

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
May 24, 2026 – The Day of Pentecost  
8:30 Bulletin

**LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED**

On this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples and upon the Church throughout the ages. Pentecost was also the Greek name for the Hebrew Feast of Weeks, the celebration of the giving of the law to Moses on Mt. Sinai, which was kept on the fiftieth day after Passover. The disciples, therefore, were already gathered in Jerusalem for this feast when the Holy Spirit transformed them into a vibrant, evangelizing community of believers. This day is considered the birth date of the Church. The color for this day is **red** which symbolizes the tongues of fire.

**OPENING HYMN: Holy Spirit, Come With Fire**

*Please stand as you are able*



1 Ho-ly Spir - it, come with pow - er: breathe in - to our ach - ing night.  
2 Ho-ly Spir - it, come with fire. Burn us with your pres-ence new.  
3 Ho-ly Spir - it, bring your mes - sage; burn and breathe each word a - new



We ex-pect you this glad hour, wait-ing for your strength and light.  
Let us as one might-y choir sing our hymn of praise to you.  
deep in - to our tir - ed liv - ing till we strive your work to do.



We are joy - ful, we are ea - ger, yearn-ing for your gra-cious deed;  
Burn a - way our wast-ed sad - ness and en-flame us with your love;  
Teach us love and trust-ing kind - ness; bare our arms to those who hurt;



rest up - on your con - gre - ga - tion; give us power of God, we plead.  
burst up - on our con - gre - ga - tion. Give us glad - ness from a - bove.  
breathe up - on our con - gre - ga - tion and in - spire us with your Word.

**ACCLAMATION** *BCP p. 355*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant continues:*

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** *BCP p. 356*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 2:1-21

*Please be seated*

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**

*Verses read alternately by the reader and the people, breaking at the \**

<sup>25</sup>O Lord, how manifold are your works!\*

**in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

<sup>26</sup>Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,\*

**creatures both small and great.**

<sup>27</sup>There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan,\*

**which you have made for the sport of it.**

- <sup>28</sup>All of them look to you\*  
**to give them their food in due season.**
- <sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;\*  
**you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**
- <sup>30</sup>You hide your face, and they are terrified;\*  
**you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**
- <sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;\*  
**and so you renew the face of the earth.**
- <sup>32</sup>May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;\*  
**may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**
- <sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles;\*  
**he touches the mountains and they smoke.**
- <sup>34</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;\*  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- <sup>35</sup>May these words of mine please him;\*  
**I will rejoice in the Lord.**
- <sup>37</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul.\*  
**Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL** John 20:19-23

*Please stand as you are able*

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 our Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Please be seated*

**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. 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.**

## **PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

*The Leader and people pray responsively:*

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us raise our prayers to God for the Holy Spirit sent to anoint us, saying:

**Send us your Spirit, O God!**

For the spirit of joy in the church: that our Eastertide Alleluia may resound throughout the year.

**Send us your Spirit, O God!**

For the spirit of peace in the world: that all people, groups and nations in conflict may live in harmony.

**Send us your Spirit, O God!**

For the spirit of justice for all who are oppressed; and for the victims of prejudice, exploitation, and crime: that they may be set free.

**Send us your Spirit, O God!**

For the spirit of unity, forgiveness, and reconciliation in our country: that our diversity may make us strong and our pluralism make us rich.

**Send us your Spirit, O God!**

For the spirit of hope in the future, for the destitute, the poor, the homeless, and the hungry: that all who have lost hope may find it again.

**Send us your Spirit, O God!**

For the spirit of healing, for all those who are sick or infirmed and for all those who care for them, for those on our prayer list, and for everyone who has asked for our prayers. Are there others?

That they may receive your healing touch.

**Send us your Spirit, O God!**

For the spirit of new life: that all who have died may find eternal rest and joy with God.

**Send us your Spirit, O God!**

For the spirit of rebirth: that all who are suffering because of war, unrest, or disaster, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, and Sudan, may have your blessing and comfort.

**Send us your Spirit, O God!**

For the spirit of community, for the children in our lives and in our world: grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good.

