

Pentecost Season
The Day of Pentecost
May 23, 2021

Prelude

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one holy and living God
Glory to God, forever and ever

A Song of Praise (together)

Glory to you, O God of our fathers and mothers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, behold the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity, one God; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Collect of the Day (together)

Fire borne God, before the violence of your passion no separating wall can stand: may your unseen Spirit pour herself upon us – all genders, colors, religions and nationalities - throw our borders into confusion and give us a new language of love; through Jesus Christ, the Image of God's Being.

Amen.

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.' "

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

25 O Holy One, 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 God endure for ever;*
may the Holy One rejoice in all creation.
33 God looks at the earth and it trembles;*
God touches the mountains and they smoke.
34 I will sing to Gog as long as I live;*
I will praise my God while I have my being.
35 May these words of mine find favor;*
I will rejoice in the Holy One.
37 Bless the Holy One, O my soul.*
Alleluia!

Second Lesson Romans 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 Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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 Sermon

The Prayers of the People *(The people stand as they are able.)*

Reader: Let us be filled with the Holy Spirit and pray for the common good of the whole human family. *In the pause after each bidding, add your own prayers either silently or aloud.*

For the church: for the people of God, gathered from every nation under heaven; may we proclaim in every language, the dawning of a new age. We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia. **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Church of the Holy Spirit, Charlestown; Grace Church, Providence; and St. Augustine's, Kingston.

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

For the world: for the United Nations and for all dedicated to world peace; may the Spirit's call put an end to division and gather us as one. We remember especially.....

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

For creation: that each person may have a reverence for the earth, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and share the abundance of this earth with generosity and integrity. We remember especially.....

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

For those oppressed, afflicted or in need: that we may seek out those who feel unloved or neglected, the prisoner and the stranger, with welcome and care. We remember also those in need of prayer and healing, especially

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

We pray for our nation, so full of divisions. Enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry. Help us to break down the barriers in our communities. Free us to challenge and uproot racism from ourselves, our nation, and our world. And when our eyes do not see the gravity and pervasiveness of racial injustice, shake us from our slumber and move us to action, O God. We remember George Floyd, David McAtee, Breonna Taylor, Andrew Brown Jr. and the many others who have died, whom we now name.....and we pray for all who are working to dismantle racism in our country, especially.....

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

For the needs of the local community: for those whose labor is difficult, for those whose hearts are hurting, for those who are bereaved and for those who have lost their way. For those who serve this community in a wide variety of ministries especially..... May the spirit inspire all of us to place the gifts we have received at the service of the common good.

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

For those who have died: that they continue to rest in your love, and discover the joys of eternal life, remembering today

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays: Corey J. Trementozzi, Samuel Rodman Hall, James Dominique, Douglas Boucher, Kaitlyn Beasley Roebuck; and the anniversary of Laural & Tim Fratus.

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together

O God who comes as the disturbing comforter,
shattering the rigid preconceptions of our minds and hearts,
give us the grace to welcome your coming,
to trust beyond where we can see,
to have hope in the midst of chaos,
to learn from our mistakes,
to accept your forgiveness
and to walk steadfastly in the way of Gospel gladness. **AMEN.**

The Peace *The people stand as they are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

The Eucharist

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant May God be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People We lift them up to the Lord

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

At the fraction: *Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ.

Response: We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Post Communion Prayer

Creator, We give you thanks for all you are

and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation.

In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the Center of this Sacred Circle

through which all of creation is related.
You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.
Give us your strength to live together
with respect and commitment
as we grow in your Spirit,
for you and God, now and forever. Amen

Blessing: May the blessing of God of Abraham, and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Dismissal response: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements: Upon entering or exiting, please put your offertory in the plate on the table.

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