St. John’s named the 2017/2018 academic year “The Year of the Holy Spirit.” Western churches tend to focus all their attention on the second person of the Trinity, while often giving short shrift to the Holy Spirit. There is an ancient practice of observing a Novena (nine days of prayer) between Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost, wherein we pray for the sevenfold Gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and awe of the Eternal). Since the academic year is composed of nine months, we have been observing not nine days, but nine months, of prayer for the ninefold Fruit of the Spirit.

Each month we have focused our worship and formation programs on one of the Fruits of the Spirit. The Year of the Holy Spirit has fulfilled its promise to help us become Spirit-filled Christians, living our lives in profound witness to love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
The Vigil of Pentecost

PRELUDE – “Jesus Loves Me”  
arr. Fred Bock  
Barton Rippe, Piano

HYMN – “O Holy Spirit by Whose Breath”  
Veni Creator Spiritus

Officiant:  Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
People:  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Officiant: Let us pray
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 that 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. Amen.
THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: On this Eve of Pentecost, let it be our joyous delight to prepare ourselves for this birthday of the Church by contemplating the power of the Holy Spirit in our world, and its fruit in our life. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the ninefold fruits of the Spirit, and let us celebrate their healing power in music and song.

But first, let us pray for the needs of this world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which Christ died, and for the whole creation to which Christ promised the Holy Spirit.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the homeless, the hungry and the oppressed, the scorned and minimalized, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, nor live the life of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, let us remember before God the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John the Baptist, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Risen Lord, and who lived their lives in the power of the Holy Spirit, who unites us to them and one another.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your Name,
    your kingdom come,
    your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Almighty God bless us with divine grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and the Holy Comforter fill us with the Fruits of the Spirit. Amen.

A Celebration of the Fruit of the Spirit

I LOVE

THE FIRST LESSON – 1JOHN 4:13-21 (seated)  Lector: Liz Klein

By this we know that we abide in Christ and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Creator has sent his Child as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from Christ is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

Choir, Organ

Love is patient; love is kind;
Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
Love does not insist on its own way;
It is not irritable or resentful;
Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

[SILENCE]
THE SECOND LESSON – PHILIPPIANS 4:1-6 (seated)  
Lector: Hikmet Luleci

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

A PARAPHRASE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI’S TEACHING ON PERFECT JOY  
Zachary Lenox (Baritone), Choir, Piano

If everyone saw me as an example of holiness,  
This would not be perfect joy.

If I were the most successful physician, or engineer, or psychologist, or teacher,  
or musician, or public speaker;  
If I could breathe new life into things long dead,  
This would not be perfect joy.

If I could speak all languages, and know all science,  
If I could explain all wisdom, and foresee the future,  
If I could see inside others’ souls,  
This would not be perfect joy.

If my speech could soothe any aching heart,  
If I could travel amid the stars, while caring for the earth,  
If I possessed all riches,  
This would not be perfect joy.

If I try my best to be part of the community, treating everyone with respect and kindness,  
and they, in turn, treat me with contempt,  
calling me a fraud, an imposter, a pretender,  
If they kick me out and slam the door, and  
I refuse to be ruffled, refuse to get angry or indignant,  
If I believe there may, in fact, be some truth to what they say—  
That God may be speaking through them, inviting me to  
Get real and lose the masks:  
That is perfect joy!

[SILENCE]
THE THIRD LESSON – JOHN 14:25-29

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Creator, because the Creator is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

THE ABC’S of PEACE

Anna Breuer (Mezzo-soprano), Choir, Organ

“Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Peace is in the Air; peace be in the Body.
Peace is in the Cosmos; peace be in our Day.
Peace is in the Everyday; peace be in the Future.
Peace is in our God; peace be in the Heavens.
Peace is in the Intimate; peace be in the Joyful.
Peace is in the Knowledge; peace be in our Love.
Peace is found in Much; peace be found in Nothing.
Peace is in the Open; peace be found in Pain.
Peace is in the Quaint; peace be in the Rich.
Peace is in the Sage; peace be in the Trite.
Peace is in the Unitive; peace be in the Volatile.
Peace is in found in Wonder; peace be in the Xenia. [hospitality]
Peace is in the Yard; peace be in the Zephyr. [light, cooling breeze]

“Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

[SILENCE]

THE FOURTH LESSON – ROMANS 8:22-28

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. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose.
YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT
Congregation, Organ, Piano

(Please stand as you are able)

Robert Bryant

Verse 1: Choir
Verse 2: Women
Verse 3: Men
Verse 4: All

Scot Crandal

* Measured Time  ** Time Outside of Time

[SILENCE]
THE FIFTH LESSON – TITUS 3:3-7

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, Christ saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit God poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

HEADLINES FROM THE NEWS

Quartet, Piano

- Pilot Turns Plane Around To Help Grieving Family.
- Elderly Strangers Step In To Help Struggling Young Man Tie His Tie.
- Cop’s Kindness To Homeless Man Warms Hearts.
- Dad Overwhelmed As Hundreds of Celebrities Send Birthday Messages To Son Who Is being Bullied.
- Trump Voter Leaves A $450 Tip For Black Waitress Along With A Moving Note.
- Man Builds Tiny House For Homeless Woman Sleeping In The Dirt.
- Two Killed In Portland While Trying To Stop Anti-Muslim Rant.
- Surviving Victim Of Portland Max Train Attack Got Critical Medical Aid From Fourth Samaritan.

[SILENCE]

THE SIXTH LESSON – 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11A

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “God scatters abroad, God gives to the poor; God’s righteousness endures forever.” The One who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.
A NEW EQUATION
Congregation, Organ, Piano
(Please stand as you are able)

Robert Bryant

1. I have a theory of giving, but the math just does not compute. It
starts with absolute zero; Then I add that which is one. The
I've subtracted from One-ness, and thus also from the Three is
have in life very little, other than love, faith and hope. These
One I divide into three: the Source, the Verb, and the Son. From
so much more than I can count or even begin to see. When
shine a bove all that I own; they solely help me to cope. Our
this I take away all that I want and I need And by_
I attempt to add to what their total comes out, it's no_
dollars make no cents; clinging to them has no point. My all_
this subtraction I multiply endlessly greed. I get a lot more than
bigger number, but only my massive doubt. To solve this testy e_
is for others, since we share accounts now joint. The new math is simple;
I had, but the void I cannot refute.
- quation is not hard, and comes with no price.
let's see: the more we give, the more we're free.

[SILENCE]
**The Seventh Lesson – Ephesians 6:10-18A**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

**A Creed Without Dogma**

Michael Sanchez (Tenor), Choir, Organ

I be-love the Oneness of the universe,
   From which all things come.

I be-love the Holy Child in whom I see love,
   Born of a young girl infused with Spirit,
   Abused by human power, tortured, and put to death by the State.
   He died. He really died.
   His life was more powerful than death.
   He dwells with the Holy, sharing eternal love.
   His presence not bound by time or life or death.

I be-love the Spirit of the universe.
   I be-love those who are faith-full in all places.
   I be-love those who are faith-full in all times.
   I be-love those who lack faith, but seek wholeness.
   I be-love my body that is and my body that shall be.
   I be-love the life beyond my comprehension. SO BE IT.

[SILENCE]
The Eighth Lesson – James 3:13-17

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

Chakras of Gentleness
Jocelyn Claire Thomas (Soprano), Choir, Piano

Choir: “Let your gentleness be known to all” [Philippians 4:5]

Solo:

1) Gently, gently, O Spirit of God,
   root me in grounded stability.

2) Gently, gently, O Spirit of God,
   spawn in me reproductive creativity.

3) Gently, gently, O Spirit of God,
   kindle in me heated determination.

4) Gently, gently, O Spirit of God,
   nurture in me unconditional love.

5) Gently, gently, O Spirit of God,
   sing through me devotional praise.

6) Gently, gently, O Spirit of God,
   hone in me logical and intuitive reasoning.

