



The Day of Pentecost : Whitsunday

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Holy Eucharist:

Enriching our Worship

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The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Opening Hymn LEVAS 120 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place *Doris Akers*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

A Song of Creation

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

Canticle 12

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord,
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold,
drops of dew and flakes of snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days,
O shining light and enfolding dark.

Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

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.*

Lessons

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2:1-21

Richard Pflieger

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.' "

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

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea* (chanted by Jenna Rodriguez)

- 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!

Lector A Reading from the 1st Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12:3b-13
Val Valverde

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 229 Spirit of mercy, truth and love *Cornish*

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People Glory to you, Lord Christ. (John 20:19-23)

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.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People

Jane Foster

In the power of the Spirit who aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray, let us offer to God our intercessions, thanksgivings, and the deep yearnings of our hearts, saying: Come, Holy Spirit.

For the church, for bishops, for clergy, and for all the people of God, that they may be made whole and free by the Spirit, and bear witness in every aspect of life to the full force of Christ's resurrection, we pray: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

For our world in its brokenness, that the peace of the risen Christ heal the wounds of all victims of injustice and exploitation, and transform the hearts of those who lead the nations and who make public policy, that they may truly become makers of peace, we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit.

That liberal and conservative may be drawn together in truth by the Spirit and come to rejoice in their different gifts and points of view, we pray: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

For those weighed down by despair, suffering from addiction, or burdened by illness, that they may experience the freedom which the Spirit gives to the children of God, we pray: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

In thanksgiving for the departed, and for all who witnessed to us of God's love poured into our hearts by the Spirit, and for the grace to be faithful to all they have been for us, we pray: *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Gracious God, receive our prayer; hear our hearts' deep yearnings, yet to be formed into words. Give us the courage to yield ourselves, all that we are and have yet to become, to the transforming motion of your Holy Spirit, and carry out in us and through us your work of new creation. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and living one. Amen

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn

Sudden from out the air

Moscow
(from "Fire and Bread")

The Dismissal

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Postlude *Pentecost Rings on Rounds, Kings, and Queens*

St. John's
Hand Bell Ensemble

Our audio and video channels will be left open for the next few minutes so that you can all exchange the Peace with a 'virtual' hello or a hug.

Assisting with the service today

Readers	Richard Pfleger, Val Valverde
Music	Jenna Rodriguez, Val Valverde Tom Elston, Music Director St. John's Hand Bell Ensemble
Prayers of the People	Jane Foster
'Zoom' Production	Jorge Darr

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As we continue to find new ways to worship and 'gather together' (if only via technology), we will be using the ZOOM conferencing application that allows us to share both video and audio interactively. So... in case you missed last weekend's service, we're going to 'zoom' our service in real-time again this weekend.

If you have access to a cellphone, laptop computer or tablet with a camera, and have not already done so, you can download the Zoom app at no charge. Just go to www.zoom.com and follow the steps to join the app for free. I would suggest that you do this in advance of Sunday's service since the app takes a while to download to your device.

At 10:00am on Sunday morning, visit the Zoom website again and "join a meeting." This week's meeting ID is **890 4465 2335**. The password is **704817**. You should be connected into the meeting. Participants will be "muted" upon entry so that the service can begin in quiet.

If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) **1-929-205-6099** and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Terri +

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