

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | Walpole, NH
All are welcome – no exceptions – to worship, love, serve & grow.

A MORNING SERVICE OF WORD & PRAYER
with Administration of Holy Communion
Sunday, May 31, 2026 | The First Sunday of Pentecost

PRELUDE *Adagio cantabile from Sonata #8 "Pathetique"*
by Beethoven

Vladimir Odinokikh

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS

Celebrant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

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Evening



1 Most Ho - ly God, the Lord of heaven, who in the
 2 for you the daz - zling star shines forth which in its
 3 The day de - parts, the eve - ning stars se - rene - ly
 4 You, Ho - ly One, Cre - a - tor, Lord, you in the
 5 Like sun and day, shine in our hearts; like moon and



1 high arched sky has placed the sun that flames up from the
 2 gleam - ing path de - clares the won - ders of your glo - rious
 3 light the dark - ening sky; the moon with cool re - flect - ed
 4 pri - mal world once set the bound - aries of the day and
 5 night, give lov - ing peace. Free us from bonds of blind - ing



1 east and brings the splen - dors of the dawn:
 2 power, and beck - ons us to wor - ship you.
 3 glow will bring the si - lenc - es of night.
 4 night and or - dered sea - sons in their round.
 5 sin and guide us on our path to you.

Words: Latin; tr. Ann K. LeCroy (b. 1930)
 Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

LM

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Celebrant & People **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.**

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

JUBILATE

Psalm 100

The Celebrant and People say in unison.

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

People may be seated while the Lector reads.

A reading from the book of Genesis:

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 8

Lector and people read responsively by whole verse

¹O LORD our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

²**Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

⁴**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

⁵What is man that you should be mindful of him?
the son of man that you should seek him out?

⁶**You have made him but little lower than the angels;
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

⁷You give him mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under his feet:

⁸**All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,**

⁹The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰**O LORD our Governor,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

Following the Psalm, all say in unison:

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

People may remain seated while the LEM reads.

A reading from the Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

LEM: The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
 2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

People stand to hear the gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Thanks be to God.**

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

SPECIAL HYMN Jesus, The Light of the World

Jesus, the Light of the World

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;

“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 join the tri-umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.

Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain
 Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE MAGNIFICAT

After a time of reflection, all stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith in the words of Mary:

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The LEM and the People pray responsively. All remain standing as you are able.

Brothers and sisters, live in peace. With gracious hearts appeal to the Lord,
saying, "Glory to you, Holy Trinity; *we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.*"

Holy Trinity, you separated the light from the darkness: may your Church ever
dwell in your radiance and walk in the light of your love.

Silence

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Holy Trinity, you placed the same sky above all people: may people all over the
world live in peace with one another.

Silence

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Holy Trinity, you created all things good: give us the will to respect and preserve your creation, that future generations may experience the goodness of all you have made.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Holy Trinity, you created the sun to give us light: shine your light on our city, that the shadow places may be exposed. May your justice and peace reign in our neighborhoods.

Silence

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Holy Trinity, from your hand comes forth creatures great and small: as you care for even the smallest creature, show your loving-kindness to all who call out to you for help. Grace the lives of your children with healing and strength, especially Beth & Josh, Betty Williams, Bob Lindberg, Mary Lou Montgomery and the Montgomery family, Chris Cooper, Erik Lindberg, Heydi Manchame, James Armentrout, Janice Sykes, Jeanne Phillips, Kathy DePasquale, Peggy Pschirrer, Rachael Crowe, Rebecca Cooper, and Sara Crosby.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Holy Trinity, you created humankind in your image and you promised to be with us always: may those who have died take comfort in your eternal presence, especially Charlie Montgomery.

Silence

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand. People may greet one another from their seats.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Therefore, let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to God.

1. He's got the whole__ world__ in His hand,__ He's got the

whole world__ in His hand,__ He's got the whole world__

in His hand,__ He's got the whole world in His hand.____

2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
5. He's got everybody here, etc.

DOXOLOGY

All stand.

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

SOLEMN DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION (from the reserved sacrament)

The previously consecrated elements are reverently placed upon the altar from the front. Standing at the head of the congregation and facing the altar, the Celebrant leads the people in prayer.

