



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY

**THE DAY OF PENTECOST:
WHITSUNDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
MAY 24, 2026
11:00AM**

*Quiet in the nave before the service helps us to mark sacred space and time.
We invite you to use this time to prayerfully prepare for worship.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

Voluntary

Prière du Christ (L'Ascension)

Olivier Messiaen

The Word of God

Hymn 225, *Standing, sung by all*

Hail thee, festival day! SALVE FESTA DIES

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Gloria S278, *Sung by all*

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 First Reading, *Seated*

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 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, *Please join the choir in singing the bold portion of the Psalm*

Tone VIII.1



- 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, *
crea-/tures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Le-/viathan, *
 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 re-/turn to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are cre-/ated; *
 and so you renew the / face of the earth.

**32 May the glory of the Lord endure for / ever; *
may the Lord re-/jice 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 re-/jice in the Lord.

**37 Bless the Lord, / O my soul. *
— / Hallelujah!**

The 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.**

Hymn 226, Standing, sung by all

Come, thou Holy Spirit bright VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

During the sequence hymn, children aged 4 through 4th grade are invited to follow the children’s cross to Children’s Chapel. Parents are always welcome to attend. All will return during the Peace.

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

Gospeler 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 people, 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.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Melissa M. Hartley

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows, *Standing*

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The Prayers of the People, *Standing or kneeling*

Leader In this season of resurrection and joy, let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader O God, we give thanks for the goodness of creation, for the victory of resurrection, and for the grace of redemption. We praise you for leading us from the darkness into light, and for bringing us through the waters of death into new life in you: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the Church, celebrating the resurrection with joy, may bring the light of Christ into the world: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That our community, renewed through word and sacrament, may be strengthened in the covenant of our baptism: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the people of the world, remembering the source of creation, may care for the waters of the earth and for all living things: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the leaders of nations, knowing their power, may bring peace and justice to the world: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That all who suffer, recalling the mystery of Christ crucified and risen, may be comforted: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs, for the witnesses of the resurrection, and for all who have passed over from the darkness of death into the glorious light of Christ: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect

The Peace, *Standing*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem *Come down, O Love divine* William Harris

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it,
thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust
and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein
the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

—Bianco da Siena, 15th century

Presentation Hymn 205 st. 5, *Standing, sung by all* GELOBT SEI GOTT

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S128, *Sung by all*

Mathias

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.

Standing or kneeling

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer, *Said by all*

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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

Agnus Dei S165, *Sung by all*

Mathias

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

*Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, you are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.
Gluten free wafers available upon request.*

Music during Communion

Factus est repente

Plainsong

Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting, alleluia; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the mighty works of God, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* How wonderful is God in his holy places; the God of Israel, giving strength and power to his people.
(Acts 1; Psalms 68)

Hymn 504

Come, Holy Ghost VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Hymn

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place
Please see insert.*

Doris Akers

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take communion to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:

Celebrant We 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, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Postcommunion Prayer, *Said by all, standing or kneeling*

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and**

Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 511, *Standing, sung by all*

Holy Spirit, ever living ABBOT'S LEIGH

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Voluntary *Fantasia super 'Komm, Heiliger Geist', BWV 651* Johann Sebastian Bach

*The flowers on the altar are given in to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Geoffrey Kibler by Mike and Kelly Kibler.*

CELEBRANT The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

PREACHER The Rev. Dr. Melissa M. Hartley

DEACON The Rev. Dr. Bob Serio

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Dr. Aaron Tan

The Day of Pentecost concludes our fifty-day celebration of the Easter season. As a major feast day in the life of the Church, Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and reminds us that Holy Spirit came not only to the disciples, but comes to us, as well. Pentecost is one of the primary days for baptism in the Church, as we recall that we “are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own forever.” The Holy Spirit, that mysterious third person of the Trinity, is the very “life blood” of the Church, surrounding us, comforting us, challenging us, guiding us. It is only with the help of the Holy Spirit that we are able to truly discern God’s will for us. This Pentecost, take a moment to reflect on your baptism and on how the Holy Spirit is moving in your life today.



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