

The Day of Pentecost

Whitsunday

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

28 May 2023 Year A

10:30 AM

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Prelude Komm Heiliger Geist BWV 667

J.S. Bach (1685 1750)

***Processional Hymn** Hail this joyful day's return (*Sonne der Gerechtigkeit*)

Hymnal #224

***Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria**

Hymnal #S-278

The Collect of the Day

BCP 175

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:

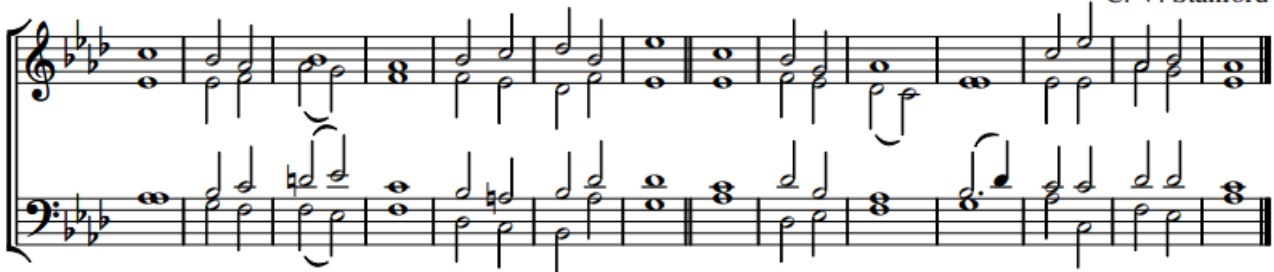
 `In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.

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
C. V. Stanford



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 Le- | viathan, *
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 re- | turn to · their | dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they | are cre- |
ated; *
and so you renew the | face of | the | earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD en- | dure for |
ever; *
may the LORD re- | joice 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 re- | joice | in the | LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, | O my | soul. *
-- | Halle- | lu- | jah!

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Sequence** A Mighty sound from heaven (*Song of the Holy Spirit*)

Hymnal #223

***The Gospel Reading**

John 2-:19-23

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained”

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.

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.
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.

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.

Let us continue our prayers to the one who calls us to faithfulness and strengthens us for the journey.

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

Joan	Penny	Carol	Faicia	Monica	John
Richard	Peterave	Lorraine	Eleanor	John	Jim
Shirley	Cece	Edith	Bob	Terry	Virginia
Wes	Deb	Kathryn	Judy	Nathan	
Charles	Allison	Ruth	Jeff	Carole	
Dick	Elizabeth	Frank	Daniel	Carrie	
Rebecca	Katie	Jack	Lynne	Linda	
Strater	Theodore	Julianne	John	Johnlyn	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Alexander Henry, Jay Carter, Kate McKee, John Wooton,

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**

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Anthem O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit

Thomas Tallis (c1505-85)

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,
And lighten our understanding,
That we may dwell in the fear of thy Name,
All the days of our life:
That we may know thee, the only true God,
And Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

***Presentation Hymn** Come, Holy Spirit (*Saint Agnes*)

Hymnal #510

***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-128

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

Hymnal #S-165

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table.

Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.

You may either intinct your wafer in the small chalice, or you may drink from the larger common chalice after consuming the wafer.

Please replace your mask after receiving the sacrament.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music Come Holy Ghost, the Maker, come Song 44 Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Post Communion Prayer

*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

***Recessional** Come Down, O Love divine (*Down Ampney*)

Hymnal #516

Dismissal

Postlude Fantasia super Komm Heiliger Geist BWV 651

J.S. Bach(1685-1750)

Acolyte: Ceril Sandstrom

Liturgical Ministers: Ceril Sandstrom, Gwen Freeman, Stephanie Nevels

Virtual Vergers Mike Roman, Amber Massa

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Suzy Blanchard in memory of Paul

St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!

May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.

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Hymns 28 May 2023

Hail this joyful day's return **Hymnal #224**

1. Hail this joyful day's return,
hail the Pentecostal morn,
morn when our ascended Lord
on his Church his Spirit poured!
2. Like to cloven tongues of flame
on the twelve the Spirit came—
tongues, that earth may hear their call,
fire, that love may burn in all.
3. Lord, to you your people bend;
unto us your Spirit send;
blessings of this sacred day
grant us, dearest Lord, we pray.
4. You who did our forebears guide,
with their children still abide;
grant us pardon, grant us peace,
till our earthly wanderings cease.

A mighty sound from heaven **Hymnal #230**

A mighty sound from heaven
At Pentecost there came,
A filled the place of meeting
With rushing wind and flame;
What Christ had promised now occurred
as each apostle spoke the word
beneath the Spirit's thunder,
and to the ears of all who heard
proclaimed salvation's wonder.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove **Hymnal #510**

- 1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.
- 2 See how we trifle here below,
fond of these earthly toys:
our souls, how heavily they go,
to reach eternal joys.
- 3 In vain we tune our formal songs,
in vain we strive to rise:
hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies.
- 4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
and that shall kindle ours.

Come down, O Love Divine **Hymnal #516**

- 1 Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling



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If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may make a secure donation at <https://stjohnsithaca.org/donate/>. Thank you!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

Please Join Us:

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Please continue to wear your mask when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Morning Prayer Monday – Thursday at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

Forward Day by Day for **May, June, and July** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

Flowers: If you wish to give Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the church office (607-273-6532).