Morning Prayer

The Day of Pentecost

May 31th, 2020

Grace Episcopal Church

Opening

*Officiant* Christ has no body on earth now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the

eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which he walks to do good; yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. *Theresa of Avila*

**Prelude** *Trio Sonata 1, Allegro*J.S. Bach

Opening Sentences

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has

passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17

**The Peace**

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

The Invitatory and Psalter BCP 80

*Officiant* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People*  **And your glory all the day long.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:   
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Spirit of God renews the face of the earth:

*People* Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Venite****BCP 82**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

***Officiant and People*  
Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.  
In his hands are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

### Psalm 104:25-35, 37

### *(Spoken in unison)*

**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!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Lessons**

### The First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

### *Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 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.' "

### *Lector* The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

Canticle, A Song of God’s Children

*Romans 8:2, 14, 15b-19*

*Officiant and People*

**The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus\***

**has set us free from the law of sin and death.**

**All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God;\***

**for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry, “Abba, Father.”**

**The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God\***

**and if God’s children, then heirs of God;**

**If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ;\***

**since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with him.**

**These sufferings that we now endure\***

**are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.**

**For the creation waits with eager longing\***

**for the revealing of the children of God.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

### *Lector* The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** *Veni Creator Spiritus* Stephen Buzard

### The Gospel Lesson: John 7:37-39

*Lector* A reading from the Gospel of John.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

### *Lector* The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** The Rev. April Berends

The Apostles’ Creed BCP 96

*Officiant and People together, all standing*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 513 *Like the murmur of the dove’s song*

The Prayers BCP 97

The People stand or kneel

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**Officiant and People  
Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day BCP 225

*Officiant*

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 his 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****.*

**Collect for the Human Family**O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony

around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

Intercessor Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world, saying, Living God,

pour your Spirit upon us.We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Brian, our Bishop, and for all who confess your name throughout the world. Inspire our witness to your Holy Gospel, that we may make your love known.

**People Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

IntercessorWe pray for this fragile earth, our island home. Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation

and help us to care for the world you have entrusted to us.

**People Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

IntercessorWe pray for courage, strength, and grace in our daily lives. May the work of our

hands, the words of our mouths, and the prayers of our hearts bring glory to you and hope to your people.

**People Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

IntercessorWe pray for peace among the peoples of the earth. Guide the leaders of the nations, and bring those divided by war and hatred to the peace that the world does not yet know.

**People Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

IntercessorWe pray for those in our community who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this

week. May your goodness and mercy follow them all the days of their lives.

**People Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

IntercessorWe pray for those who suffer, for those who are sick, lonely or imprisoned. Surround them with

your healing presence, and help us to minister to them with wisdom and compassion. We pray

especially for:

Tom,Jeanette, Jane, James and Barbara, Kathleen and Caroline, Bo and Mary Minor, Helen, Nancy, David,

Charlotte,Tyler, Jeff, Rebecca, J.R., Marcia, Major, Peggy, Jean, William, Timothy, Donald, Robert, Cooper,

Sally, Charles, Jonathan, Steven, John, Libby, Rebecca, Elaine, Jean, Barbara, Elizabeth, John, Joyce, Jim,

Mary Ruth, and Ann;

We pray for Wil, Jake, Jordan, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all

of our Armed Forces, here and abroad;

We pray for Emily and Kerry, who are with child.

We pray for all who are treating the sick, staffing health care facilities, stocking shelves, transporting supplies, providing transit, suffering from illness, grieving those who have died, and adjusting to new ways of living in the midst of the current pandemic, we pray:

**People Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

IntercessorWe pray for those who have died, especially Vance Cobb, cousin of Jane Pickering, and for those

who are dying. Gather them

into the arms of your mercy, and receive them into the joy of your eternal realm.

**People Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

*Officiant* Perplexing, Pentecostal God, you infuse us with your spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that we may burn with the fire of your justice and compassion, and continue your mission in the world, **Amen**.

