# THE FEAST OF PENTECOST ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II WITH BAPTISM - 10:15 A.M. SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome to St. John's! We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence. To ensure newcomers feel welcomed, position prompts are provided throughout our bulletins. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable for you, please know it is fine to remain seated.

**Preludes** 

A Pentecost Prayer

III. Duo from Veni Creator

C. P. Cooma N. de Grigny

R. Powell

All rise at the sound of the church bell.

Hymn 225, standing Hail thee, festival day!

**SALVE FESTA DIES** 

Presider

Alleluia. Christ is risen

People

The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Presider

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

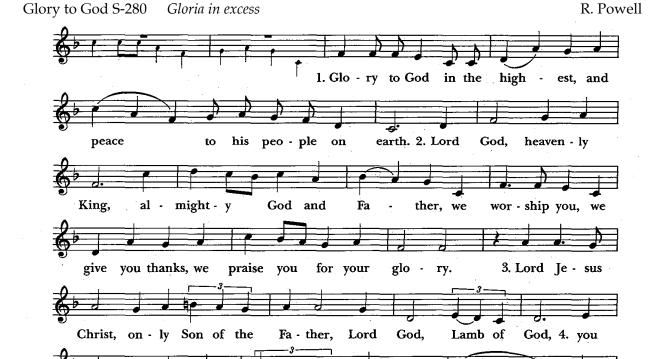
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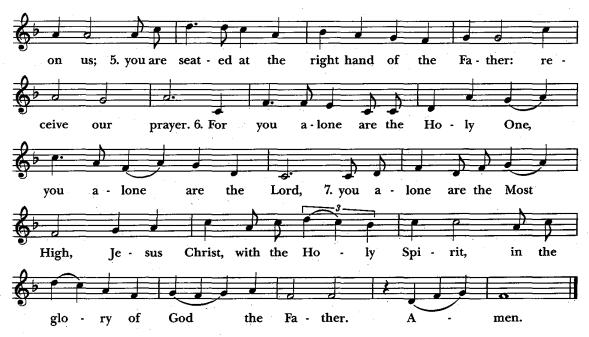
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## The Collect of the Day

Presider

The Lord be with you

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

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.** 

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

You may be seated.

## The First Lesson: 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.'"

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

People Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Benedic, anima mea

Sung by the choir

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!

W. Crotch

#### The Second Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 505, standing O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

O HEILIGER GEIST

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15, standing

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

People Glory 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.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Kate E. Wesch

Silence and stillness are kept after the sermon.

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidate, seated

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents & Godparents* I present Zachary Hansen to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up

in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents & Godparents* I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full

stature of Christ?

*Parents & Godparents* I will, with God's help.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that

rebel against God?

*Parents & Godparents* I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy

the creatures of God?

Parents & Godparents I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Godparents I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents & Godparents I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents & Godparents I do.

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents & Godparents I do.

*The congregation is invited to stand.* 

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support

Zachary in his life in Christ?

People We will.

Presider Let us join with Zachary who is committing himself to Christ and renew

our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant, standing

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

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

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

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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.

Presider Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and

integrity of all creation?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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 for the Candidate**, standing

Presider Let us now pray for Zachary who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Intercessor* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son

may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory;

who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

# Thanksgiving over the Water, standing

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Baptism

Zachary, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.** 

Zachary, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.** 

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## The Asperges

As a reminder of our own incorporation into the household of God, the congregation is sprinkled with water. By custom and as a symbol of the sign under which we were adopted as children of God, the faithful sign themselves with the cross, bow, or say "amen," as they are sprinkled.

## The Peace, standing

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you!

People And also with you!

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## Welcome and Announcements

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## **Offertory Sentence**

*Presider* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received. Please be seated.* 

## Anthem The Spirit of the Lord

E. Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:

He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

#### **Presentation**, standing

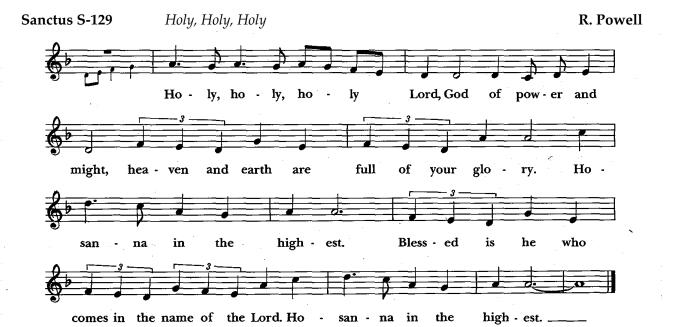
The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table. Weekly donations to the Shoreline Pantry are placed before the Altar.

## **The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The people stand or kneel, as the Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Presider and People

## Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus

Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

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

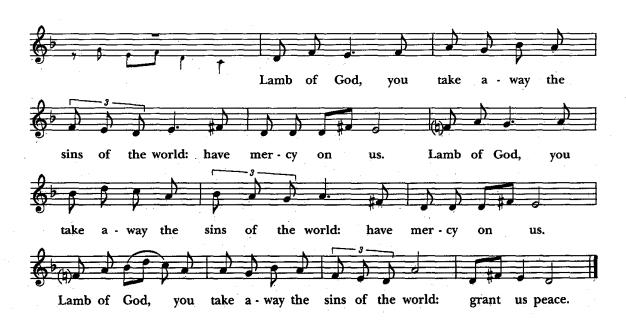
The Lord's Prayer, said by all

## **Breaking of the Bread**

Fraction Anthem S-163

Jesus, Lamb of God

R. Powell



## The Invitation to Communion

Presider

Behold what you are;

People

may we become what we receive.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. For a blessing, place your hands across your chest. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding one arm across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.

**Spreading our Light into the World:** For communion or a blessing, please exit the pews via the side aisles. Upon receiving communion or a blessing, we will provide you with a candle that is lighted from the flame of the Paschal Candle. Please carry the light with you as you return to your pew via the center aisle.

Hymns 516 Come down, O Love divine

513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

DOWN AMPNEY BRIDEGROOM

Postcommunion Prayer, standing

Presider Let us pray.

People 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.

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors, as requested

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and

blood.

People We, who are many, are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing, standing

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 511, standing Holy Spirit, ever living

ABBOT'S LEIGH

The Dismissal, standing

Presider Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude V. Dialogue sur les grands Jeux *from* Veni Creator

N. de Grigny

#### Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by the Wesch family; Kate, Joel, Carey, Avery, and Myles in thanksgiving for this incredible congregation.

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## **WORSHIP & STUDY TIMES**

SUNDAYS | Holy Eucharist — 8:00 & 10:15 AM
"Come As You Are" Worship Service — 5 PM
TUESDAYS | Bible Study, Parish Hall — 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM
THURSDAYS | Zoom Bible Study — 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAYS | Morning Prayer — 10:00 AM

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