The Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026 at 10 o'clock in the morning

St Peter's Church in Essex Fells
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Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, open to new ideas, and committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and sung responses as you are able. Help us make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

Please feel free to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God this morning. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device.

Pentecost

The Day of Pentecost, sometimes called *Whitsunday*, is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in "tongues of fire" and marks the foundation of the Christian church. It celebrates God's love that binds us together in Christian fellowship and reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit working in us to continue Christ's redemption through us. These reasons make Pentecost one of the great Baptismal feasts of the Church Year.

The universal nature of the church and the apostles' charismatic ability to speak and understand many languages are emphasized by the inclusion of different languages in this morning's liturgy. Our hope is that by hearing foreign sounds while understanding what they mean, we will have an experience of the universality of love and community that marked the first Pentecost.

Cover art: El Greco, The Pentecost *(ca. 1596-1600)*

Holy Eucharist

Voluntary *Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist, BWV 671* *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand and sing this hymn as the ministers enter

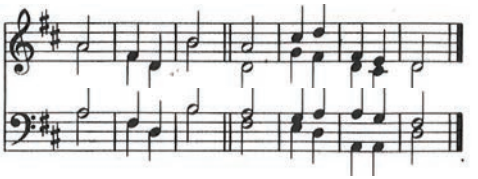
Entrance Hymn 225 *Hymnal 1982* salve feste dies

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Pascha Nostrum *Oxford Chant*



1 Alleluia | alle- | luia;
Alleluia | alle- | **lu-** | ia.

2 Christ our Passover has been | sacri- • ficed for | us,
therefore | let us | keep the | feast,

3 Not with the old leaven,
the leaven of | malice • and | evil,
but with the unleavened | bread of • sin- | cerity • and | truth.

4 Alleluia | alle- | luia;
Alleluia | alle- | **lu-** | ia.

5 Christ being raised from the dead will | never • die a- | gain;
death no | longer • has do- | minion | over him.

6 The death he died • he died to sin | once for | all;
but the life he | lives he | lives to | God.

7 So consider yourselves | dead to | sin,
and alive to God in | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.

8 Alleluia | alle- | luia;
Alleluia | alle- | **lu-** | ia.

9 Christ has been | raised • from the | dead,
the first fruits of | those who • have | fallen • a- | sleep.

10 For since by a | man came | death,
by a man has come also the resur- | rection | of the | dead.
11 For as in | Adam • all | die,
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a- | live.
12 Alleluia | alle- | luia;
Alleluia | alle- | **lu**- | ia.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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.
People **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Lessons

First Lesson *Acts 2:1-21*

Reader When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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

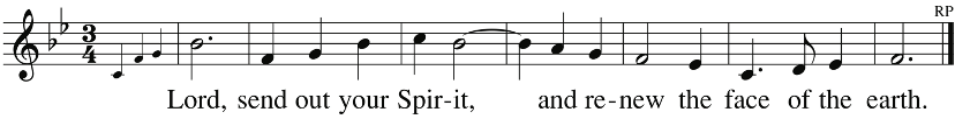
his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God 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 104 *Benedic, anima mea* *Richard T. Proulx*

The refrain is sung by the Cantor and repeated by all. The Cantor sings the verses



Cantor *Bless the LORD, my soul!*
LORD how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe. ***Refrain***

Cantor *How many are your works, O LORD!*
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches,
Bless the LORD, my soul! ***Refrain***

Cantor *All of these look to you*
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather
it up; you open your hand,
they have their fill. ***Refrain***

Cantor *You take back your spirit, they die,*
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. ***Refrain***

Second Lesson *1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

Reader No one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel Procession and sing

Hymn 503 *Hymnal 1982* come holy ghost

Gospel Reading *John 20:19-23*

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

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

Deacon When it was evening [of the day of Resurrection], the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon *The Rev. Virginia Jenkins-Whatley*

Please stand

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider Dear people of God: Fifty days ago we celebrated the joyous first day of Easter, the feast of our Lord's victory over sin and death. Today we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, the event marking the founding of the Christian church. We celebrate the love of God that binds us together in Christian fellowship and reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit working in us to continue Christ's redemption. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

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

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

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

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

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, come to bless us,

ALL **And fill us with your Spirit.**

After the last petition, the Presider says

Presider 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 Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem — *Harold Friedell*

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether
For when humbly, in thy Name,
Two or three are met together
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya, alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the Name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya, alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya, alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.
—Percy Dearmer

