



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DAY OF PENTECOST, YEAR A

Liturgy of the Word

May 31, 2020 10 A.M.

INTROIT

Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
for when humbly, in thy name,
two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

As the brethren used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father
break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867–1936), 1931 Music: Harold Friedell (1905–1958), 1957

The invitation to worship is sounded with the ringing of the bells.

HYMN

Hail thee, festival day! (225, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for
ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the
world with God's grace. *First time only* grace. **2**

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his—

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en

souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bid:

Repeat Refrain

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

Words: Venantius honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *English Hymnal*, 1906, alt. Music: *Sabve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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OPENING ACCLAMATION, SALUTATION, & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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 LESSON

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 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 (*Sung by soloists from the Choir*)

- 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!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-13

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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Holy Spirit, ever living (511, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form-ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
bind-ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -
end - less wor-ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
ship un - end-ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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THE GOSPEL

JOHN 7:37-39

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

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Presider and People

**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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Presider

Our Savior is resurrected from the dead, bringing renewal to Christians around the globe. With joyful gratitude, we pray for the church and for the world.

Intercessor and People

We pray for the church universal: guide the ministers of your Word as they honor the traditions of the past, tend the cares of the present, and build the communities of the future. Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of the world: plant wisdom and compassion in their hearts, and teach them to sow seeds of righteousness and mercy. Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for this wondrous creation: continue to reveal its bountiful complexity and fragile beauty, and inspire us to safeguard these gifts for all posterity. Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for your human family: take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth. Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for this holy gathering of the faithful: strengthen us to continue in the way of the apostles, proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, seek and serve Christ in all persons, and strive for justice and peace among all people. Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in any need or trouble: feed the hungry, tend the sick, relieve the weary, bless the dying, and soothe the suffering. Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for those most affected by the coronavirus crisis, including: health care workers and first responders; farmers, transporters, and grocers; students and teachers; those who are unemployed; those who in the best of times live at the margins of our communities; and the politicians who make decisions on our behalf. Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died: give them Christ's triumph over death, and bring them into your perpetual light. Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for the concerns that we now lift toward you either aloud or in the stillness of our hearts. [*Silence is kept.*]

Presider

Risen Christ, hear the prayers offered by these your gathered people; instill in our hearts the assurance of your resurrected life, that we may follow your Way in faith, hope, joy, and love; in the name of the one Holy and undivided Trinity. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OFFERTORY HYMN

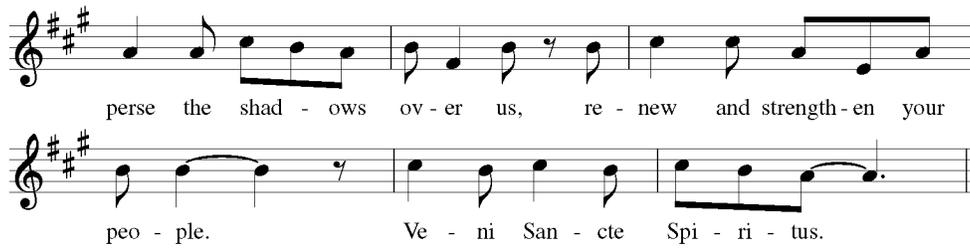
Veni Sancte Spiritus (832, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*)

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Cantor

1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, from heav - en shine forth
with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

2. Come from the four winds, O Spir - it, come breath of God; dis -



Translation: Come, Holy Spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

**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,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF COMMUNION

Presider and People

Almighty God, you promised through our Lord Jesus Christ that where two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. We ask you to be in the midst of us now, though we are far apart, and to bind us to one another, and to you, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Just as you, Father, are in the Son, and he in you, so may we also be in you, and Christ in us, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BLESSING FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST AND DISMISSAL

Presider and People

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Presider: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

ANTHEM

Alleluia

Alleluia!

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791), *Exsultate, jubilate*, KV 165, 1773

After the Anthem, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour.



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Serving Today

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This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic,
especially those who work in healthcare and those
who have lost their livelihood

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

St. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington;
Trinity, Newtown; St. John's, Niantic; those
communicating God's Word, digital ministry, online
social networks and communities

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
the Anglican Church of Melanesia

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

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