

# PENTECOST

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Holy Eucharist at 11:00 AM

Livestreamed worship available at [facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos).

## THE GATHERING RITE

**Gathering Music** *Fuga* from Sonata II by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

### The Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant:** † Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*All sing together the Song of Praise.*

## Song of Praise

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - 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 Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

O Spirit of truth, whom the world can never grasp; touch our hearts with the shock of your coming, fill us with desire for your disturbing peace, and fire us with longing to speak your uncontainable word; through Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All:** **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## The First Reading *Acts 2:1-21*

Lector: 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.

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

## The Response *at the direction of the Cantor*



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## **The Gospel** *John 20:19-23*

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

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Deacon:** 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon** *preached by the Rev. Daniel Simons, Priest-in-Charge*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

# The Creed

*Douglas Gay, adapted*

**All:** We Believe in Life.

We believe in the God of Life, the world maker, the star lighter, the sun shiner, the beauty maker; provoking the evolving cosmos from nothing but words of love. We believe in life.

We believe in the risen Jesus, the cross bearer, the hell-harrower, the death defier; embracing the resurrection of all as the first-born from death. We believe in life.

We believe in the life-giving Spirit, the breath bringer, the body lover, the Church birther; enabling communion with Jesus the Living One. We believe in life.

We believe in the God of Life: World-maker, cross-bearer, life-giver; Trinity of hope, leading creation to its liberation.

We believe in God.

# The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace, we give you thanks and praise: God of abundance,

**People:** we thank you.

Intercessor: We thank you for life, and one more day to love; God of abundance,

**People:** we thank you.

Intercessor: For opportunity, and one more day to work for justice and peace; God of abundance,

**People:** we thank you.

Intercessor: For neighbors, and one more person to love and by whom to be loved; God of abundance,

**People:** we thank you.

Intercessor: For your grace, and one more experience of your presence; God of abundance,

**People:** we thank you.

Intercessor: For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God. God of abundance,

**People:** we thank you.

Intercessor: For what else shall we pray? Please name your own prayers in the place where you are.

*Silence is kept.*

Intercessor: Pray for those who are ill and those who care for them.

Pray for those who have died and those who mourn them.

For the healing you bring and the hope to which you call us: God of abundance,

**People:** we thank you.

Intercessor: Gathering all our prayers together, we pray in the words Jesus taught us:

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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.

# Welcome and Announcements

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## **Musical Offering at the Offertory** *sung by the St. Paul's choir*

Loquebantur variis linguis Apostoli magnalia Dei,  
prout Spiritus Sanctus dabat eloqui illis, alleluia.  
Repleti sunt omnes Spiritu Sancto, et coeperunt loqui.  
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

*The Apostles spoke in many languages of the great works of God,  
as the Holy Spirit gave them the gift of speech, alleluia.  
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

words: Matins Responsory for Pentecost  
music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Celebrant:** God 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 Holy One.

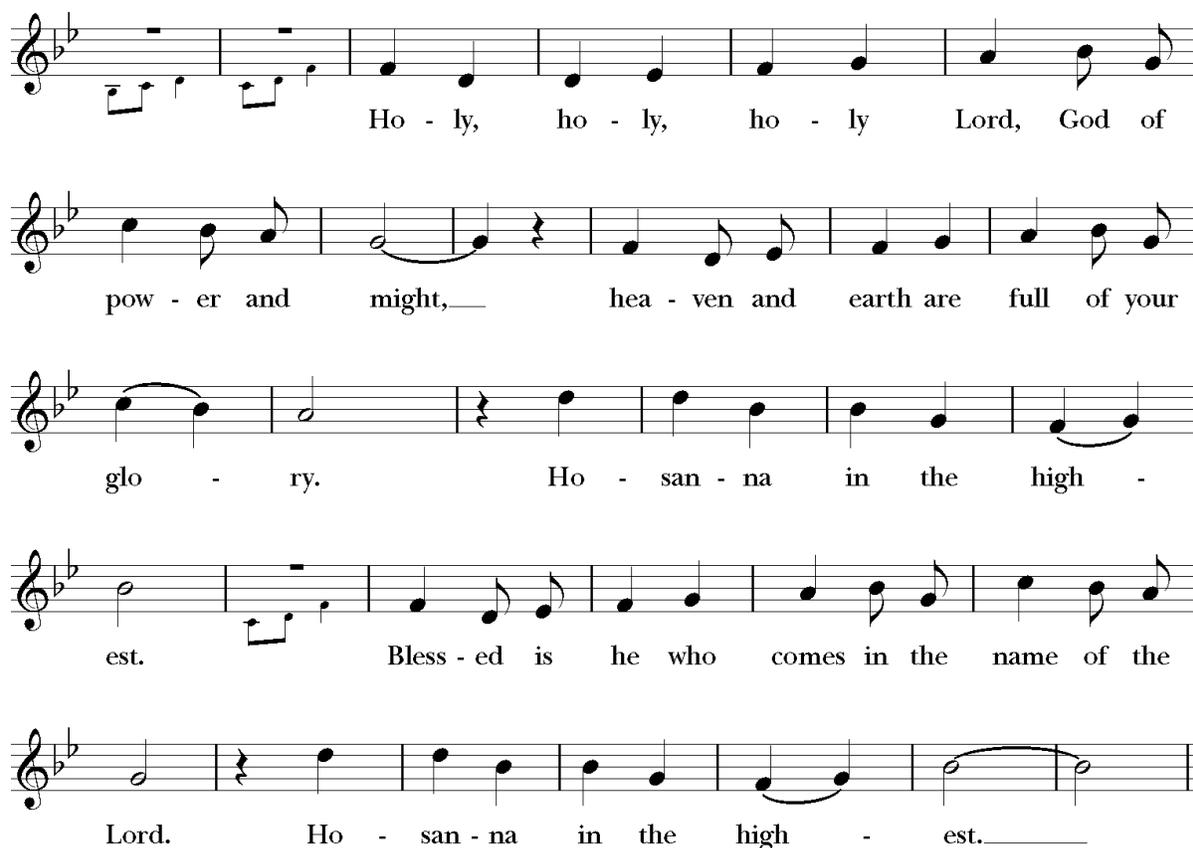
**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, adapted from a prayer by Janet Morley.*