Presentation Hymn

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Tune: Cologne, 1623

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

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

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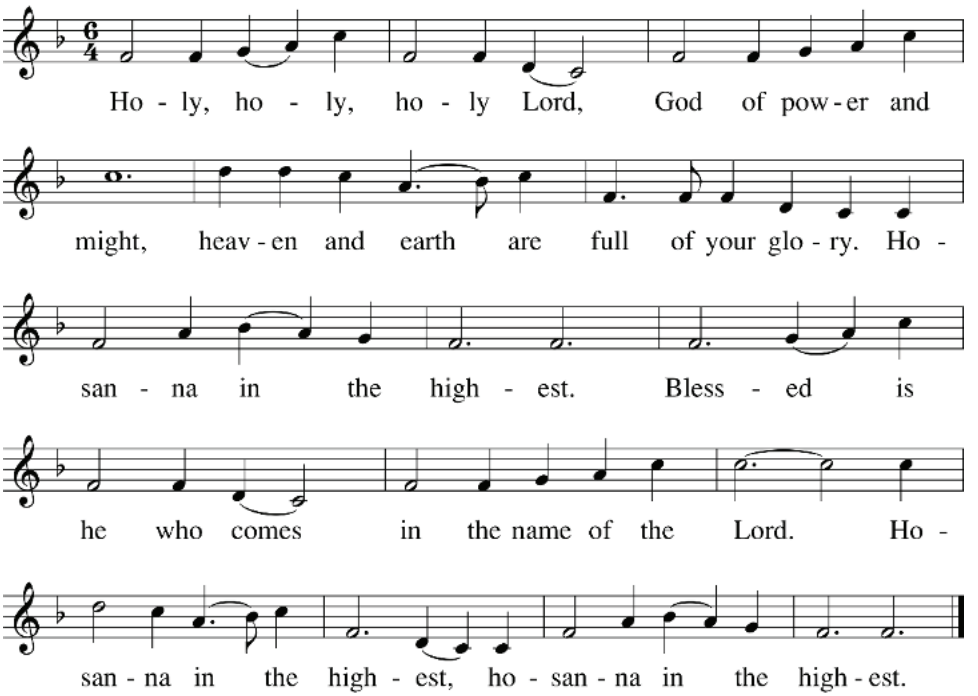
Sanctus

LAND OF REST



Lord's Prayer

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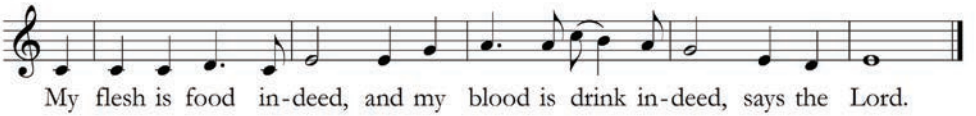
Breaking the Bread *Hymnal 1982, S 169*



Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing. The Bread and Cup are given with these words:

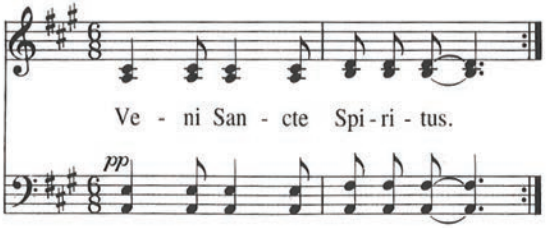
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

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

Sequence taizé

Please sing the refrain throughout. As the refrain continues, various verses are sung by members of the choir, always ending with "Veni Sancte Spiritus."

ALL



English *Come, Holy Spirit,*
from heaven shine forth with your glorious light.
Come, Father of the poor; come generous Spirit;
come, light of our hearts. Veni, Sancte Spiritus...

French *Viens, Saint Esprit, notre lumière éclaire le chemin des hommes.*
Dans l'épreuve, sois notre force, dans la tristesse la consolation.
Abreuve notre sécheresse, fléchis notre dureté, enflame notre tiédeur.
Accordenous d'être fidèles dans la foi donnenous
la joie qui demeure. Veni, Sancte Spiritus...

German *Komm, Heiliger Geist, lass den Glanz deiner Herrlichkeit*
vom Himmel erstrahlen.

Komm Vater der Armen, komm Ursprung aller Gaben,
komm Licht der Herzen.

Spanish *¡Ven! Espíritu Santo. ¡Ven! Padre, de los pobres.*
¡Ven! luz de los corazones. Veni, Sancte Spiritus...

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

ALL **Preserve, O Lord, the heavenly gifts which you have bestowed upon your Church: that your Holy Spirit, poured into our hearts, may fill them with your love, and that the spiritual food with which you have fed us may sustain us in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please remain standing and sing

Hymn 388 *Hymnal 1982* HANOVER

Blessing and Dismissal

At the Dismissal, all respond

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

Please remain in your pew until the Procession has left the nave

This Week's Parish Notices

Stewardship 2026—*Gifts From Our Souls*

Our annual stewardship drive, *Gifts from Our Souls*, continues. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells us whatever we value most will be the focus of our deepest affections. As we prayerfully consider how much we want to give, let's ask ourselves the question, "What do we love about St. Peter's, and how can help these good things grow?"

