

Day of Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – May 19, 2024

Processional Hymn **Holy Spirit, ever living** **(H 511)**

1 Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life; Holy Spirit, ever striving through her in a ceaseless strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with endless worship for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.

2 Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry; quickening, strengthening and absolving, setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age, and soul to soul, in a fellowship unending thee we worship and extol.

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

Hymn of Praise **Glory to God** **(S-277)**

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.

The Lord be with you. **And Also with you.** 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.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles **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.' "

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 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!

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

(LEVAS 115)

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**
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 you.

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

The Sermon- Bishop Elizabeth Bonforte Gardner

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present William Unger for Confirmation.

 I present Zoë Palmer for Confirmation.

 I present Simon Pittman for Confirmation.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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 the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
 People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
 People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
 People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop 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.**

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
 Bishop Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Bishop Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Bishop Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Bishop Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Bishop Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Bishop Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant William Unger with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Zoë Palmer with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Simon Pittman with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayers of the People - Great Fifty Days of Easter

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.
Risen Lord, **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships.
Risen Lord, **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy, For the many lay people who serve the church, and serve the world through the church. For those who gather here in worship and prayer.
Risen Lord, **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.
Risen Lord, **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle. That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores, and remembering those who have died.
Risen Lord, **Hear our Prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music ***“How Can I Keep From Singing” Greg Gilpin***

Presentation of Offering ***Ye watchers and ye holy ones, (H 618 v.4)***
O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia! To
God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say:

Sanctus

(LEVAS 255)

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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.

Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn One Bread, One Body (LEVAS 151)
Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless And we though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

- 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Refrain*
- 2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Refrain*
- 3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown gathered to one for all. Refrain*

Let us pray.

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

Recessional Hymn *There's a sweet, sweet Spirit* (LEVAS 120)

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

2 There are blessings you cannot receive Till you know Him in His fullness, and believe. You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." Refrain

3 If you say He saved you from your sin, Now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in, you can make it right if you will yield; You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel. Refrain

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We don't want to change you, rather we want to know you as we share our stories of faith with one another. If this is your first time with us, talk with an usher or the clergy and we will be happy to chat!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Single Summer Service: To beat the summer heat and to give us an opportunity to know one another better, we will transition to a single Sunday service at 9:00 AM beginning next Sunday, May 26. The service will be followed by a fellowship hour and time to be together.

Clergy Office Hours

-Father Rick is off on **Mondays**, at Epiphany on Tuesdays, at Grace on Wednesdays, where needed Thursday-Saturday, alternating weekly for Saturday & Sunday services.
-Mother Erica is off on **Fridays** at Grace on Wednesdays, at Epiphany on Thursdays, where needed Tues-Sat-Mon, as scheduled for Saturday & Sunday services.

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