

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Welcomes You!

The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 19 2024
10am Service



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

300 South Main St., Pennington, NJ 08534

609-737-0985 (office) • 609-737-9019 (fax)

Web: www.stmatthewspennington.org

HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 a.m.

*Hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pew rack, unless otherwise noted.
Service music selections may be found in the "S" section at the front of the blue Hymnal. BCP – red Book of Common Prayer may be found in the pew rack.*

The responses of the people are in bold text.

Prelude - Theme and Variations on "Veni Creator" - Durufle

HYMN 225 - Salve festa dies "Hail thee, festival day!"

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Response: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Celebrant: 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.*

Gloria – HYMN S-278

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.*

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.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

The Response

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!

The Epistle

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.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence: 516 - Down Ampney "Come down, O Love divine"

The Holy Gospel

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

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

Response: **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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Canon John Belmont

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

For the spirit of joy in the church, that our Eastertide Alleluia resound throughout the year,
We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples, especially nations in conflict, may live in
harmony,

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the spirit of justice for the needy, that victims of prejudice, exploitation, and crime be set free,
We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the spirit of unity in our assembly that our weaknesses make us strong and our differences make
us rich,

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the spirit of hope in the future, that we and all who have died may drink of the fruit of the vine in
glory,

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Protect, Almighty God, all those who live in the midst of conflict, and the men and women who
serve in harm's way, **especially** Patrick O'Boyle, Andrew Sieber, Tom Pearse-Drance, Jared Williams,
Hunter Belmont, James Bayard Smith, Jr. and Justin Dumhart, Father we place our lives in your
hands:

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our
whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly
repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may
delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

BCP 360

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace (*All stand as able.*)

Announcements

Offertory Anthem: I will not leave you Comfortless—Everett Titcomb (sung by Adult Choir)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

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 God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Celebrant and People

HYMN S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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 people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

People & 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.

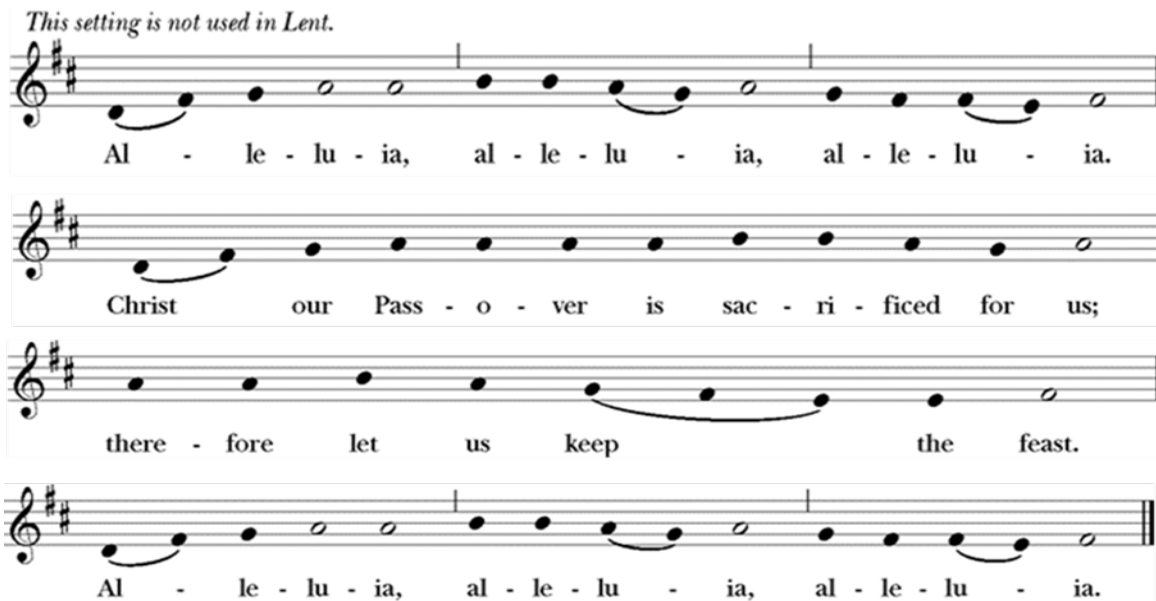
For those joining us online, in union O Lord with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

HYMN S-154

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

At Communion, 514 - St. Bartholomew's "To thee, O Comforter divine"

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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 Blessing

HYMN 423 - St. Denio "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

The Dismissal

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude - Toccata sur la thema Veni Creator—Maurice Durufle

Our Staff

Priest: *The Rev. Canon Arthur Powell*

Associate Priests: *The Rev. Canon Bruce Montgomery*

Rector Emeritus: *The Rev. Canon John C. Belmont*

Organist & Choirmaster: *Mark Dolan*

Music@StMatthewsPennington.org

Director of Children's & Family Ministry: *Cheryl Watterson*

Kairos@StMatthewsPennington.org

Administrative Assistant: *Pamela Worthington*

Admin@StMatthewsPennington.org

Verger: *Ron Rabel*

RRabel@yahoo.com

Our Vestry

Senior Warden: *Linda Bucher*

llbucher@comcast.net

Junior Warden: *JC Kinnamon*

jckinnamon@gmail.com

Clerk-of-the-Vestry: *Ian Hammett*

I.Hammett@MgpLaw.com

Betty Ann Benton

Bob Huber

Tammy Eng

Bromwyn Radice-Haley

Michael Olin

Bev Tucker

Julie Thick

Annie Gribbins

Andrew Sheldrick

Steve Spencer

Sarah Petrone

Finance

Finance Chair: *Bruce Weise*

Finance@StMatthewsPennington.org

Treasurer: *Kevin Margiatto*

KMargiatto@withum.com

Please remember St. Matthew's Church in your will.

PLEASE return this to the appropriate basket when leaving