Coffee Hour—*A special time for fellowship!*

Every Sunday after the 10 am service, we gather in Upper Room to meet and greet fellow parishioners. All are welcome to attend Coffee Hour. This ministry depends on volunteers to provide light refreshments and to help with set up. Please consider being a part of this fellowship by signing up for a Sunday to host! As the host, you will provide sweet and savory goodies (store bought or homemade, whatever is most convenient for you). There are serving platters, paper goods and utensils available for use in the kitchen. Directions on setting up are provided. Use the *QR* code here, or contact Barbara Gargiulo at barbara.gargiulo9@gmail.com. *Thanks to today's host, the St. Peter's Handbell Choir.*

Vacation Bible School 2026

Save the date: We are excited to announce that registration for VBS 2026 is now open! The dates this year are August 3-7. You can register using the QR code below. Children in Pre-K (at least age 3 and fully potty-trained) through5th grade are welcome to join us as campers and anyone entering 6th grade or older can serve as a

volunteer. If you register your camper before June 30, the cost is $75. After that date, the price goes up to $90 per camper. Please register as soon as possible, since space is limited. Registration will close on July 20. Please note: There is no cost for volunteers. Contact Sarah, Jack, and Luke Latson: spefvbs@gmail.com.

Street Fair

Our beloved Street Fair is Friday, June 5 from 4-10 pm. Join us in welcoming our community for this fun-filled event. There's plenty of opportunities for everyone to help with this exciting ministry, first held at St. Peter's in the early 1930s. Contact Mary Shearin (shearchaos38@gmail.com, 973-590-1678) or Christina Doyle (doyle531@hotmail.com). Sign up using the QR code here.

St. Peter's Street Fair is bringing back the raffle baskets table, and we need your help! Please review the options to sign up to donate a basket, giftcard, etc. If you plan to ask a local business for a donation, reach out to Maggie Wohltmann or Jill Hanifan for a donation letter. Not sure what to donate? A giftcard or cash works to (we will take care of creating a basket).

Episcopal Visitation Next Sunday

We will welcome the Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, Eleventh Bishop of Newark, as our Presider and Preacher next Sunday. A life-long Episcopalian, Bishop Hughes was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and raised in Ft. Worth, Texas. She earned a BA in Drama from the University of Texas in Austin, and for 20 years she made her home in New York City, while pursuing a career in Human Resources as a corporate trainer, mostly in the hotel industry.

While in New York City, she discerned a call to the priesthood and attended Virginia Theological Seminary, earning a Master of Divinity in 2005. After a Lilly Fellowship at St. James' Church in New York City, she was called to serve as rector first at St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, NY; and more recently at Trinity Church, Ft. Worth, TX.

On May 19, 2018, the Rev. Carlye J. Hughes was elected as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Newark on the first ballot. Upon her consecration on September 22, 2018 at NJPAC, she became the first woman and African American to serve as bishop of this diocese.

Bishop Hughes has been active on the Board of Trustees of The Virginia Theological Seminary; as a member of the Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Convention Chaplain in the Diocese of New York, and in the former Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth as a member of the Standing Committee and as a General Convention Deputy. At the churchwide level, she has served the General Convention on the Task Force on the Study of Marriage and the Racial Justice & Reconciliation.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School this weekend. Enjoy the long holiday weekend, be safe, and have fun! I also want to say how amazing the children were at last week's Family Eucharist. I am so proud of them! They did a wonderful job, and it was such a blessing to see them participate so beautifully. Also, I am looking for Sunday School teachers for May 31 and June 7 to help teach Living the Word. If anyone is available to serve, please let me know. This is such an important ministry, and we would

love to finish the year strong together. Thank you all for your support and willingness to help! — *Lindsay Thompson* (thompson@stpetersef.org).

Graduation 2026

Is your child graduating from elementary, middle, high school or college? We'd like to celebrate our graduates on Recognition Sunday, June 14. Please let the Parish Office know: info@stpetersef.org.

Recognition Sunday, June 14

We will celebrate our Sunday School students and teachers, acolytes, and youth on Sunday, June 14 at the 10 am Mass.

SPY Mission Trip Help

SPY is in need of an adult male chaperone for the Mission Trip this year. We will be heading to Boston from July 16-21. If anyone is interested to help or knows someone who might be, please contact Christina Doyle at 301-802-7878.

Prayer List

St. Peter's is a community of prayer and service. Holding one another's joys, sorrows, and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice at the heart of our life together as a parish family. We encourage you to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family. We invite you to add yourself or others to the St. Peter's prayer list by submitting a request to the Parish Office.

Laurie Alcott, Joan Aliotta, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Nancy Bivona, Kris Blake, Carl, Muriel Bowness, Kathy Calfee, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Mark Gerardi,Arnie Hartelius, Wayne Hill, Tania Jenkins, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Robert Kazimir, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Neal King, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Bill Musser, Nunno Family, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Brenda Restivo, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Kathy Stanton, Frank Zupa.

Anglican Communion—*The Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

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Deacon and Preacher	The Rev. Virginia Jenkins Whatley
Presider	The Rev. Nathaniel Darville

St. Peter's Street Fair

Friday · June 5 · 4-9 pm

BBQ
Chicken Dinner
Kiddie Games
Grand Prix

Win Goldfish
Games for all Ages
China Smash
Obstacle Course

Snack Bar
Nerf Target Practice
Cotton Candy
Prizes

Live Music

Come One, Come All!

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