



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist, Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

May 24, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.*

THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

*In lieu of a normal Rector's welcome, I want to share a poem with you all by Christina Rossetti. Christina Rossetti (1830–1894) was one of the most celebrated poets of Victorian England, renowned for her lyrical mastery, emotional depth, and profound religious devotion. She is widely remembered for her masterful narrative poem *Goblin Market*, the poignant sonnet *Remember*, and the beloved Christmas carol *In the Bleak Midwinter**

Whitsunday

By Christina Rossetti

Whitson tide praise-givers,
Glorious Kings and Priests,
White-robed for the feast,
By the crystal rivers.
Every tongue and nation,
Every tribe and race,
Sing the great salvation,
Sing the Song of Grace.

Blow, Thou Wind of heaven,
Flashing Fire, descend;
With the gifts of seven,
Faithful souls befriend.
Fill the hearts that languish,
Comfort them that weep;
Heal the wounded anguish,
Soothe the souls asleep.

Holy Spirit, Holy,
Giver of all good,
Make us meek and lowly,
Wash us in the Blood.
Till with Saints in glory,
We shall see Thy Face,
Singing the wondrous story
Of redeeming Grace.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "The Rev. Christian M. Wood" with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

VOLUNTARY *Fanfare*
The people stand as the Ministers enter

Francis Jackson

Processional Hymn 225

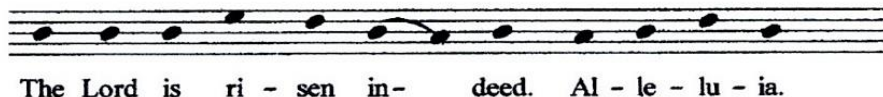
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PROPER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



People



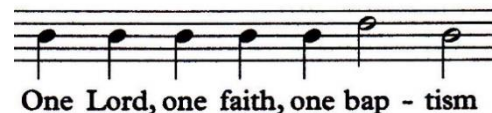
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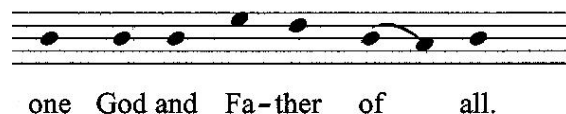
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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-278

William Mathias

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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 people sit

THE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And in the last days it shall 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; yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and manifest day. And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 516

Down Ampney

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Father Christian M. Wood

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor(s) *I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Presenters *I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

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

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

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

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer *I do.*

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer *I do.*

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer *I do.*

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the whole 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 Celebrant then says

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (*Standing*)

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 on 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 the 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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The altar party, candidates, and family now process to the baptismal font.

The Cantor 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.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant 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. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead with Chrism, the sign of the cross and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

When this action has been completed, the Celebrant prays for the newly baptized saying:

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

HYMN 513

Bridegroom

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people sit for the announcements

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine — Sir William Harris

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. 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. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing; true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. 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 he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

The people stand

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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.**

Celebrant

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus S-128

William Mathias

**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.

The people kneel

Celebrant

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.

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.

Celebrant

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,

Celebrant and people

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung

Fraction Anthem S-165

William Mathias

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you are not baptized or choose not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Please follow the direction of the ushers, and inform them if you need communion brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the host and then sip from the chalice, receive the host only, or receive by intinction. For intinction, a member of the clergy or a chalice bearer will dip the host into the chalice and place it directly on your tongue. Even if receiving in one kind, please remain at the altar rail until the chalice has passed.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

Communion Motets

Litany to the Holy Spirit — Peter Hurford

In the hour of my distress, when temptations me oppress, and when I my sins confess, sweet Spirit, comfort me! Sick in bed, when doubts assail me, and the world around grows pale, as drowned within the past, sweet Spirit, comfort me! And when my sins confess, and mine eyes the watch do keep, sweet Spirit, comfort me! Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me!

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling — Herbert Howells

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night; Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high; living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify. Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life; Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ; you we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruits unpriced. Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry; quickening, strengthening and absolving, setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul in communion never ending, thee we worship and extol.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,
heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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

The Deacon gives the Dismissal

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The people stand

Processional Hymn 511

Abbot's Leigh

VOLUNTARY *Chorale Prelude "Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist" (BWV 667)*

J.S. Bach

Candidate for Holy Baptism

Kevin Daniel Breen Jr.

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

All bishops and other ministers: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish

Those who govern: Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary's, Palmetto; Church of the Apostles, Parrish; Church of the Nativity, Sarasota; Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota; St. Boniface, Siesta Key; St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota, and St. Wilfred's, Sarasota

Our Companion Dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Also remembering in prayer: Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land

Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families: Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, Tyler (Libya) and Brandon

Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:

May 24: Darian Brokaw, Adelaide Sansone, Greer Sampson, Remi Sampson, Lillian Robbins

May 25: Tracey Picone, Rhys Leonard

May 27: Adam Weekley, Laander Lowry V, Melissa Slack, Lisa Trentalange, Sarah Danner, Mark Livengood

May 28: Jeff Slack, Luke Osborne, Dax Nelson, Ronan Sampson, Pierson LeBel

May 29: Avery Slack, Mark Braun

May 30: Mary Hulse, Keri Stricker

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff, Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family, and her medical team; Jayce Hicks, Richard, Michael Wood, Tor, Collin, Sam, Lee, David, Absley, Jim B., Katy, Carey, Scott, Jack, Miriam, Suzanne, Minnie, Will, Armando, Berta, Mary, Susan, Ellie, Patrick, Ann, Gwen, Helen, David W. Reffue, Melinda, Sunny, Davis, Damian, Dave, Charlotte, Alexis, Amy, Cole, Sue, Peyton, Lee, Holly, Stephanie, Brandon, Halley, Lisa, Anne, Diana, Christopher, Carmen, the Dickinson/French family, Harry, Jill, John, Ava, Charley, Barbara, Jim, Jack, Ted and all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

For all the faithful departed

Sanford B. Dickinson
Jamie Hall

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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