**Celebrant:** O Eternal Wisdom,  
we praise you and give you thanks, for,  
as you revealed yourself of old  
in fire and storm and life-giving law,  
so you did not leave your followers comfortless,  
but came upon them on this day  
in thunder, wind, and flame,  
filling them with clarity and power,  
and making them drunk with longing  
to utter your uncontainable word.

Therefore,  
with the prophets who spoke by your Spirit,  
with Mary who said Yes to your coming,  
with Mary the Magdalene who knew you, risen from the dead, and with every nameless and  
unremembered prophet  
who heard your call and inspired her people,  
we praise you, as we sing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus



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. —

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### *The Celebrant continues*

Blessed is our brother Jesus,  
who comes behind the doors we have closed,  
and breathes on our fear his fearful peace;  
who, on the night that he was betrayed,  
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:  
“This is my body, which is for you.  
Do this to remember me.”

In the same way the cup, after supper, saying:  
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

Come now, O Holy Spirit,  
renewing all things;  
kindle our longing,  
reach into our silence and separation,  
and fire our words with your truth;  
that each may hear in their own language  
the mighty works of God.

All this we pray,  
 through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit.  
 To you, O Holy One,  
 be honor, glory, and praise,  
 for ever and ever. AMEN.

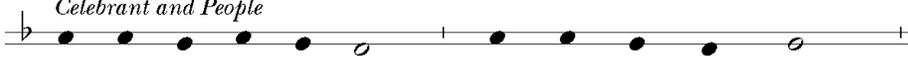
## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

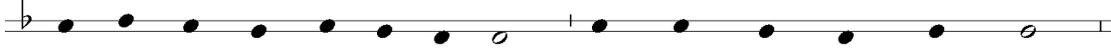


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

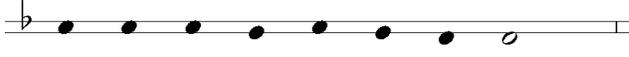
*Celebrant and People*



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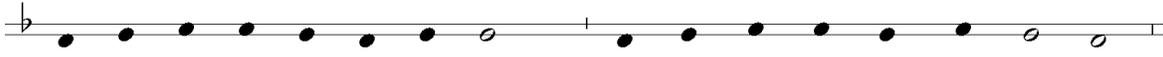
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

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## The Communion

*During this season of gathering together virtually in the space of our homes, we take this moment to contemplate the sacrament of Christ's presence in the People of God. The Apostle Paul says, "we are all one body because we all share in the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17). It is true that when we share any meal in love, and the Eucharist is our especially focused way, we discern the Presence of Christ in and as the community of the beloved. This awareness is possible even at a distance. We are the Body of Christ, wherever we are.*

*As we open ourselves to that awareness, that spiritual communion, you may wish to pray the following prayer, adapted from the writings of Sr. Ilia Delio:*

O God, we are united here as one in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness You appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen.

## Musical Offering at the Communion *sung by the St. Paul's choir*

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
and lighten our understanding,  
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name,  
all the days of our life,  
that we may know thee, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

words: *Lidley's Prayers*, 1566  
music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

# THE SENDING RITE

## The Prayer after Communion

*from the Church of New Zealand*

*The Celebrant prays*

**Celebrant:** Loving God, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. 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.

**All:** **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 and Peace

*from the Church of New Zealand*

*The Celebrant blesses the People*

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. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant bids the People to share Christ's Peace with one another now, at the virtual coffee hour to follow, and by reaching out in the week to come.*

**Postlude** *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist* (Come God, Creator, Holy Spirit), BWV 631  
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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