

# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

## Whitsunday

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

May 19, 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude** Trio in G Minor, Op. 49, No. 1 Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

**\*Processional Hymn** Come, though Holy Spirit bright (*Veni Sante Spiritus*) **Hymnal #226**

**\*Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

**\*Collect For Purity**

**\*Gloria** **Hymnal #S-280**

### The Collect of the Day

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** **Ezekiel 37:1–14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

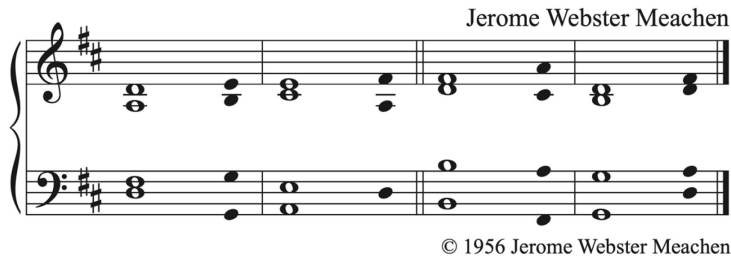
So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

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

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.*

\*Sequence Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove (*Mendon*)

Hymnal #512 vv. 1–2

## The Gospel Reading

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

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

*Glory be 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.*

**\*Sequence** Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove (*Mendon*)

**Hymnal #512 vv. 3–4**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Bryan Bedell**

**\*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.

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all the leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others; hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

*God of peace and justice, hear our prayers. Amen*

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

Joan	Richard	Theodore	Avery	Sandy	Mary Beth	Jack
Charles	Linda	Lorraine	Nathan	Amelia	Jack	Lisa
Wes	Jim	Edith	Jane	Michael	Julianne	Ira
Virginia	Gerald	Kathryn	Chris	Susan	Chavon	Jan
Shirley	Cece	Sarah	Carole	Jeff	Ruth	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Ayani Bunch, Loie Faulkner

## 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

*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 Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

Christopher Tye (1505–c.1573)

**\*Presentation Hymn** Creator Spirit, by whose aid (*Surrey*)

**Hymnal #500**

### \*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-129**

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-161**

### **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 or you may drink from the common chalice after consuming the wafer.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**Communion Music** Praise the spirit in creation (*Finnian*)

**Hymnal #506**

### **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** Spirit diving, attend our prayers (*Nun danket all und bringer*)

**Hymnal #509**

### **Dismissal**

**Postlude** Prelude in C Major, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

### **Crucifer:**

**Liturgical Ministers:** Josette Garrison, Beverly Way, Susan Backstrom

**Virtual Vergers** Michael Roman, John Jackson

*This morning we welcome The Rev. Bryan Bedell as our celebrant and guest preacher.*

**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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If you need pastoral assistance, please call or text the Senior Warden at 607-232-4465.

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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. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

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

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



# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

## Whitsunday

May 19, 2024 Year B

### Hymns

**Come, though Holy Spirit bright (*Veni Sancte Spiritus*)  
Hymnal #226**

1 Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,  
and from thy celestial home  
shed a ray of light divine;  
come, thou Father of the poor,  
come, thou source of all our store,  
come, within our hearts to shine.

2 Thou of comforters the best,  
thou the soul's most welcome guest,  
sweet refreshment here below;  
in our labour rest most sweet,  
grateful coolness in the heat,  
solace in the midst of woe.

3 O most blessed Light divine,  
shine within these hearts of thine,  
and our inmost being fill;  
where thou art not, man hath naught,  
nothing good in deed or thought,  
nothing free from taint of ill.

4 Heal our wounds; our strength renew;  
on our dryness pour thy dew;  
wash the stains of guilt away;  
bend the stubborn heart and will;  
melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
guide the steps that go astray.

5 On the faithful, who adore  
and confess thee, evermore  
in thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give them virtue's sure reward,  
give them thy salvation, Lord,  
give them joys that never end.

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**Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove  
(*Mendon*)  
Hymnal #512**

1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with light and comfort from above;  
be thou our guardian, thou our guide  
o'er every thought and step preside.

2 The light of truth to us display,  
and make us know and choose thy way;  
plant holy fear in every heart,  
that we from thee may ne'er depart.

3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
nor let us from his precepts stray;  
lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.

4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
fullness of joy for ever there;  
lead us to God, our final rest,  
to be with him forever blest.

**Creator Spirit, by whose aid (*Surrey*)  
Hymnal #500**

1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
the world's foundations first were laid,  
come, visit every humble mind;  
come, pour thy joys on humankind;  
from sin and sorrow set us free,  
and make thy temples worthy thee.

2 O Source of uncreated light,  
the Father's promised Paraclete,  
thrice holy Fount, thrice holy Fire,  
our hearts with heavenly love inspire;  
come, and thy sacred unction bring  
to sanctify us while we sing.

3 Plenteous of grace, come from on high,  
rich in thy sevenfold energy;  
make us eternal truth receive,  
and practice all that we believe;  
give us thyself, that we may see  
the Father and the Son by thee.

**Praise the spirit in creation (*Finnian*)  
Hymnal #506**

Praise the Spirit in creation,  
breath of God, life's origin:  
Spirit moving on the waters,  
quickenings worlds to life within,  
source of breath to all things breathing,  
life in whom all lives begin.

Praise the Spirit, close companion  
of our inmost thoughts and ways;  
who, in showing us God's wonders,  
is himself the power to gaze;  
and God's will, to those who listen,  
by a still small voice conveys.

Praise the Spirit, who enlightened  
priest and prophets with the word;  
his the truth behind the wisdoms  
which as yet know not our Lord;  
by whose love and power, in Jesus  
God himself was seen and heard.

Tell of how the ascended Jesus  
armed a people for his own;  
how a hundred men and women  
turned the known world upside down,  
to its dark and furthest corners  
by the wind of heaven blown.

Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,  
praise the Father, praise the Word,  
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,  
Trinity in deep accord;  
through your voice which speaks within us  
we, your creatures call you Lord.

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**Spirit diving, attend our prayers (*Nun*  
*danket all und bringer*)  
Hymnal #509**

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers,  
and make this house thy home;  
descend with all thy gracious powers,  
O come, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light; to us reveal  
our emptiness and woe,  
and lead us in those paths of life  
whereon the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts  
like sacrificial flame;  
let our whole soul an offering be  
to our Redeemer's Name.

4 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings,  
the wings of peaceful love;  
and let thy Church on earth become  
blest as the Church above.

5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers;  
make a lost world thy home;  
descend with all thy gracious powers;  
O come, great Spirit, come!