



### **GOOD MORNING & WELCOME**

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

**\*\*Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices  
before the start of the service. Thank you.\*\***

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Rite II – Holy Baptism and Eucharist – May 14, 2023 – 10:15 AM

## The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

The Hymnal, #516

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The Holy Spirit

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.  
Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Celebrant  
People  
Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
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.**

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

### **Collect of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God**

#### **The First Lesson**

**Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,  
'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 66:7-18**

***Jubilate Deo***

7 Bless our God, you **peoples**; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be **heard**;  
8 Who holds our souls in **life**, \*  
and will not allow our feet to **slip**.  
9 For you, O God, have **proved** us; \*  
you have tried us just as **silver** is tried.

- 10 You brought us into the **snare**; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our **backs**.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and **water**; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of **refreshment**.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my **vows**, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in **trouble**.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of **rams**; \*  
I will give you oxen and **goats**.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear **God**, \*  
and I will tell you what he has **done** for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my **mouth**, \*  
and his praise was on my **tongue**.
- 16 If I had found evil in my **heart**, \*  
the Lord would not have **heard** me;
- 17 But in truth God has **heard** me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my **prayer**.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my **prayer**, \*  
nor withheld his love from **me**.

## The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

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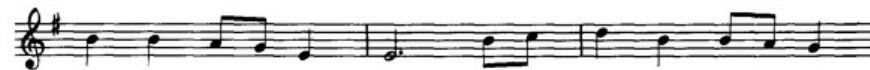
## Holy Days and Various Occasions



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be  
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe -  
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gel's sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
 from the boun - teous heaven. At - tem - per fair with  
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

*Rogation Days.*

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt.

Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Deacon  
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon            The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**The Reverend Nathan Carr**

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Presenters: I present Graham Charles and Finn Westley to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that these children are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.**

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

**Answer: I renounce them.**

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

**Answer: I renounce them.**

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

**Answer: I do.**

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

**Answer: I do.**

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

**Answer: I do.**

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the 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 these or similar words*

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

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*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.

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation:*

Let us now pray for Graham Charles and Finn Westley, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth. As these prayers are being offered the altar party, candidates, parents and godparents process to the baptismal font.

*A Person appointed 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 for ever. *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**

Graham Charles, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Finn Westley, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*The Celebrant continues*

*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 inquiring and discerning hearts, 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.**

*The altar party, newly baptized, parents and godparents and sponsors process back to the crossing.*

*The Celebrant disperses baptismal water to the congregation.*

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>

## **Announcements**

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

#### **Blessing Prayer**

**O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Offertory**

Celebrant	All things come of thee, O Lord.
People	<b>And of thine own have we given thee.</b>

**Offertory Anthem**

***Be Thou My Vision***  
***Kathleen Ferguson and Victoria Thomason, Soloists***

***arr. Tom Fettke***

*Be Thou, my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
thou be my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

**Doxology**

**The Hymnal, #380 (Verse 3)**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 361**

**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.**

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 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The Hymnal - #S129**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*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.**

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

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People	<b>Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</b>

**Agnus Dei**

**The Hymnal, S163**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

## **We Share the Gifts of God**

**Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymn**

**The Hymnal, #513**

1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ's Body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the Church in faith assembled,  
to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

Let us pray.

*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.**

## Praise to God

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- 1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us  
 \* 2 Great rush-ing winds and breez-es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
 \* 3 Swift flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to  
 4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our  
 5 All you with mer-cy in your heart, for-giv-ing o-thers, take your  
 \* 6 And e-even you, most gen-tle death, wait-ing to hush our fi-nal  
 7 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-



- 1 sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing  
 2 loft, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Fair ris-ing  
 3 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Fire, so in-  
 4 way, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and  
 5 part, O— sing now: Al-le-lu-ia! All you that  
 6 breath, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! You lead back  
 7 ness, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,  
 2 morn, with praise re-joice, stars night-ly shin-ing, find a voice,  
 3 tense and fierce-ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:  
 5 pain and sor-row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
 7 Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi-rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Last uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Gröstliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;  
 adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

88. 44. 88 with Refrain

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God

Postlude

*We welcome into the Body of Christ  
Graham Charles Newberry  
and Finn Westley Newberry*



**I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS**  
JN. 14:18

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:**

Bob	Denys Lenets	Mary Anne Reed
Beverly Bradley	Jean Ledet & Chad	Mathew Reynolds
Braiden	Dixon	Kathleen Rhodes
Lewis Honor Carr	Kara Lynn	Rob, Ruthie and
Cynthia Cortright	Tony Marruchella	Samuel
Stephanie Dunham	Leland Mayo	Adrienne Robertson
Ed	Betty & Delbert Millican	Betty Sinclair
Sharon Ellington	and Ryan Lightfoot	Family of Kenneth
Joyce Ezell	Trish Morgan	Sosna
Jim Freeman	Paul Mosier	John Steward and
Tom Freeman	David Nelson	Lee DeWitt
Myrna Gowman	Joy Nelson	Martha Steward
Steve Hammontree	The Nichols Family	Nancy Steward
Jean Inge	Babette Patton	Ed Tebow
Jessica	Patty	Donna Walters
Judd	The Pearson Family	Colette Amelia
Sarah Kramer	Monte Pratt	Wantland McDonald
		Ginny Wynn

### Altar Gifts

Flowers are given today by Peggy Cummings in memory of both mothers, Eleanor Cummings and Mae Macy.

If you would like to donate towards flowers in memory or honor of someone close to you, please call Nancy at the church office. Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

### Birthdays This Week

14 – Ezra Carr  
14 – Evan Greaves  
14 – John Freeman  
14 – Sarah Brewer  
15 – Amber Fuller  
20 – Aréta Carr

### Announcements

“Church History – The Reformation” led by Steve Orwig continues . . .

**WEEK TEN (May 14)     The 17<sup>th</sup> century: Civil Wars and The Commonwealth—**

1. **Who was Oliver Cromwell?**
2. **What were some of the changes in religious and civil life that occurred during the period of English history known as The Commonwealth?**

**Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 pm** – Evening Prayer in Mary Chapel

**Sunday, May 21 – Bike to Worship Day.** Find information in the Fab Friday.

**Sunday, May 28 – Day of Pentecost, Senior Sunday.** On this Sunday, we will honor Thomas Howard, graduating senior. Because it is also Pentecost, please know that you can also expect that **incense will be used during the service.**

In light of recent events, the Bishops Committee has been reviewing our safety and security guidelines. **As a safety precaution, a member of Bishop's Committee (BC) will lock the front door of the church after the Sunday service begins.** The BC member will remain near the door, for the duration of the service, to provide access for anyone arriving late for the service. Safety precautions are under review for other services. More to come.

**St. John's is looking to hire a nursery worker** who can commit to two / two-and-a-half hours per week for consistent service in our nursery. Background check and Safe Church training will be required. Please contact Nancy if interested.