

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 19, 2024 • 9:45am

*Celebrating: The Rev. Erin Morey • Preaching: The Rev. Noah H. Evans*

*Deacon: The Rev. Jean Chess*

*Children's Chapel: Alexis Sheehan, Pat Hurd*

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## Prelude:

## Welcome and Greetings

## Opening Hymn: Hail thee, festival day

**Hymnal 225**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* Christ 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: Spirit of Gentleness

**Words and Music: James K. Manley**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The 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 Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Sequence Hymn: Spirit of the Living God**

**Words and Music: Daniel Iverson**

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

### **The Gospel**

#### **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children are welcome to gather in the rear of the church to go to the Undercroft for Children's Chapel and will return at the baptism. Children may also remain in their pews.*

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Noah H. Evans

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*Celebrant* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Sponsor*

I present Liam Arjuna Workman to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Henry Chandrasekar Workman to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present James Pranav Workman to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Do you desire to be baptized?  
*Candidates* I do.

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?  
*Sponsor* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?  
*Sponsor* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?  
*Sponsor and Candidates* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?  
*Sponsor and Candidates* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?  
*Sponsor and Candidates* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?  
*Sponsor and Candidates* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
*Sponsor and Candidates* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
*Sponsor and Candidates* I do.

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
*People* We will.

*Celebrant* Let us join with this person who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **The Baptism**

Liam, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Henry, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. *Amen.*

Be with us as a light to the world. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Announcements**

### **Choral Scholar Recognition**

### **Sunday School Teacher and Student Recognition**

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## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost, in Love**

**Leland B. Sateren**

**Presentation Hymn: Bless the Lord, My Soul**

**Words and Music: Jacques Berthier**

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

**The Great Thanksgiving, EOW Prayer 1**  
*The people may stand or kneel.*

*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.

*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People*

**Hymnal S 125**

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *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, forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to receive through the center aisle, returning through the side aisles. You are welcome to receive just the bread, or the bread and the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please take the bread in your hand and sip the wine from the chalice. For sanitary reasons, we ask you not to dip the host in the wine. If someone with you would like communion brought to them, please let a greeter know.*

**Communion Music: For the Beauty of the Earth**  
**St. Paul's Handbell Choir**

**Conrad Kocher**

### **Post Communion Prayer—said together**

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: The Greatest Commandment**

**Words and Music: Paul Zach**

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind  
And love your neighbor as yourself*

*Let us be known, let us be known  
By the way we love*

*Love, love, love  
The greatest commandment is love*

### **Dismissal**

The worship is ended, the service begins.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### **Postlude**

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