**Send us your Spirit, O God!**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

Good and gracious God, send forth your Holy Spirit upon your people throughout the world. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as you are able*

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to our God.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues:*

God of surprises, your Holy Spirit brooded over the waters at creation and lived among your chosen people in wilderness, exile, and promised land. Your Spirit filled Mary's womb at the moment of Jesus' conception and came upon him like a dove at his baptism. When Christ died on the cross your power raised him from the tomb on the third day, and that same evening he breathed your forgiving grace on those who had

deserted him. On the day of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit upon the fearful disciples, filling them with fire, with power, with wonder and joy, and making them your church in the world. And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, joining in this hymn of your unending praise:

**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.**

God of comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness. Come among us now through the power of your Spirit, that we may be transformed into your image, and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who at supper with his disciples took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of our faith.

**Come, Holy Spirit; fill us with the fire of your love.**

God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us your gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith; of healing, discernment, and interpretation, that your church may be built up in the likeness of your Son. Let anyone who is hungry find in you the bread of life, and anyone who is thirsty find in you rivers of living water. Speak your word to all who are alone and in fear or despair, and let each one of your children hear your

voice in their own language, whether that language be art or science, work or play. Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with life anew in your Spirit.

For it is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, with the unity of the Holy Spirit, that all glory and honor is yours, most glorious God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *BCP p. 364*

*Celebrant:*

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

**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**

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## **COMMUNION**

*Please be seated*

*Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone*

*Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**



## BLESSING

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us: and may the Almighty bless us this day and always, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.  
**AMEN.**

## CLOSING HYMN: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our hearts take
2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly gift of
3. Praise be to thee, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly Spir - it,



1. up thy rest; Come with thy grace and heav'n - ly aid To fill the
2. God most high; Thou font of life and fire of love, And sweet a -
3. with them one; And may the Son on us be - stow The gifts that



1. hearts which thou hast made; To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
2. noint - ing from a - bove; And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
3. from the Spir - it flow; The gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Our worship is now ended. Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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



## **The Prayers of this Congregation**

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses, and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members; Steven Steinberger-Domienik; Grace Church Mt. Clemens; Bonaio, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For our Wednesday and Sunday supper guests; Donna Hanes; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Tom Stotz; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Martha Wehba; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Basse; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Gherisi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Betty Brogan; Paige Biehl; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Beverly Wolff; Ellen Laudicina; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Randy; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Steve Burns; Brenden Murphy and family; the Domienik family; Michael Oakley; Betty Moore; Sandy Krell; Bobby Coutts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch; Sallie Coffey; Frank Davis; Jerry Gardner; Shelly Volpe; Bud Denham; John Schober; Tish Mastro-Burns; Jane Kaminski; Gary Cynowa; Linda Hurley; Fran Merlo.

*Do you know someone who can use our prayers?*

*Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.*

## **CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Please send all bulletin submissions to  
bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org***

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

### **CHOIR**

Please join us for choir rehearsal on **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

### **GARDENS OF GRACE**

Please see the *Amazing Grace* newsletter (available at both entrances and online) for monthly updates on our church's gardens and ways you can help out. Need service hours? This is a great way to earn them!

## For Fairness in Elections and Representation

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God our governor, whose gifts to us spring from infinite love, **we pray** for elections and systems of representation that **safeguard justice, participation**, and the enfranchisement of **all citizens**. **Help us** to work for **fair elections**, and help us ensure that **everyone can engage equally** in the civic life of this nation, **particularly Black Americans**. Grant wisdom and integrity to lawmakers, **guard against** practices that unfairly **marginalize** the voices of voters and communities, and guide us all toward truth and reliable information, especially **as we approach future elections** and debates over representation. We know that our common life is based on our mutual responsibility towards one another. **Let love for our neighbors guide our advocacy** in the public square and shape our engagement with elections. **We give you thanks** that **our ultimate hope** rests not in earthly powers, but in your eternal Kingdom. Let this hope **free us from despair** and guide us as we seek the good of all. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

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