

The Day of Pentecost

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

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The Word of God

The Prelude

Laudation
The Belladonnas

Brenda Austin

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 509 Spirit divine, attend our prayers *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Creator of all.**

The 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.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of 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 in the congregation read the following line of scripture aloud, choosing a translation other than English if possible or offering the text in another language of their choice.

English

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability

Italian

Tutti loro furono ripieni di Spirito Santo e iniziarono a parlare in altre lingue, poiché lo Spirito dava loro la capacità.

French

Tous ont été remplis du Saint-Esprit et ont commencé à parler dans d'autres langues, selon que l'Esprit leur en donnait la capacité.

Spanish

Todos ellos fueron llenos del Espíritu Santo y comenzaron a hablar en otros idiomas, según el Espíritu les daba la capacidad.

German

Alle wurden mit dem Heiligen Geist erfüllt und begannen in anderen Sprachen zu sprechen, wie der Geist ihnen die Fähigkeit gab.

Chinese (Traditional)

Tāmen dōu bèi shènglíng chōngmǎn, bìng kāishǐ shuō qítā yǔyán, yīnwèi shènglíng fùyǔ tāmen nénglì.

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.’”

People The Word of the Lord.
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 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 return 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 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.** *
Halle/**lujah!**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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.

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

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

The Sequence Hymn 516 Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 20:19-23

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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the renewal of the baptismal covenant; you may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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 life everlasting.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

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

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

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

Celebrant 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.**

You may continue to stand or sit or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Prayers of the People

On this Pentecost Sunday we raise our prayers to God for the Spirit to anoint and empower us, responding "Lord, hear our prayer."

For the spirit of joy in the church, that our Eastertide Alleluias resound throughout the year. We pray for St. Anne's in-the-Fields Church, Lincoln; St. Paul's Church, Natick; Trinity Chapel, Shirley; And St. Mark's Church, Southborough. We pray for and give thanks for our children and youth ministry and those adult volunteers who serve it faithfully and joyfully.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples may live in harmony. We raise up to you Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, Nigeria, Venezuela, Sudan, South Sudan, Haiti and our own nation and all regions of the world torn apart by war and civil unrest.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of justice and compassion for those in need, that victims of prejudice, exploitation, crime, violence and deportation, that they may live in your freedom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of wonder in all you have created, for soil and rock and river and sea and sky; for all that swims and flies and creeps and gallops; and for the strength to safeguard these for those who will come after us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of unity in our common life, that our weaknesses make us strong and our differences make us rich. We remember those in our community who have asked for our prayers, including Terese Brown, Maureen Cardenas, Sally Drew, Joanne Gamble, Joan Kirkby, Sandra Parry, Andrew Payne, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Matthew, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, John, Lauren, Linnea, Pat and Rachel and those we name before you now. (PAUSE) God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of hope in the future, that we and all who have died may share in your unending glory. We name and remember those who have died and others we love and see no longer (PAUSE). Into your hands we commend them.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Concluding Collect

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Release us from all the hindrances our growth in your love and make us one through Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Andrew Carter

Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Voice of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
*Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire, purify me with your fire.*
Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine;
Boldly may I always live, bravely serve, and gladly live.
*Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm this tossing sea, grant me your tranquility.*
Holy Spirit, joy divine, gladden now this heart of mine;
In the desert ways I sing, "Spring, O Living Water, Spring!"

As the offering is presented, please stand as you are able.

Now let the heavens be joyful

Ellacombe

Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin, the
round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in; Let
all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend, for
Christ the Lord is ris - sen, our joy that hath no end.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In fulfillment of Christ's 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

R. Proulx

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
 earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -
 san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

You may remain standing, kneel or sit for the remainder of the Eucharistic prayer as your personal piety guides you.

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 Christ. 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,

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

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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Christ our Passover (S-155)

Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

We offer the following prayer each week in solidarity with those viewing from home as well as those receiving communion at this time at The Terraces (Orleans) thanks to our Eucharistic minister team.

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Waiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please make your needs known to the person serving you.

The Communion Hymns

Hymn 507 Praise the spirit in creation

Julion

Hymn WLP 806 If you believe and I believe

Traditional

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant: 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 in the one bread and the one cup.**

The Pentecost Blessing

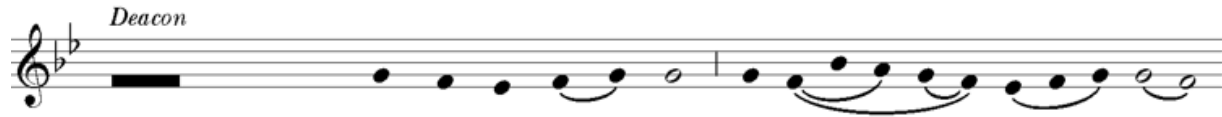
May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, parent, child, eternal joy, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 512 Come, gracious Spirit

Mendon

The Dismissal

Deacon



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Postlude

“Allegro Maestoso” *from* Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

Celebrant

The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner

Preacher

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Minister of Music

Joan Kirchner

Eucharistic Ministers

Dianne Fromm, Sue Sasso

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Donna Bailey

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