

# Church of the Holy Cross



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Holy Communion

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# Gathering of the People

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn H 511 *Holy Spirit, every living*

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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### Opening Acclamation (Anglican Church of Kenya)

**Celebrant** The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

**People** **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

**Celebrant** The Spirit is here.

**People** **The promise of God.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray:

**All** **Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness,  
and know the shadow of our hearts:**

**cleanse and renew us by your Spirit,  
that we may walk in the light and glorify your name,  
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** MHSO 108 (vs 1, 7) *Come, Holy Spirit, descend on us*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, de - scend on us, de -". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment with lyrics: "scend on us. We ga - ther here in Je - - - sus'". The third system features a Cantor's part in the vocal line, starting with "(Cantor, except last time)" and the lyrics "Come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit.\*". Below this, there is a piano accompaniment with a "last time" marking and a long "hum" line. The lyrics "name." and "\*Come, Ho - ly" are placed under the piano accompaniment.

\* Congregation repeats words sung by Cantor(s).  
1 Come, Holy Spirit.  
7 Come to disturb us.

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**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

**A Reading from Acts**

Acts 2:1-21

*Reader* 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 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

*Recited responsively by whole verse. The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.*

- 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!**

## A Reading from the Letters

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Reader* A reading from the first Letter of St. 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Sequence Hymn H 628** *Help us, O Lord to learn*

*We will sing vs 1 & 2 before the gospel; vs 3 after*

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to  
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that  
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.  
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.  
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

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## Holy Gospel

John 7:37-39

*The gospel is first read in multiple languages simultaneously by worshippers. When they are finished, the deacon reads it in English.*

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

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Renewal of the Baptismal Vows**

Let us who have committed ourselves to Christ renew our baptismal vows.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

***People* I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

***People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People* 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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People* 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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** (adapted from the Anglican Church in Australia)

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For the community and world we live in, and for the ministry of Holy Cross,  
**We pray in the Spirit, O God.**

For our search committee. Grant them wisdom, discernment and patience as they move through this process.

**We pray in the Spirit, O God**

For the pastor who will be joining us. Lead the right priest to our Church and guide us as we move forward together.

**We pray in the Spirit, O God**

For our church. Send us a tenant for the daycare space who will bless us and who we will bless and guide our vestry as we move through this process.

**We pray in the Spirit, O God**

For the least, the last and the outsiders to find belonging in love,

**We pray in the Spirit, O God.**

For the wise, the gifted and the strong to offer their talents in Christ's service,

**We pray in the Spirit, O God.**

For all who seek faith to discover the Good News here in their own way,

**We pray in the Spirit, O God.**

For all who are broken or discouraged to find healing and peace, in the grace of Christ,

**We pray in the Spirit, O God.**

For those who have gone before us.

**May we be one in the resurrection to God's life.**

Give us such trust in you, our generous God,  
**that our own generosity may be expressed in your service.**

Give us the grace to live our unfolding story with you,  
**and to be changed by your Spirit as we live in hope.**

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions aloud in the room or typed into the online chat.*

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

*God's Peace is exchanged with one another.*

# Liturgy of the Table

## Offertory Sentence

### Offertory Music H 516

*Come down, O Love Divine*

*The Offertory is performed while the Celebrant sets the table.*

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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## Communion Prayer (Church of Ireland, Holy Communion Two, Prayer 3)

*Celebrant* God 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.**

Creator, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love.  
When we turned away you did not reject us.  
You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children  
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened wide his arms upon the cross  
and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died  
you came to table with your friends.  
Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,  
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: **you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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;  
do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: **you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ: **dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored  
our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us  
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace,  
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, Blessed Trinity:  
with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you  
this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Sanctus** MHSO 38 *Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, God of power and  
power and might, - heaven and earth and full, - are full  
of your glo - ry. - Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -

san - na in the high - - - est! Ho - san - na! Ho -  
 san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

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**Celebrant** Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.  
**People** **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** (New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa)

As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
 Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,  
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread** (*Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.*)

**Celebrant** Alleluia! 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. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

**The Communion of the People**

*No one who comes to the table seeking Christ is turned away. You may take the bread and/or the wine. If you do not wish to take either, cross your arms over your chest to signal you prefer a blessing. Our bread is gluten-free. If you are unable to get to the altar, let the usher know and the priest will come to those who need at the end.*

*The words of distribution are:*

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.  
 The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

**Communion Music** VF 53 *Spirit of God unseen*

Spi - rit of God, un - seen as the wind, gen - tle as is the dove:  
 [1. 2.] [last time] Fine  
 teach us the truth and help us be-lieve, show us the Sa-viour's love! love!  
 1 You spoke to us long, long a - go, gave us the writ-ten word;  
 2 With-out your help we fail our Lord, we can-not live his way;  
 D.C.  
 we read it still, need-ing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.  
 we need your power, we need your strength, fol - low-ing Christ each day.

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**Announcements & Blessings of Life Events**

**Post Communion Prayer** (Anglican Church of Kenya)

**Almighty God, eternal Creator, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.**


**The Pentecost Blessing**

May the God who dances in creation, who embraces us with human love, who shakes our lives like thunder, drive us out with power to fill the world with God's love. And may the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity, be with you and those you love and pray for this day and always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** LEVAS 114 *Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit*


Harmony  
 Ev' - ry time I \_\_\_ feel the spir - it, \_\_\_ mov - ing  
 in my heart, \_\_\_ I will pray. \_\_\_ Ev' - ry time I \_\_\_ feel the

**Fine**




spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

*unison*




1. Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his  
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the



1. mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so  
2. bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

*D.C.*



1. fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.  
2. track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

## Going into the World

*Deacon* Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

## Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.  
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

### Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1: Bruce Hinkle  
Reader 2: Bev Siirilla  
Prayer: **Volunteer Needed**  
Greeter/Usher: Leon Collins  
Zoom Host: Bruce Hinkle  
Counters: Pam Hinkle & Bev Siirila

### Altar Guild

**Joanne Quinlan**, Carole Abshier, Gael Grossman, Anne Hamilton, Katherine Housman, Kathie Kirby, Cathi Peterson

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