

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II

MAY 31, 2020 AT 10:00AM



During this time when we aren't able to be together physically, we invite you to join us in other ways. Please check our [Website](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#) pages regularly for new information and video messages. If you are in need of groceries, medicine, or any other essentials please let us know by calling (717) 299-1188 or emailing equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org. We have a number of volunteers and staff members willing and able to run errands as needed.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Fantasy on Veni Creator Spiritus

R. Proulx

OPENING HYMN

Hail thee festival day

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for
ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the
world with God's grace. grace.

First time only 2

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his —
wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold —
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en —

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

HYMN OF PRAISE *Surely it is God who saves me*



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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.' "

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

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!

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *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

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

Fine

unison

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

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

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

D.C.

GOSPEL LESSON: 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE HOMILY

THE REV. AMANDA R. KNOUSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR PENTECOST

(Adapted from Nathan Nettleton; Laughing Bird Liturgical Resources)

We believe in God, creator of all,
whose love is more than mind can measure or time contain.
We believe that God's desire is fullness of life for all,
from the heights of heaven to the depths of hell,
nothing and no one has fallen beyond the reach of God's mercy.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who unveiled the divinity of human flesh
and revealed to us the nature of God;
who embodied God's holy wisdom
and brought forth fruits of love, joy, peace,
goodness, faithfulness, and humility.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
God's ceaseless and mysterious Go-between,
who kindles the fires of passion and integrity.
Elusive and uncontrollable,
comforting and disturbing,
who purges our delusions with fire
and whispers grace with a gentle breath,
empowering us to refuse what is evil,
and be taken up with praise.

Though sometimes fearful, in God we trust.
We lay ourselves open to the Spirit's touch
that we might be the body of Christ,
offering our life for the life of the world,
and being drawn into the mysterious dance of the Trinity,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory and praise forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*)

Let us unite our hearts and minds in prayer for our world, saying, Come, Holy Spirit.

For the church throughout the world, we lift up St. Luke's, Altoona in the diocesan cycle of prayer and in the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Melanesia.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Inspire the sons and daughters of your church for prophetic witness to your truth, and upon old and young give clarity of vision to acknowledge your saving power in the world. For nations of the world and its leaders, especially Donald, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Overcome the babble of misunderstanding among the nations, and let all people hear in their own language and recognize in their own culture your unifying message of love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

By your Spirit, renew the earth, make us good stewards of its resources, and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly. For those in need of healing,
Come, Holy Spirit.

Among those known to us, God, we pray. Send your healing Spirit upon those who are sick in body or mind, restore them to health, and restore to them the joy of salvation. For our neighbors and members of our community,
Come, Holy Spirit.

Teach us to be good neighbors, to live in peace with one another, and in friendship share the joys and burdens of daily life. For our relationships,
Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless our children, protect them from danger, and help parents and caregivers nurture them so that they may mature in wisdom and grow in grace.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless our enemies and show us how we may do good to them for the sake of Jesus Christ. In your mercy, Almighty God, receive our prayers and, according to your wisdom, provide all that we need; through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(take a moment to send someone a text, an email, or post on social media!)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

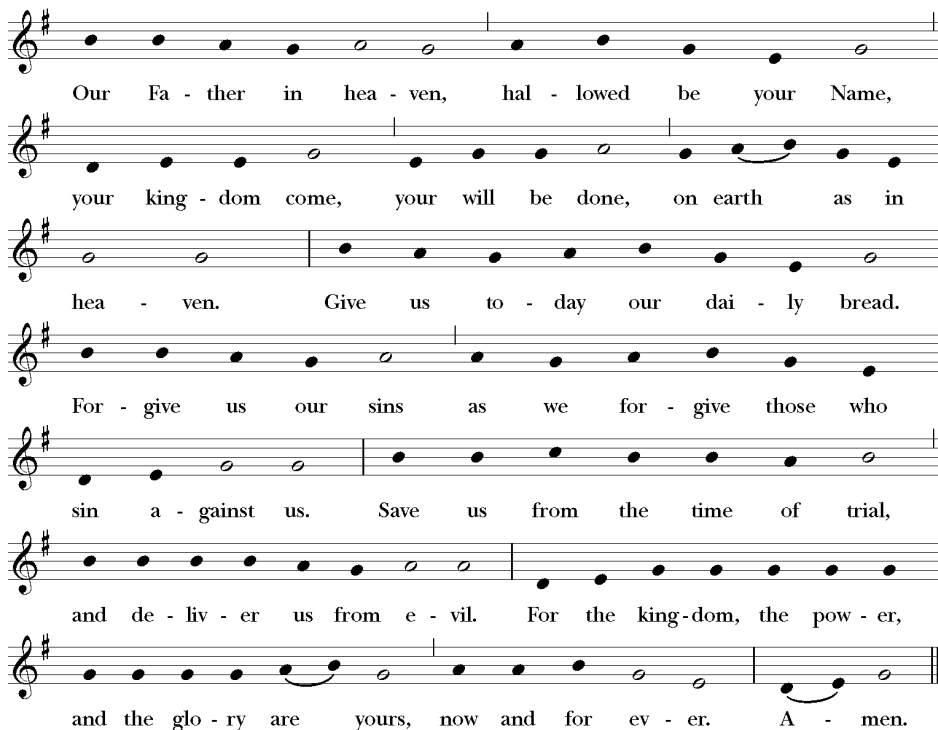
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MUSICAL OFFERING *Come down o Love Divine*

arr. P. Fredericks

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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.

PRAYER FOR WHEN WE CANNOT RECEIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

In union, O Lord Jesus Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, we join in offering the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving to you. We present to you ourselves, our souls and our bodies, with the earnest longing that we may ever be united to you. And since we cannot receive the Holy Sacrament, come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and love you with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength. Let nothing ever separate us from you. Let us live and die in your love. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN *O for a thousand tongues*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O for a thousand tongues". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Fanfare and Rumba on Veni Creator Spiritus*

P.L. Wright

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Zoom)

11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

12:00 p.m. Prayer (Facebook Live)

4:30 p.m. Youth Group (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Simon Peter (Adult Formation on Zoom)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

7:00 p.m. Women's Gathering (Zoom)

- ◆ Please take the time to fill out the following survey: [Re-entry at St. John's](#). Your feedback matters as we discern the best steps for our re-entry!
- ◆ Opportunities to serve are abundant at St. John's. Here are a few behind the scenes ministries that could use your help:
 - ◇ Making Masks—we are currently collecting masks for those in need.
 - ◇ Food—contributions of pantry staples are welcome! Please drop off any nonperishable food items on the back porch of Becker House.
 - ◇ The Betty Finney Memorial Garden and our own campus: getting outdoors is a great way to spend these warm summery days. Feel free to lend a hand cleaning up around the grounds!
 - ◇ Readers: As we continue to provide worship through live streaming we would love to incorporate more voices. If you'd like to read a lesson or the prayers on Sunday please email us!

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GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE