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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
HOLY COMFORTER

MAY 19, 2024
8:15AM | 10:30AM
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Pentecost
Sunday*



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

Please complete the information card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers.

WE, THE PEOPLE OF HOLY COMFORTER

Though very diverse politically and socially, care for each other and care deeply for how our faith is manifested in the community. We believe all people are equal in God's hand. Our nurturing congregation has an appreciation for diverse perspectives and opinions. We grow through a continually evolving and questioning discussion regarding our faith, God, and society. We welcome all, without reservation, into our Christian body to be part of a loving and sharing family.

WE CARE

Please call the church office at (336) 227-4251 if you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship service.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY COMFORTER

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry
8:15am | HE Rite II Service
9:30am | Bible Study
9:45am | Choir Rehearsal
10:30am | HE Rite II Service
11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

MONDAY, MAY 20

7:00pm | Courage to Change

TUESDAY, MAY 21 - COMFORTABLE WORDS DUE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 23

11:00am | Newlin Partnership Lunch and Learn
4:30pm | Finance Committee Meeting
7:00pm | Courage to Change

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO



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it's all listed below for your convenience.

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PRELUDE

Choral Varié sur le thème du Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN | 225

Hail thee, festival day

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
First time only | 2
world with God's grace. grace.
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
Repeat Refrain
souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Let us pray. 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.**

GLORIA | S-278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

COLLECT

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.**

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.' "

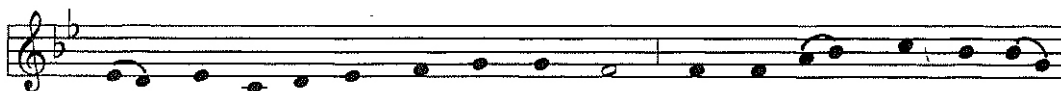
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | Benedic, anima mea



Through Christ and in Christ were all things cre - a - ted; he is the



im - age of the in - vis - i - ble God, and the first - born of all



cre - a - tion, hal - le - lu - jah.

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!

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN | 516

Come down, O love divine

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

The Officiant reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

THE GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Officiant 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form I | BCP 383

The Reader and People pray responsively

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

Reader For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For this city (town, village, _____), for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For _____, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader In the communion of [_____ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence.

The celebrant may add a concluding collect before the following.

A TRANSITION PRAYER FOR HOLY COMFORTER

Ever-present God,

You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.

We are not where we started.

We have not reached our destination.

We are discovering who we are and where we are going.

Transition is not a comfortable place.

May we continue to remind ourselves of the wonderful resources of this Church Sanctuary and a warm and welcoming congregation.

Be among us, we pray.

Calm our fears, save us from discouragement.

Encourage us to care for one another.

And help us to stay on course.

Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey toward calling a new Rector continues as a journey of trust, and faith and love. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

Roy Hopp

Come, join the dance!

Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun

The interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.

The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,

But as the Three, in love and hope, amde room within their dance.

Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;

Then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.

The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;

When fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.

Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
Set epeople free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!

Wlthin the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
We sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
To shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 | S-128

(Sanctus lyrics on next page)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Officiant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Officiant and People

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

BCP 364

*The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
The choir will immediately sing the fraction anthem.*

FRACTION ANTHEM | S-155

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

Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation.

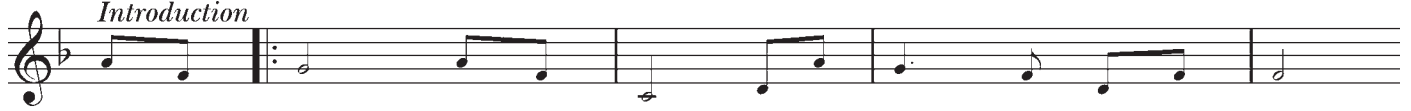
The Gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Persons wanting a blessing instead of receiving bread or wine at the Altar may cross their arms over their chest.

