

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 28, 2023 ~10:00 AM

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Announcements

Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise the spirit in creation

Hymnal 1982 #506

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le lu - ia, al-le
lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose
Sing - with all the peo - ple of God, and
final refrain
blood sets us free to be peo - ple of God. This is the feast of
join in the hymn of all cre - a - - tion.
vic-tory for our God. Al-le lu - ia, al-le lu-ia, al-le - lu - - ia!

Text: Rev. 5: 12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980) Music: *Festival Canticle*; Richard Hillert (b. 1923)
See endnote for reprint and streaming notice

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider 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.***

THE LESSONS

A reading from Numbers 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Read responsively

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 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ALLELIUA *standing*



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
jah! Hal-le, hal-le-hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

SERMON

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and

bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept for a time)*

Presider 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 People now stand if not already standing.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN

Like a murmur of the dove's song

Renew Song Book #280

THE PRESENTATION *The People stand as the offerings are presented at the Altar.*

All who hun-ger, sing to geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from wild - er -
ness and wan - d'ring, here in truth we will be fed. Blest are those who from this tab - le
live their lives in grati - tude. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God 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 sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The People remain standing or may kneel

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

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.

Remember Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Russell, our own Bishop, your people here assembled, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Paul and 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.

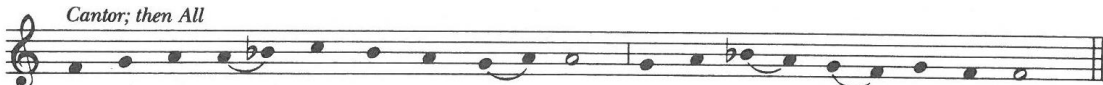
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *a period of silence is kept.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

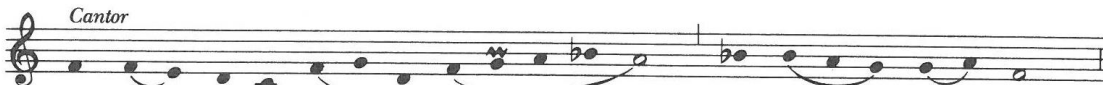
FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor; then All




The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider

Jesus said: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. He now gives this living bread to you, so that you may dwell in him and he in you. Come, the feast is prepared. Christ, the host, waits to meet you here.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Come Holy Spirit
Taize Veni Sancte Spiritus*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN

Holy Spirit Living

Hymnal 1982 #511

DISMISSAL

Presider The Risen One has come to us in Word and Sacrament

People ***We are nourished by his grace.***

Presider We are sent into the world to share this grace with all.

People ***We will seek the face of the Risen One in all whom we serve.***

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ the Risen One. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People ***In the Spirit's power we will go. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adriene, Al, Alice, Ame, Angie, Audrey, Bernice, Butch, Carly, Carol, Dave, Dennis, Derald, Donna, Eloise, Esther, Fred Freda, Henry, Jamie, Jenny, Jerry, Joey, John, Julie, Kate, Kay, Kathy, Keith, Kim, Kirsten, Larry, Leigh, Margaret, Marilyn, Massey, Meg, Mike, Milton, Myrna, Nelda, Nicolas, Ora, Phil, Rita, Rosellen, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Shari, Sherry, Steve, Tony, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

For those serving in the military: Fury, Gerromy, Chris, Noel, Drew, Dalton, Kyle, Brad, Ben, Taylor, Jacob, Andrew, Neil, Wayne & those serving with them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Easterling Correctional Facility

Clio, AL.

For birthdays: Kerri Ellis

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Meeting

MONDAY

Office Closed

- 8 pm AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- Noon Day Prayers
- 6 pm Choir Practice
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

THURSDAY

- 4 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6 pm AA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

SATURDAY

- 10 am AA Meeting

PENTECOST CELEBRATION TODAY

Join us today for our Pentecost celebrations featuring an International Breakfast after the 7:30 service and International Lunch following the 10:00 am service.

BLESSING BOX AT SAINT PAUL'S

Saint Paul's own Blessing Box needs to be filled! This box can have nonperishable items such as cereal, snack food, baby food, Pop-Tarts and canned vegetables & fruit. A bin is in the Parish hall and the office for items.

REMEMBER ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES WHEN YOU SHOP

Snacks, tuna helper, canned tuna, chicken & spam, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, grits, and canned vegetables, **excluding corn, green beans or peas.**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. PAUL'S ON TUESDAY JUNE 13TH

Make an appointment by signing up on line at RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1 800-RED CROSS for the Blood Drive to be held at St Paul's on Tuesday, June 13 from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be a signup sheet in the Parish Hall on Sundays.

St. Paul's Staff and Leadership

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Veni Sancte Spiritus

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Holy Spirit ever living

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This is the feast

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Halle, halle, halle

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All who hunger

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Sanctus

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The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

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