

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

May 23, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist* (Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Hymn Hail thee, festival day! (*Salve festa dies*)

Hymnal # 225, vs. 1 & 2

*Opening Acclamation

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

*Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Gloria

Hymnal # S-27

*The Collect of The Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 `In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.
 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.
 And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
 The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Benedic, anima mea

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures.
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
 with its living things too many to number, *
 creatures both small and great.
27 There move the ships,
 and there is that Leviathan, *
 which you have made for the sport of it.
28 All of them look to you *
 to give them their food in due season.
29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
 you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
 you take away their breath,
 and they die and return to their dust.
31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
 and so you renew the face of the earth.
32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
 may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Epistle Reading

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Megan Castellan

***The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***The Prayers of the People**

Through the waters of baptism we have been joined together in the fellowship of Christ, and in the power of the Spirit we are sent forth to proclaim words and deeds of love, beginning with the offering of our prayers; responding, "Come, Holy Spirit."

+ Wisdom from on high, be with the leaders of the nations, giving them discernment and patience as they guide the people they serve; for this we pray.
Come, Holy Spirit.

+ Mighty Wind and Holy Fire, unsettle the hearts and minds of this church and diocesan community, that we may be challenged anew to hear your word and boldly live its message; for this we pray.
Come, Holy Spirit.

+ Blessed Advocate, may our ministries reflect your love for the poor in spirit, the needy, the sinner, those who are victims of injustice, oppression, violence and abuse, and for all whom the Son of God gave his life; for this we pray.
Come, Holy Spirit.

+ Spirit of many tongues, may the peoples of the world find a common language of the heart where cultural and racial diversity find holy ground, and nations suffering under bonds of oppression discover the way to peace; for this we pray.
Come, Holy Spirit.

+ Breath of Life, open our eyes to the crying needs of our environment, that we, and all the nations of the world, may prudently and tenderly nurture our fragile home; for this we pray.
Come, Holy Spirit.

+ Holy Comforter, pour your grace into the souls of all who have died, that they may know your abiding presence; for this we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit.

+ Spirit of thankfulness, we offer our gratitude to church school teachers and members of the choir whose devotion and creativity enrich the life of our community; for this we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit urging us to be people of passionate witness, let us continue our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Theodore	Kathleen	Martha	Suzy	Cecil
Dhara	Wes	Mary	Paul	Edith
Lorraine	Susan	James	Skip	
Loraine	Joan	Jay	Hattye	
Lucy	Jean	Terry	Elaine	
Carol	James	Alan	Pat	
Kathryn	Laura	Sara	Jerry	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Lee Faulkner, Emily Simon, Alexandra Henry

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

***The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Anthem *Ave verum corpus*, opus 1 no. 2 - Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Ave verum corpus, ex Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.
O Clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu Fili Mariae.*

[Translation: Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: you who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of humanity. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
O merciful, O gentle, O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary.]

St. John's Cyber Choir, Spring 2021

Offertory Sentence

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Expanded Language Prayer A

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Hymnal # S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God:
In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
And when we had fallen into sin
And became 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 maker of all.
Jesus 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 Savior 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, Jesus 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:

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God,
In this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior.
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
Now and forever.

Amen.

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal # S-164

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table. During the covid-19 pandemic, and in accordance with diocesan guidelines, Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread. Please come forward in a single line in the center isle, to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn *Come, Gracious Spirit (Mendon)*

Hymnal # 512

Dismissal

Postlude *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost) - **Samuel Scheidt (1586-1654)**

Liturgical Ministers Cynthia Gration, Sally Clayton, Peg Coleman

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for



ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the



world with God's grace. grace.



1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -



wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the

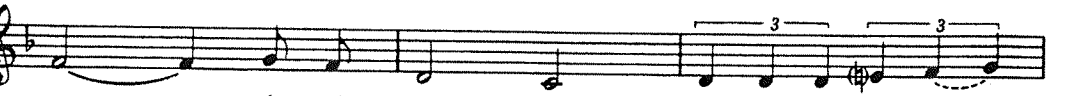


Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:

Repeat Refrain



2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold



mys - ti - cal of - fering, pour - ing on all hu - man



souls in - fi - nite rich - es of God:

Repeat Refrain

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.
 Music: *Salve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

SANCIUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Holy Spirit

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1 Come, Gra-cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt.

Music: Mendon, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1821; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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Offering of Letters 2021 to End Hunger through Advocacy

1 in 4 kids are at risk of hunger in the U.S. In Honduras, the director of a humanitarian organization explained that due to "a brutal combination of COVID-19 lockdowns" and events related to climate change "we are looking at a staggering one third of the population of Honduras suffering from extreme and chronic hunger." Internationally, a mind boggling 270 million could face a hunger crisis due to the pandemic.

Write your representatives in Congress and urge them to reduce hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

- Go to the Bread for the World website at www.bread.org
- Scroll down to Offering of Letters to Congress
- Click on "[WRITE TO CONGRESS](#)"
- In the body of the email message make sure to include your Name, Address [Street, City, State, Zip Code], and Email address.
- Your email will go to Sen. Schumer, Sen. Gillibrand, and Rep. Reed.

VERY IMPORTANT!!! Personalize your message by writing one or two sentences about why you care about people struggling with hunger and poverty. Personalized emails get the attention of Congressional staff.

Thank you for taking the 10 minutes to email your representatives. **PLEASE REPORT YOUR RESULTS** via email or text to St. John's to let us know that you wrote your members of Congress. St. John's Episcopal Church office@stjohnsithaca.org

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