

The Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

Online

The Liturgy of the Word

Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

All **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

All **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.

All **Amen.**

Lesson Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Drew Downs

A Litany of the Holy Spirit

Presider Let us pray.

Presider O Holy Spirit, who at the beginning of creation moved over the face of the waters,

People **Create us anew with your life-giving power.**

Presider O Holy Spirit, who inspired the prophets of old to speak boldly to a stiff-necked generation,

People **Enable us to hear your voice through the prophets of our day.**

O Holy Spirit, who came as a dove at the Baptism of Jesus,
calling him to serve in the Name of the Father,
Strengthen us as the baptized in our life in the world.

O Holy Spirit, who led Jesus into the wilderness and supported him
during his forty days of temptation,
Undergird us in the difficult times of life.

O Holy Spirit, who on the day of Pentecost put fire into the lives
of the early disciples,
Set us aflame to show forth the Risen Christ.

Presider

Giver of health and peace, we pray for the Universal Church,
all its members and its mission, for the Nation and all in authority,
for the welfare of the world, those in need, and for the departed:

Please remember the Anglican Church of Melanesia,
our Companion Dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,
Trinity Church, Indianapolis,
Joanna Benskin, to be ordained to the priesthood on June 5,
our Seventh Street church neighbors,
those celebrating birthdays, especially Robin Thomas (5/26),
Megan Allen (5/30), and Bill Denton (5/30),
those celebrating baptismal anniversaries, especially Sally Newlin (5/24),
Anne Buchanan(5/26), and Susan Pflaging (5/29),
those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,
especially Ross Hubbard (5/26) and Regina Sheets (5/26),
those celebrating marriage anniversaries,
especially Joanna Benskin and Brian Koczan (5/23),
John Salamone and Dennis Dieken (5/24),
Linda Airhart and Randy Lambermont (5/25),
and Kim and Bill Streeter (5/27),
those who graduated this year, Eirik Wagley, Leah Myers, Rose Downs,
and Andrea Bayles,
and those who have asked our prayers — Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin,
Robin Rolt, Megan Price, Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western, John Bonner,
Martha Hafner, Ellie Thomas, Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza, Kay Griswold,
David Mier, Patrick Murphy, Dave Thomas, John Newlin, Steve Hoyt,
Jhansi Ghogle, Grace Daniel, Jonan Daniel, Jordan Daniel,
Jimmy McKellar, Jerry Stephens, and Lorna Priddy.

Leader
People

Spirit of God,
Heal us.

Spirit of God,
Renew us.

Spirit of God,
Inspire us.

Spirit of God,
Enflame us.

Spirit of God,
Empower us.

Spirit of God,
Unite us.

Spirit of God,
Support us.

Spirit of God,
Strengthen us.

Spirit of God,
Guide us.

Spirit of God,
Possess us.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Blessing

Celebrant 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.

People **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.

Postlude

Hail thee, festival day

Ralph Vaughn Williams
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