



# The Day of Pentecost

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
10am

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

## Prelude

#522 ~ *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

## Opening Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day;  
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

**Leader:** Children of God, sing to the Lord-

**People:** **We shall sing to our Father while yet we have life!**

**Leader:** Joint heirs with Christ, sing praise to your God-

**People:** **We shall sing to our Mother while yet we have breath!**

**All:** May the glory of God endure forever! May the world rejoice in the works of God's hands!

O God, the earth is full of your creatures; in wisdom you have made us all, and you have delivered us into one another's care, asking only that we love one another as you first loved us. But we have fostered discord rather than unity; contempt rather than respect; ignorance rather than love, communities, peoples, creatures, lands, seas—they have been set apart, or torn apart, or driven apart, by conflicting claims and thoughtless ambitions.

You know our works and our thoughts, Lord. So do this day as you have promised; Gather together all our tribes and tongues, and restore us to harmony. Reconcile us in your Spirit of peace, and from new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall worship your name.

### The Gloria

1982 Hymnal S 280

**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.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The 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.*

### 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.' "

### The Psalm

[Psalm 104:25-35, 37](#)

*Benedic, anima mea*

- 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!

**Gospel Hymn**

#516 ~ *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

**The Gospel**

**John 14:8-17 (25-27)**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own;

but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

["I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

### The Sermon

The Rev. John Beach

### The Nicene Creed

**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

With joy for the gift of the Holy Spirit, together, let us pray for the well-being of the church, the world, and all in need, saying God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the wonder that erupted on the day of Pentecost, for the birth of the church, for the gifts of amazement and challenges, and for all the witnesses whose lives have been altered by your power alive in our world.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the many peoples of this earth whose visions differ, whose languages offer special insights, whose ways of worship and compassion feed our own, we thank you.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth itself, through whose creatures we see your love and in whose winds we remember the coming of the Spirit, we thank you.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make us grateful for the confounding experiences the Holy Spirit's presence creates in our lives, for the marvel of new visions, for the wisdom in prophetic words, and for the prayers of our great high priest.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make us hungry to protect the health and nurturance of all people; let your fire burn in the leaders of the nations, in governors and mayors, on city councils and school boards; guard the lives of peacemakers, soldiers, philosophers, and artists. Pool the skills and passions of all your people for the sake of our delight and the nourishment of others.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give comfort to all people who are refugees from war and famine, and all victims of violence, those who are lonely and frightened, ill imprisoned, homeless, or without work, and those who face death today. We pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud...

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Knowing it is your Holy Spirit who has flowed through your witnesses of ages past, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, especially James & Doris Smith, Everett Husler, Henry 'Stub' & Kathleen 'Kitty' Lawrence, Victor & Priscilla MacNaught, and Anne Warren. With them and with confidence that you hear our prayers we commend all for whom we lift our voices, trusting that you give more than we need. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves and beg God's mercy for the renewal and amendments of our lives.

*Silence*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### The Peace

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

### The Holy Communion

#### Offertory Anthem

#### Doxology

1982 Hymnal #380 vs. 3 only

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue  
to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
the Lord.

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 him thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Officiant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Minister and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Officiant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

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

### The Lord's Prayer

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

Officiant      Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People        Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### The Invitation to Holy Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.*

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.

## Fraction Anthem

1982 Hymnal #S 155 ~ *Christ, our Passover*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Officiant*      The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's table, and everyone is welcome here.

## Distribution of Communion

### Communion Anthem

### Post-communion Prayer

Father, may we who have received this Eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*People*          **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.**

### Blessing

Yesterday we slaved in the shadow of Babel. Today we are freed by Pentecost's fire. Let our pride divide us no longer; let the Spirit unite us forever. The pace of God I leave with you; the peace of God I give unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

### Closing Hymn

#688 ~ *A Mighty Fortress is our God*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;  
for still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing;  
dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabbaoth, his Name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us;  
the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:  
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is forever.

### **Dismissal**

*Officiant*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Postlude**

### **Weekly Prayer List**

David Bell, Diane Brophy, Paul Brophy, Maureen Burke, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo,  
Oriol Pi-Sunyer, Jim Dockery, Janet Dunton, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge,  
Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Gary Goodwin, Carolyn Hashem, Tom  
Hashem, Estelle Heath, Bruce Higgins, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Paige Kimball, (Baby) Autumn Ladder-  
Bush, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Lisa Lancaster, Ron Luongo, Janet Macrina, Matt, Lori  
M., Mary & Dante, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Bonnie Muise,  
Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Gordon Noseworthy, Bill St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie  
Sevier, Kelly Shaw, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Victoria Smith, Amanda Sullivan, Linda  
Sullivan, Meghan Tapley, Addison White, Walter, Rachel, and The Rev. Suzanne Wade.

## Announcements

### Nelson Scholarship Fund

Any active, contributing member of St. John's Church who is graduating this year is eligible to apply for the Nelson Scholarship. Please reach out to Rose Holt at mamarosie119(at)aol.com for an application or if you have any questions. Feel free to call me if you need to:  
(781) 727-6879 ~ Rose

### Potluck Dinner

The dinner begins at 6pm this **Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** and entertainment starts at 7pm. If you plan to attend and have not done so already, please contact Elizabeth Littlehale (email: palparis(at)Verizon.net) as she is coordinating the food. Thank you!

### Prayer List

Help us to maintain an up-to-date weekly prayer list - kindly notify the church office of any changes or additions.

### Participants in this Service:

The Rev. John T. Beach, Priest-in-Charge  
Stephen Sikorski, Music Director  
Ray Mears, Worship Leader ~ Stephen Belyea, Verger & L.E.M.

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