

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026
9:30 AM



Welcome! *Everything you need to participate in today's service can be found in this bulletin. Please add your voice to the hymns we sing and the prayers we say together. Congregational responses are bold. As you are able, please stand where indicated with an asterisk.*

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PRELUDE

All stand, as able.

OPENING HYMN *

Come down

Hymn 516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place
and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION *

Celebrant Breath of God come and breathe upon us your life-giving spirit.

People **We welcome you into this space and into our lives.**

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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty 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.

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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.**

All are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104

Reader Let us sing Psalm 104

The musical score for Psalm 104 is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first two systems are vocal lines with lyrics: "Lord, send out your spir - it!". The third system continues the vocal line with lyrics: "Lord, send out your spir - it! And re - new the face of the earth." The fourth system is a vocal line with the word "earth." below it. The fifth system is a piano accompaniment consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with chords and single notes.

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**. *Refrain*
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**. *Refrain*
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**. *Refrain*
32. May the glory of the Lord endure **forever**;*
may the Lord rejoice in all his **works**.
35. May these words of mine **please** him;*
I will rejoice in the **Lord**. *Refrain*

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THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Reader A reading from the book of Acts.

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.' "

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN * *The church is wherever God's people are*
Verse 1 before and 2 after the Gospel

VF 164

1 The church is wher - ev - er God's peo - ple are prais - ing,
2 The church is wher - ev - er God's peo - ple are help - ing,
sing-ing their thanks for joy on this day. The church is wher-ev-er dis -
car - ing for neigh-bors in sick-ness and need. The church is wher-ev-er God's
ci - ples of Je - sus re - mem-ber his sto - ry and walk in his way.
peo-ple are shar-ing the words of the Bi - ble in gift and in deed.

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THE GOSPEL *

John 20:19-23

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **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."

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

SERMON

The Rev Stacy Salles

After a period of silence, all stand or kneel, as able.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH * *from the New Zealand Prayerbook*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.**

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE * *from the Baptist Union of Great Britain*

Intercessor Ever living and ever-loving God,
We praise you for your loving presence with us.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Intercessor take and transform our societies—
that broken people find healing; that lonely people find love;
that bitter people find peace; that fearful people find hope.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Intercessor take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal—
that communication can be open;
that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will evaporate;
that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Intercessor fill your church— that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you;
that prayers will change our minds instead of trying to get you to change yours;
that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world. We
especially keep in our prayers our Bishop, Bonnie Perry, our Presiding Bishop,
Sean W. Rowe, our priest, Rev. Stacy, and the ministry of the lay people of Saint
James'.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Intercessor fill our lives with your presence—
so that more and more every day, all that we do and say and hope
will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others,
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Intercessor As we pray for those in our cycle of prayer _____.

Please add your own intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud at this time.

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that
we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

CONFESSION OF SIN *

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 *

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ephesians 5:2

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Go Forth for God

Sam Batt Owens

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage armed with heavenly grace, in God's good spirit daily to increase, till in his kingdom we behold his face.	Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted; richly from above his love supplies the grace and pow'r we seek.	Go forth for God, go to the world in joy; to serve God's people ev'ry day and hour, Go forth for God, serving Christ our ev'ry gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power. Amen.
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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *All stand or kneel, as able.*

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 thanks and praise.**

In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

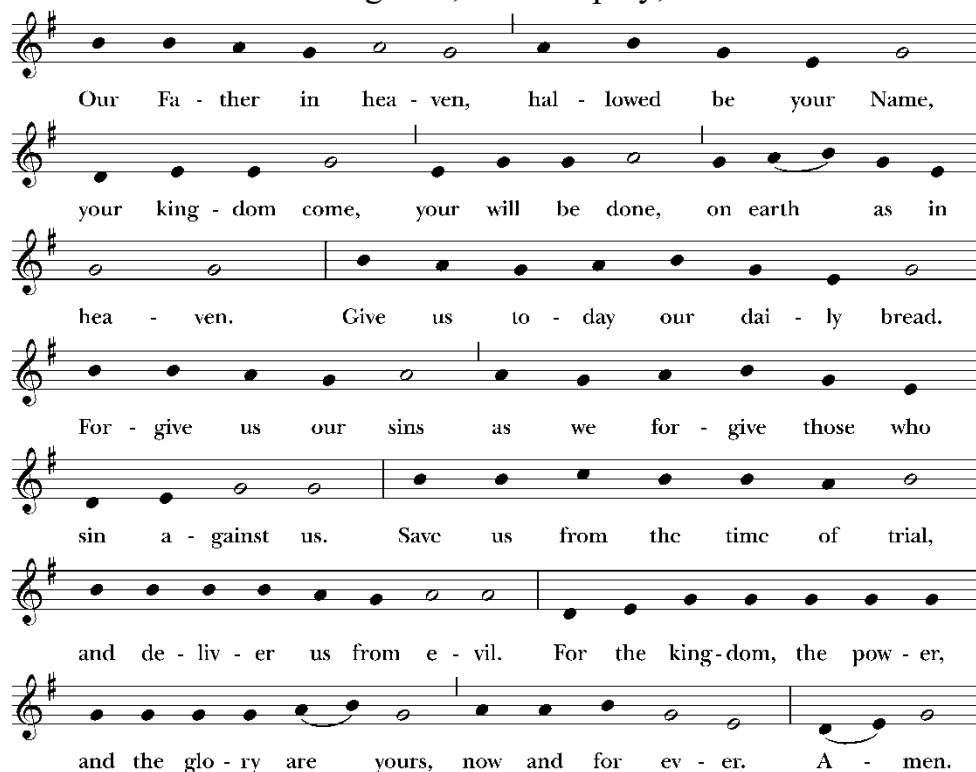
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD*

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like a blessing, place your arms across your chest as you approach the priest. You may receive both bread and wine or elect to receive the bread alone. A low-gluten option is available.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the people with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Spirit of Mercy

Hymn 229

1 Spi - rit of mer - cy, truth, and love, O shed thine
 2 In ev - ery clime, by ev - ery tongue, be God's a -
 3 Un - fail - ing Com - fort, heaven - ly Guide, still o'er thy

in - fluence from a - bove; and still from age to
 maz - ing glo - ry sung: let all the lis - tening
 ho - ly Church pre - side; O shed thine in - fluence

age con - vey the won - ders of this sa - cred day.
 earth be taught the deeds our great Re - deem - er wrought.
 from a - bove, Spi - rit of mer - cy, truth, and love.

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All stand, as able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING *

CLOSING HYMN *

Holy Spirit, ever living

H 511

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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THE DISMISSAL*

*SUNG 3x: As you go, tell the world, as you go, tell the world
 Tell the world about Jesus, tell them about his Love.
 Tell the world about Jesus, tell them about his love.
 As you go, tell the world, as you go, tell the world”*

Celebrant Go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

*This concludes today's service. Please join us downstairs for coffee hour.
 An elevator is available near the office stairway.*

<p align="center">Sunday Service Team</p> <p>Reader: Julie Lowery Intercessor: Coco Pung Server: Jackie Shock Usher: Andy Duncan Altar Guild: Melissa Milton-Pung & Sandy Perkins Church School: Family Worship Coffee Hour: Grace & Jerry Brand</p>	<p>Interim Priest: Rev Stacy Salles Music Director: Dr. Gwangwon Park</p> <p align="center">Today's flowers are given to the glory of God In thanksgiving for Raylynn Fendt's birthday By Wendy & Len Arntson</p> <p>Music printed Copyright ©2026 Church Publishing Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted/Podcast/Streamed with Permission Under One License A-709578. All rights</p>
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