

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Day of Pentecost – May 19, 2024

## WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE Verse Peter Hurford

OPENING HYMN Be Still, for the presence of the Lord David Evans, 1986

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.  
2. Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shi - ning all a - round.  
3. Be still, for the po - wer of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

Come bow be - fore him now, with re - ver - ence and fear.  
He burns with ho - ly fire; with splen - dor he is crowned.  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.

In him no sin is found; we stand on ho - ly ground.  
How awe - some is the sight, our rad - iant King of light!  
No work too hard for him; in faith re - ceive from him.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.  
Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shi - ning all a - round.  
Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mo - ving in this place.

## OPENING PRAYERS

Presider Blessed be God, whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
People **And blessed be the life of God among us!**

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

Presider Let us pray.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Fill this place with your power and light. Fill our souls with your comfort; fill our minds with your truth; fill our hearts with your love. Take what we are and make us your witnesses, praying as you pray within us, bearing your light to the world with power and healing and signs. Breathe on us, Breath of God, and make us new. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE Let the Spirit of the Lord come down

Let the Spirit of the Lord come down (*Amen!*); Let the Spirit of the Lord come down.  
Let the Spirit of the Lord from heaven come down, Let the Spirit of the Lord come down.  
(Repeat with Love, joy, peace, etc.)

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 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....

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

*Reader* For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God among us:  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

**SONG TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** James K. Baxter, *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

God, Holy Spirit, you blow like the wind in a thousand paddocks,  
**Inside and outside the fences, you blow where you wish to blow.**

God, Holy Spirit, you are the sun who shines on the little plant,  
You warm him gently, you give him life,  
**You raise him up to become a tree with many leaves.**

God, Holy Spirit, you are as the mother eagle with her young,  
**Holding them in peace under your feathers.**  
On the highest mountain you have built your nest, above the valley,  
**above the storms of the world, where no hunter ever comes.**

God, Holy Spirit, you are the bright cloud in whom we hide,  
In whom we know already that the battle has been won.  
**You bring us to our Brother Jesus to rest our heads upon his shoulder.**

God, Holy Spirit, you are the kind fire who does not cease to burn,  
Consuming us with flames of love and peace,  
**Driving us out like sparks to set the world on fire.**

God, Holy Spirit, in the love of friends you are building a new house,  
**Heaven is with us when you are with us.**  
You are singing your song in the hearts of the poor.  
**Guide us, wound us, heal us. Bring us to the Father.**

**GOSPEL CHANT**

Come, Holy Spirit, descend on us, descend on us,  
we gather here in Jesus' name.

**THE GOSPEL** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*Presider* 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.

*Presider* The Good News of the Lord  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

**SERMON** "Mission Momentum" The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

**CELEBRATION OF TENDING OUR SOIL**

**COMMISSIONING OF MISSION MOMENTUM TEAM**

*Presider* Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called. I present to you these persons to be affirmed in the ministry of the Mission Momentum Team.

*To the Team:* You have been called to oversee and encourage initiatives that reflect and further the mission priorities of this congregation, as articulated by the Rector and Vestry under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Will you perform this ministry with joy and faithfulness?

*Ministers* We will.

*Presider* Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of the Christ Churches?

*Ministers* We will.

*To the congregation:* Will you support the members of this Team by your prayers and participation in our mission life?

*People* **We will!**

*Presider* In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as members of the Mission Momentum Team. Help keep us moving forward in mission. "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." (*Colossians 3:12*)

Let us pray. Holy God, giver of all good things, source of all love: Bless these servants as they exercise the ministry of administration, oversight and encouragement to further your mission through the Christ Churches. Give them patience and discernment, that they may know your will and help all the ministers of Christ Church to faithfully carry it out.

*All* **Amen!**

**PRAYER SONG** [Breathe on me, breath of God](#) Hymnal 508

**OUR PRAYERS** (*Please stand or kneel*)

**Father**, we thank you for.... (*Please voice aloud things you are thankful for.*)

**Jesus**, please bless..... (*Please voice desires or petitions for self or others.*)

**Holy Spirit**, please fill us with.... (*Ask for gifts like peace, joy, gifts, fullness....*)

**THE PEACE** (*Standing*)

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

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

*The people exchange a sign of Christ's peace with their neighbors.*

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**OFFERTORY HYMN** There's a sweet, sweet spirit L-120

## THE HOLY MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.*

*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.**

We do give you thanks and praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, **giver of the promises of life; keeper of the promises of hope.**

It is our joy to sing songs of praise to the Spirit of God, **even as that same Holy Spirit sings through us, with all the heavenly host:**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2000

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. Blessed, bless - ed, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, most Holy Spirit, for everything begins and ends with You, **heavenly Dove, Breath of life, Wind of God, Fire divine.**

It was you who moved over the face of the waters when the world was being made,

**Your breath which gave life to Adam,**

Your wind which gathered the waters and formed the dry land,

**Your fire which Moses saw in that bush that was aflame but never consumed.**

When our Lord Jesus Christ was baptized in the Jordan River, you descended upon him like a dove, **his own Spirit coming to rest upon the Son of God.**

Your power gave him authority over demons and diseases and death itself.