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 102**

*Officiant and People***Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Then may be said

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Postlude  *Capriccio in D* Georg Bohm

Worship Leaders

Officiants The Rev. David Burman, The Rev. April Berends

Preacher The Rev. April Berends

Lectors Jim Dorris and friends

Intercessors Cara Cassell and Kerri Williams

Organist Patrick Rice

Director of Music David Long

Singers Janelle Wagoner, Trevor Wagoner, Steven Hinkle, David Long, Megan Long,

Elizabeth Schrock

Video Richard Lanham

Announcements

**Join Us for Online Worship at 9am & 10:45am Sundays**

During this time of Social Distancing, we will continue to stream videos for Morning Prayer worship on our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/graceepiscopalchattanooga/) page and [website](https://www.saygrace.net/livestream-and-recordings.html) at 9am and again at 10:45am. Bulletins for each week’s service will be sent along with the Grace Notes weekend issue, and will be posted on the website alongside the video for the service. If you miss the 9am or 10:45am video streams, you can always go back and watch later.

**Christian Formation Opportunities**

**“Dream, Think, Be, Do” Sundays at 10am**

Beginning on Sunday, May 17th, we will begin a course produced by *Living the Questions*. “Dream, Think, Be, Do” provides an overview of progressive Christianity featuring the insights of over twenty-five theologians and teachers at the top of their game.  With sessions covering a broad range of theological topics, this series invites us into a process of re-visioning Christianity that is translating what it means to follow Jesus in today’s world.  Videos will be made available the week prior to each week’s session, and we will gather on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. via Zoom for discussion of the topics presented. Links to the video for each week, as well as the link for the Zoom Meeting will go out via GraceNotes. Please [email Sean McEwen](http://seanjmcewen@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.

**Parenting in Pandemic, Wednesday, May 13th at 8:30pm**Rev. April and Grace’s director of children’s ministry, Maria Hurt, invite all parents who have children home during the pandemic to join us for a conversation via Zoom on Wednesday, May 13th at 8:30pm. We’ll share challenges and wisdom, have the opportunity to pray for one another, and discern ways that we can support one another and our kids during this difficult time.

**Queer Theology**

The community of Grace has long maintained a commitment of embracing and affirming the gifts and the belovedness of all persons, including LGBTQ+ persons. The Rev. April Berends and Sean McEwen will be leading a Queer Theology class so that we might explore these commitments more deeply.

Most of the readings for this class will come from *Queer Virtue* by Elizabeth Edman. The class meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in taking part, please email April at aberends@saygrace.net if you would like to join this conversation, and be sure to send along any questions or issues you might like to explore.

**A Note from April about Impostor Emails**

Friends, in the last couple of weeks, a number of folks in our community have received emails from people posing as either me or David Burman, asking for favors or monetary transactions. I understand that our bishop has also been impersonated in similar ways. Please remember that the Grace clergy won't send you emails asking for vague favors or monetary assistance outside of the established mechanisms for stewardship and giving at Grace. Our email addresses end in "@[saygrace.net](http://saygrace.net/?fbclid=IwAR3yIpJlxHljyz0-0PDaetfn9RcgH6TzyzzFC1bugQCPb9rR_jW953ILJYw" \t "_blank);" please check to make sure that is the case before you respond.

**Community Care in Anxious Times**

Grace check-in team leaders are continuing to contact parishioners via phone, text and/ or email. Please take a moment to pick up or write back to let them know if you’re okay and/or if you need help, pastorally or physically. The leaders of these groups will be in close communication with our priests and our network of volunteers. If you are a new member of Grace and we do not have your information in the directory, please fill out the New Member form [here](https://www.saygrace.net/newmember.html) and let us know if you would like to be added to a check-in group. If you have an urgent pastoral need, please call the parish office at (423)243-3250 and leave a message on the **main line**. We will be checking these messages regularly even if we aren’t in the office.