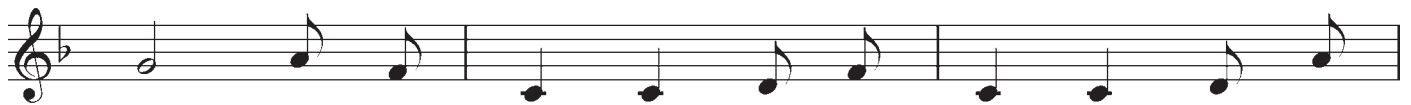
COMMUNION HYMNS

507 | Praise the spirit in creation

Introduction



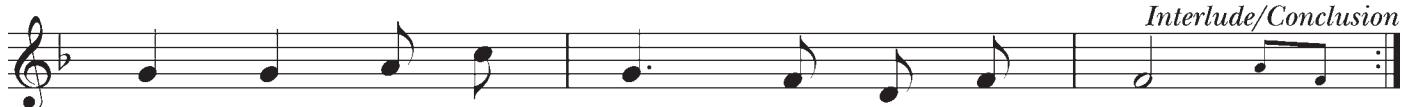
1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i -
2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most thoughts and
3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets with the
4 Tell of how the a - scend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple for his
5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives de - scend in
6 Praise, O praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



1 gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters, quick - ening
2 ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders, is him -
3 word; his the truth be - hind the wis - doms which as
4 own; how a hun - dred men and wo - men turned the
5 might; let your flame break out with - in us, fire our
6 Word, Source, and Truth, and In - spi - ra - tion, Trin - i -



1 worlds to life with - in, source of breath to all things
2 self the power to gaze; and God's will, to those who
3 yet know not our Lord; by whose love and power, in
4 known world up - side down, to its dark and fur - thest
5 hearts and clear our sight, till, white - hot in your pos -
6 ty in deep ac - cord: through your voice which speaks with -



Interlude/Conclusion

1 breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.
2 lis - ten by a still small voice con - veys.
3 Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.
4 cor - ners by the wind of hea - ven blown.
5 ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.
6 in us we, your crea - tures, call you Lord.



513 | Like the murmur of the dove's song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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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.**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those attending remotely.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL | 511

Holy spirit, ever living

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.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The score is divided into five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata sur le thème du Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

ALL ARE WELCOME FOR SUNDAY HOSPITALITY IN THE PARLOR AFTER THE SERVICE.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Nelson and Dale Young in celebration of their second anniversary on May 14.

COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY

MAY 12 SERVICE COUNT 8:15AM **18** | 10AM **118** | REMOTE **25**

COMMITMENT TO FAITHFULNESS

MONDAY MAY 6 - SUNDAY MAY 12

PLEGGED	\$ 8,648.00
GENERAL FUND	\$ 750.00
OTHER	\$ 1,713.32
TOTAL	\$ 11,111.32

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito

LAY MINISTERS

VERGER

Steven Swanner

ORGANIST

Christin Baker

USHERS

8:15am - Ron Driscoll
10:30am - Peter and Susan Klopman

READERS

8:15am - Linda Buff
10:30am - Julie Swanner, Wesley Swanner

ACOLYTES

8:15am - Julie Smith
10:30am - *CHALICISTS* - Martha Stewart, Meredith Patterson
CRUCIFER - Mourine Todd
LEFT TORCH BEARER - Gary Schilke
RIGHT TORCH BEARER - Jazzmyne Griffith-Petty
GOSPEL BEARER - Jordyn Melvin
KITE - Wesley Swanner

VESTRY COUNTERS

George Blaisdell, Gary Schilke

FLOWER GUILD

Janie Sellers, Ren Bryan

ALTAR GUILD

Shara Partin, Verne Booker, Ren Bryan,
Connie Griner, Mary Telander, Marilyn Tyler

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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Today, we mark Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and followers of Jesus. Celebrated 50 days after Easter (including the day of Easter itself), the name of the holiday comes from the Greek *Pentēkostē*, which literally means “the 50th day.”

The events of the day are foretold by Jesus in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, just before his Ascension. While his followers were with the risen Christ, he tells them, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:5, NRSV). He goes on to say to them, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

The followers would not wait long for the promised Spirit. The author of Acts, traditionally believed to be Luke, recounts:

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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” (Acts 2:1-6).

We celebrate Pentecost as the inauguration of the Church’s mission in the world. Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are to go out into our neighborhoods and the wider world—to Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth—witnessing to the risen Christ.

The Day of Pentecost is identified by the Book of Common Prayer as one of the feast days “especially appropriate” for baptism (Book of Common Prayer, p. 312). Because of this, Pentecost is also known as “Whitsun” or “Whitsunday” (“White Sunday”), a term used to describe the white baptismal garments worn by those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost and then worn to church on the Day of Pentecost.

COLLECT FOR PENTECOST

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 (Book of Common Prayer, p. 227).

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