On the night before our Lord Jesus Christ died for us, 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 to remember me.”**

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“This is my blood, sealing God’s promise to forgive your sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”**

And so we gather around this table to remember Him,  
**Renewed in the power of the Spirit to be His disciples.**

For it was You, Life-giving Spirit, whom Jesus promised to his disciples,  
**You whom Jesus breathed on his disciples after his resurrection;**  
You who came in power on the apostles that first Pentecost,  
**with the sound of a hurricane and tongues as of fire dancing on each one;**  
You who spoke through them in the tongues of many nations,  
**inspiring their preaching and confirming their message with acts of power.**

And it is You, Holy Spirit, in whom we are sealed in baptism;  
**You who give us gifts of ministry to your Church;**  
You are the Comforter who speaks hope to our spirits, deep inside;  
**You are the Advocate who stands by our side against the accuser;**  
You are the Intercessor who prays within us with sighs too deep for words.  
**You are the Spirit of Truth who guides us into all truth;**  
And so in You we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit, come;**

Come, Holy Spirit, upon this bread, upon this wine,  
**Now flesh of Christ, His blood divine;**  
Come, Holy Spirit, on us, we pray,  
**Christ’s body gathered here today: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Come and make known to us the Son, who makes known to us the Father, with whom you live in love eternally, dancing the dance of the holy, into which you invite us, saints redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, in unity of love now and for ever.  
**Blessing and honor and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. AMEN!**

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Jesus’ Original*)

**Our Father in heaven,  
holy is your Name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
And forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Elizabethan translation*)

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

#### AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Come, Spirit of the Living God,  
Come, Spirit of the Risen Christ,  
Come, Spirit, and live in us!**

#### THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to communion, coming up the center aisle and returning by the side aisles, disposing of the wine cup in the basket on your way back to your pew.  
Those who wish to sip from the common cup, please indicate so to the chalice bearer.  
If you don’t wish to receive you may cross your arms for a blessing.*

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most Holy God, you make all things new, breathing life into them. You take this bread and wine and make them for us Christ’s body and blood, by which we are revived every time we come to this table. Now take what we are and bathe us in your Spirit. Revive our spirits, revive our souls, revive our connection to you, to each other, to all of creation. May all the world may hear your song of love as you sing through us, and we join in; in the name of the holy and undivided Trinity, One God. Amen.

#### BLESSING

## BLESSING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Almighty God, this meal does not end here – you continue to nourish us, and to feed others through us. Bless these elements and vessels, and the lay eucharistic visitors who carry them out, that your Body and Blood may nurture those members of our family unable to worship with us today.

## PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## CLOSING HYMN

Let the river flow

Darrell Evans, 1995

Verse

Let the poor one say "I am rich in him," Let the lost one say "I am found in Him," and let the riv - er flow; Let the blind one say "I can see a-gain" Let the dead one say "I am born a-gain," and let the riv - er flow; Let the ri - ver flow.

Chorus

Let the riv-er flow, Let the riv-er flow; Ho - ly Spi-rit come, move in power. Let the riv-er flow, Let the riv - er flow; Ho - ly Spi-rit come, move in po wer; Let the ri-ver flow, let the ri - ver flow, let the ri - ver flow

## SENDING

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

Polonaise

J.S. Bach

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP NOTES

*Our organist today is Andrew Kivrak. Some of the music was recorded by our music team, featuring Alicia Cordelle, Kate Heichler, Tim Illick, Mary Kercher, Cheryl Reckeweg.*

*Hymns are found in the hymnals in our pews, and words are provided on slides. Those worshiping online can click the link on the hymn name and find the tune there.*

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## OUR PRAYERS

**We give thanks for:** Those who carry on our feeding ministries.

**We pray for:** Our music, altar and flower ministries

**Those in need of healing** – Robert, Patsy, Kathleen, Pat, James; Douglas; Janet; Bill

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MORE PLANTING IN THE PLENTIFUL GARDEN Today** – It's time to put in our warm-weather plants like tomatoes and peppers. Help do some cultivating!

**CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES MAY 26** – There are three members of Christ Church graduating high school this year – Ryan Dienst (Kamienski), Ryann Tompkins and Jackson Wilkinson. Finding a Sunday they can all be in church is a challenge but at least two out of three can be here May 26. So we will celebrate them and their achievements. If you know any other students graduating this year, invite them to join in the festivities.

**JUNE 9 – WE MEET IN PORT TOBACCO!** - Our annual pilgrimage and worship at our original site in Port Tobacco is coming up. We will worship with Christ Church Wayside on the footprint of the original church, and then enjoy a potluck picnic! And we'll be on Zoom! Please come and bring some food to share. Fried chicken will be provided.

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