

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Pentecost

Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 11am

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*The People's responses are in bold.*

**Gathering Music** *Nun bitten wir den heil'gen Geist* by Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)


## Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant**



Al - le - lu - ia. The Spi - rit comes a - mong us with po - wer.

**People**



O come, let us a - dore, Al - le - lu - ia.

## Hymn in Procession

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in procession. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column for the first part of the hymn and the second column for the second part. The lyrics are: 1 O Ho - ly Spi - rit, by whose breath life; 2 You are the seek - er's sure re - source, of ris - es vi - brant out of death; come to cre - burn - ing love the liv - ing source, pro - tec - tor ate, re - new, in - spire; come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire. in the midst of strife, the giv - er and the Lord of life.

6 Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word,  
and to the Spirit: God the Lord,  
to whom all honor, glory be  
both now and for eternity.

words: Att. Rabanus Maurus (776–856); tr. John Webster Grant (1919–2006), alt.; para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*  
music: *Komm, Gott Schöpfer*, melody from *Eyn Enchiridion*, 1524; harm. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941  
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## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Send down, O God, upon your people the flame of your Holy Spirit, and fill us with the abundance of your presence. Embolden our witness in the world to proclaim your wondrous work of raising Christ to your right hand. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lesson**    *Acts 2:1-17, 21*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.

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

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn *sung twice*

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

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

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

**Glory to you, O 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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**    *The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## Affirmation of Faith

*This morning we will use the Affirmation of Faith (creed) from one of our sister churches in the Anglican Communion, the Church of New Zealand. The prayers of this branch of the church are beloved throughout the Communion for their simple, direct, and creation-centered language in liturgy.*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love to us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

## Prayers of the People

O Risen Christ, because you dwell with us now in the power of the Spirit, a new world has broken into ours—a world in which justice does come for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.

We pray especially for those in our community who have asked for prayers for healing.  
*Please name those who have asked for our prayers.*

We pray in the power of the Spirit:  
**O God, hear our prayer.**

O Risen Christ, because you dwell with us now in the power of the Spirit, a new community has been formed—a community that loves and cares for all, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a space where all find a place of belonging.

We pray especially for our nation and its leaders, all the nations of the world, and our local community.  
*Please name specific concerns of our various communities.*

We pray in the power of the Spirit:  
**O God, hear our prayer.**

O Risen Christ, because you dwell with us now in the power of the Spirit, a new creation has begun—all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.

We pray especially for those things for which we are most grateful, and for the other concerns of our hearts.

*Please name specific thanksgivings and concerns.*

We pray in the power of the Spirit:

**O God, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying*

O Spirit of truth, whom the world can never grasp: move among us with the breath of your presence, fill us with desire for your disturbing peace, and fire us with boldness to speak your liberating word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace wherever you are: with a comment posted on Facebook, a bow to those nearby, or some other distanced gesture of peace.*

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## The Offertory

*The Altar-Table is prepared with gifts of bread and wine for Communion. During this time, give thanks for all the ways God blesses you, and consider ways you can extend that blessing to others. Learn more ways to give in the "Giving to St. Paul's" box above.*

## Hymn at the Offertory

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in G major and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this house thy home;  
2 Come as the light; to us re - veal our emp - ti - ness and woe,  
3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;  
4 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, the wings of peace - ful love;  
5 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers; make a lost world thy home;

1 de - scend with all thy gra - cious powers, O come, great Spi - rit, come!  
2 and lead us in those paths of life where - on the right - eous go.  
3 let our whole soul an of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's Name.  
4 and let thy Church on earth be - come blest as the Church a - bove.  
5 de - scend with all thy gra - cious powers; O come, great Spi - rit, come!

words: Andrew Reed (1787-1862)

music: *Nun danket all und briget Ehr*, melody att. Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

## The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our joy to give thanks and praise to you, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, You now send us in his name to take the joy of the gospel into all the world. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and sky and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

setting: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)  
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*The Celebrant continues*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, you have filled all creation with light and life. In great love you sent to us Jesus your Son, who reached out to heal the suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our brother Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast with your presence and raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

With your holy ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall - owed be your Name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread.

## The Fraction Anthem *sung three times*

The image shows a musical score for 'The Fraction Anthem' in G major and common time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has the lyrics: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.' The second system has the lyrics: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

words: John 6, adapt. Robert J. Batastini (b. 1942) and the Taizé community  
music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)  
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## The Communion

*While the Celebrant communicates those in the church, the whole assembly shares in a time of reflection and prayer, contemplating the Presence of Christ in the gifts of bread and wine, along with the larger reality that we ourselves, along with all creation, are the Body of Christ. (Colossians 3:11)*

## Anthem at the Communion *sung by the choir*

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face.  
Shine upon us, Savior shine, fill thy church with light divine.  
And thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.  
Let thy peoples praise thee, Lord; be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their savior King.  
Let all be, below, above, one in joy, and light, and love.

words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)  
music: Jerry F. Davidson (b. 1942)

## The Prayer after Communion

*The People join the Celebrant for the final part of the prayer, in bold.*

Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and revealed the way to life in his name. Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

## The Blessing

The wonder and wildness of God, who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel.

And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

# Hymn

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890), alt.  
 music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude** *Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost* by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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