7) Gently, gently, O Spirit of God,
   Crown me with pure consciousness.

[SILENCE]
THE NINTH LESSON – 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-7

Lector: The Rev. Heather Wenrick
I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

BACK TO THE BEGINNING
Choir, Organ, Piano

“I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.”
How do I conquer this self-destructive bent?
The Spirit, the Spirit, the Spirit will share its fruits!

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
There is no law against such things.”

Herein lies my self-control:
Gentleness conquers cruelty.
Faithfulness conquers alienation.
Generosity conquers greed.
Kindness conquers callousness.
Patience conquers petulance.
Peace conquers doubt.
Joy conquers sorrow.
LOVE CONQUERS ALL!
OMNIA VINCIT AMOR
LOVE CONQUERS ALL!

[SILENCE]

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE (seated)
The offering received at this service will be used to continue the Coulter Concert Series.

OFFERTORY – “Intermezzo #2”
Scot Crandal
Angel Robertsson-Soper (Alto Recorder), Barton Rippe (Piano),
Fred Beal (Organ), Colin Crandal (Timpani), Kate Crandal (Double Bass)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS – “Doxology”
Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia . . .
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia . . .
CLOSING PRAYER  *Please stand*
Blessed are you, O Eternal, the God of our forebears, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. Amen.

THE PENTECOST BLESSING
May your bodies be filled with love, joy, and peace. Amen.
May your minds be filled with patience, kindness, and generosity. Amen.
May hearts be filled with faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

HYMN – “PRAISE THE SPIRIT IN CREATION”  

Finnian

[Music notation]
**THE DISMISSAL**


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

**POSTLUDE – “Toccata in Seven”**

John Rutter
Fred Beal, Organ

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You are invited to the reception in the Narthex following this service,
Hosted by St. John’s Parishioners:

Doris Gleason
Liz O’Callaghan
Louise Sethmann
Mark FitzMaurice
Sheila Winslow
Brenda Henderson
Elsie Edge
Cate Connolly
Patti Duthie
Musicians

Sopranos
Zetta Burton
Miki Charlton
Patti Duthie
Elsie Edge
Beverely Galvan
Ann Janzen
Jo Ann Klooz
Janet Loy
Darlene Russ-Eft
Jocelyn Claire Thomas
Erin Walker

Tenors
Tom Cilluffo
Doris Gleason
Michael Hunter-Bernstein
Clella Jaffe
Dennis Lorimor
Fr. Steve Norcross
Michael Sanchez
Rochelle Wandzura

Altos
Anna Breuer
Cathleen Corrie
Karen Crandal
Ann FitzMaurice
Sue Hall
Jane Halling
Rebecca Oswald
Inés Valencia

Basses
Rod Evenson
Clyde Fahlman
Dan Gibbs
Zachary Lenox
Pat O’Callaghan
Angel Robertsson-Soper
Norman Turrill

Scot Crandal, conductor
Fred Beal, organ
Barton Rippe, piano
Colin Crandal, percussion
Kate Crandal, double bass
Angel Robertsson-Soper, alto recorder
Coulter Concert Series

The Very Rev. Roy Coulter served the Parish of St. John the Baptist from 1981 through 2001, first as Dean, when it was the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, and then as Rector. Through his warm personality and caring presence, Fr. Coulter endeared himself to both the Oregon Episcopal School family and St. John’s. Upon his retirement, the parish wanted to provide a fitting tribute to his life and work. Given Fr. Roy’s love of music, the parish decided to found a concert series in his honor. Many people contributed to make that idea a reality.

Over the years, the Series has presented an array of eclectic performances, ranging from a Russian choir to Suzanna Mars singing Broadway, from The Total Gospel Experience out of Seattle to Patrick Lamb on saxophone, from Dixieland jazz to Hildegard von Bingen’s Ordo Virtutum, from last year’s fully staged production of Jesus Christ Superstar to tonight’s worshipful experience of The Pentecost Cantata.

May the beauty of music lift your spirit and stir your soul, and may we all use our talents to make this world a better place!