THE DAY OF PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II MAY 23, 2021 AT 10:00AM



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Worship sources used in today's service include:

BCP: Book of Common Prayer HYMN: 1982 Hymnal

EOW: Enriching Our Worship LEVAS: Lift Every Voice and Sing

PRELUDE

A Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein

OPENING HYMN Hail thee, festival day!

HYMN 225



OPENING ACCLAMATION (please stand)

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

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*.

GLORIA S-236



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord 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*.

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:1-21 (please be seated for the readings)

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."

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

PSALM 104:25-35, 37 (read responsively)

²⁵ O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

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.

You give it to them; they gather it; *

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. 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!

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Holy Spirit, ever living

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 15: 26-27; 16:4B -15 (please remain standing)

Celebrant 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 vou."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

People

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED (please stand)

BCP 358

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. (pause)
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We lift up Calvary Chapel, Beartown, and St. James, Muncy, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; we pray for Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor; we pray also for all those serving in the armed forces; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

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Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Geta, Emily Lavender, Chase, Martha, Jason Wilhelm, Angelica, Pablo Gouveia, and Tom Hemler; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We invite your own prayers of intercessions and thanksgivings at this time.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION EOW 56

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY How can I keep from singing Richard Walters

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: PRAYER 2 EOW 60

Celebrant The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION BCP 365

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a devotional that anyone can pray to express their desire to receive Communion, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving the sacrament.

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 70

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

As you go forth from this place, may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses and blow through your life; may the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency and light your way. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

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GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Please welcome Sam Meckley, a classically trained pianist, as he joins Ben in presenting the Pentecost-inspired selections for the prelude, <u>A Simple Song</u> by Leonard Bernstein and offertory anthem <u>How Can I Keep From Singing?</u> an American folksong arranged by Richard Walters. The two musicians have been performing together since 2015, but for the first time since March of last year.





OUR ST. JOHN'S 2021 GRADUATES



Anne Kinderwater Carroll, Millersville and Shippensburg Universities

Anne earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. On her mother's 90th birthday, August 24, 2020, Anne successfully defended her dissertation "Teacher Attitudes and Perceptions Influencing the Recognition of Giftedness in Underrepresented Elementary Suburban Populations." She is now prayerfully allowing the next steps to unfold, so that she can best serve teacher candidates to address equity in leadership, curriculum, and instruction.

Danielle Di Pace, Lampeter Strasburg High School

In high school, Danielle played soccer and ran track. She was a part of the Interact club, the Varsity club, MiniTHON, and National Honor Society. She is so grateful to her siblings and her parents for their endless support. She would also like to thank her St. John's family for being there for her every step of the way. Danielle will attend the University of Vermont in the fall to major in Environmental Geology.

Emma Di Pace, LaSalle University

Emma graduated from La Salle University in January with a double major in Religion and Spanish and a minor in Education. During her time at La Salle, Emma was a student leader for La Salle Christian Fellowship, a member of the La Salle Votes team, and was involved in Neighborhood Tutoring, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Resident Student Association. She also had the opportunity to participate in a La Sallian Immersion and Volunteer Experience to Nyeri, Kenya, where she spent 3 weeks with the boys of St. Mary's Secondary School. Her favorite course was called Women and Social Change, a course she took at Riverside Correctional Facility with half La Salle students and half women who were incarcerated. Some of her favorite memories of La Salle are ice skating with her friends, doing puzzles with her roommates, and venturing into Philly on the weekends. Her favorite part of La Salle was all of her friends that quickly became family. She is currently working as a nanny and as an Instructional Assistant at Kennett Middle School, and she hopes to do something involving Religion.

Emily Sipe, Elizabethtown College

Emily earned her Bachelor of Health Science this year. She will continue her studies at Elizabethtown to obtain her master's degree in occupational therapy.

Hal Williams, Hempfield High School

Hal has been an active member of St John's Youth since 2015. At school he was a 4 year member of the Hempfield Marching Knights marching band, holding several leadership positions during the band's multi-year run as Cavalcade of Bands division champions. An Eagle Scout, Hal completed his Eagle Scout Service Project at St. John's by designing and building wall-mounted can storage racks to support the parish's food ministry. Hal has been admitted to Rochester Institute of Technology's Combined Accelerated Pathways program, where he will pursue a BS/MS in Computing Security.

Ian Thompson, J.P. McCaskey High School

At school, Ian was part of the International Baccalaureate program, as well as a member of the tennis team, ski club, golf club and National Honor Society. He enjoyed working with tech department, doing set work and sound design for plays, as well as livestreaming lots of events during Covid times. He hopes to be able to continue doing that work in college. Ian will be around next year; he's taking a gap year to work and hike before heading to the University of Maine in fall 2022.

James Joseph Woolson, Temple University

James attended Temple University on a Provost Scholarship completing his B.S. degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering in December 2020. James played trumpet for the Diamond Marching Band, serving as a section leader during his fourth season. He also served as treasurer for the Theta Tau engineering fraternity and was named to the Eta Kappa Nu honor society. James currently resides in Philadelphia and joined Centauri/KBR in King of Prussia as a Signal Processing Engineer. James wishes to thank his church family for their support and encouragement.

Michael Hreben, Gettysburg College

Michael earned his Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and is looking for a job in venture capital.

Nicholas Rahe, Penn Manor High School

Congratulations to Nicholas, grandson of Charles Rahe.

Sean Cliff, Manheim Township High School

Sean is pursuing the International Baccalaureate diploma at Manheim Township. He was on the golf team and swim team (and worked hard to make it to states in both this year!) and he was active in the Interact Club. These days, Sean caddies at Bent Creek Golf Course and works at Mojo's. Sean will be attending Florida State University in the fall to study International Relations.

Zachary Rahe, Hempfield High School

Congratulations to Zachary, grandson of Charles Rahe.

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

TODAY

GRADUATION SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I (In-Person)

9:00 a.m. Children's Church (Zoom)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (In-Person and Online)

11:30 a.m. Parish-Wide Meeting

1:00 p.m. Women's gathering (Long's Park)

Monday, May 24

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 25

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

2:00 p.m. Martha's Ministry (Knitters)

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

5:00 p.m. VH Dance (Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, MAY 27

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday - 6:00-7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)

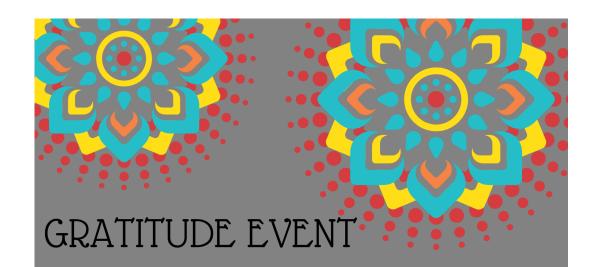
NA: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - 12:00 Noon (Parish Hall)

FOOD PANTRY -

Thank you for your support of our food pantry ministry. Your donations allow us to feed so many neighbors struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time. We are currently in need of toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, diapers, etc.) and rice (in 1lb. And 2 lb. bags). Please leave items on the back porch of Becker House.

Women's Gathering—Sunday, May 23

Today, we would like to meet in person at Long's Park (Weather permitting!) We will meet at the picnic tables across from the amphitheater at 1:00 pm. Bring your chairs, blankets, or whatever you want for hanging out. Feel free to bring your lunch and picnic at the park. We hope to see many of you in person for some long needed catching up! For more information, please contact Karen DiPace.



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