

Celebrant: 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:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

#S129



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. _____

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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 daughters and sons, 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.**

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

<p><i>People and Celebrant:</i> 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.</p>	<p>Padre Nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos A los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.</p>
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

#S161

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.

Setting: From *New Plain-song*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those participating through Facebook Live and Zoom, we shall pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen. (*From Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, rev 2014., based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori*)

We offer the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood to all baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward as directed.

Hold out one hand above the other to receive the bread from the priest. If you are planning to intinct (dip) your wafer, we would appreciate it if you sanitize your hands before coming forward.

Gluten-free communion is available. Simply ask the priest.

If you are unable to come forward, let the usher know, and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION HYMNS: "SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENT UPON MY HEART" HYMN #O381

MEDITATION HYMN:

"THANK YOU, LORD"

- v1. Thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
- v2. Been so good,
been so good,
been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
- v3. Been my friend,
been my friend,
been my friend,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Enriching Our Worship*)

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant & 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.

THE BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL: **“GOD BE WITH YOU, TIL WE MEET AGAIN”** **HYMN #O210**

THE DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.