All **In the beginning, the Holy Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being. Through Mary, the blessed Mother, the Word was made flesh in the body and blood of Jesus. Out of the Earth, Christ is born again and dwells among us.**

Celebrant O God, Creator of time and space, your Spirit abides with us and with all creation. We thank you for these gifts of the land and for these, our bodies, which we offer in your service. We thank you for this holy food we are about to receive, a miracle of new and unending life in you.

All **Gathered here today in your presence, may our hearts and souls be set on fire. May we bound to this good Earth in love, and to all your creatures from every people and tribe and faith and language and nation and species. May we be transformed by the same self-giving love that has transformed this bread. May we, taking into our humble bodies this holy food, become the love that creates all things, bears all things, renews all things. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you wish a blessing, instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest.

*The People receive Communion through bread consecrated at a previous service.
Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know at the altar that you'd like one.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Vladimir Odinokikh

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

People stand as you are able.

Let us pray. (*Celebrant and People say in unison*)

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.*

BLESSING

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



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Rondo from Concerto #9 by Mozart*

Vladimir Odinokikh

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

Working Together at St. John's

	<i>This Sunday</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Eric Herr, Homilist	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm The Rev. David Gilliam, Homilist
<i>Rector:</i>	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark (in CA) The Rev. David Gilliam	The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark (in CA) The Rev. David Gilliam
<i>Organist:</i>	Vladimir Odinkikh	Vladimir Odinkikh
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Conor O'Donnell	Conor O'Donnell
<i>Lector(s)</i>	Linda O'Donnell	Eric Herr
<i>LEM</i>	Drew Street	Sarah Downing
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Schoppmeyer	Patti Sparks
<i>Flowers</i>	Jane Loomis	Patti Sparks
<i>Ushers</i>	Al Sparks & Mairin Keleher	Drew Street & Bill Tyson
<i>Hospitality</i>	Lynne Reed or Taylor Royle	Linda O'Donnell, Conor O'Donnell & Dot Herr
<i>Counters</i>	John Proctor & Al Sparks	Alison Brule & Patti Sparks

In Loving Memory of Charles H. Montgomery

With sadness, and with deep gratitude for a life well lived, we share the news that beloved parish member Charles H. Montgomery died peacefully on May 26, 2026, with Mary Lou by his side at their cherished family home at Howland Farm.

Charlie's family is taking time to grieve, gather their thoughts, and prepare a proper obituary. They expect to plan a memorial service in Walpole later this year, and we will keep the parish updated as those plans are made. A letter from Charlie's son, Hugh, on behalf of the family, is included in the e-newsletter sent on May 28 and is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

For those who wish to reach out to Mary Lou or the family, they ask that notes be sent by mail rather than by phone or in-person visits at this time. Because Mary Lou's eyesight is poor, large print is especially appreciated.

Notes may be sent to:

Mary Lou Montgomery
114 Ramsay Hill Road
Walpole, NH 03608

In addition, parish member Al Sparks has kindly offered to gather stories, memories, and words of comfort from the St. John's community to share with Mary Lou and the family. If you would like your words included in Al's letter, please send them to him by email or hand them to him during coffee hour. Al would like to collect these soon, so a prompt reply is appreciated.

The family is deeply grateful for the love, attention, and good wishes of this community, but they are not feeling up for visitors or calls while the news is still so fresh. Please hold Mary Lou and all of the family in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

We give thanks for this precious life and the life everlasting.

Fill Your Red Bag for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf

All parishioners are invited to take a "Red Bag" (a red cloth shopping bag with St. John's name on it) and fill it with items for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf every month. During June, the requested items are canned meats (tuna, & chicken), pasta, rice and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar). Betsy McGuire is our Fall Mountain Food Shelf Coordinator.

Our Rector: The Rev. Fred Chisolm can be reached at (802) 649-6495 (cell) or via email at rector@StJohnsWalpole.org.

St. John's Vestry 2026: Marilyn Wilking (Senior Warden), Drew Street (Junior Warden), Lisa Cuoco (Treasurer), Alison Brule (Clerk), Josh Beer, Mairin Keleher, John Proctor. Both wardens may be reached at info@StJohnsWalpole.org.