# Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023

PRELUDE Con moto e teneramente (George Oldroyd)

# WORDS OF WELCOME

# ENTRANCE HYMN Like the murmur of the dove's song (Bridegroom) (H 513)



Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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*.



# 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*.

## FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.



#### PSALM: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

25 O Holy One, how manifold are your works;\* in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number,\* creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \* which you have made for the **sport** of it. 28 All of them look to you \* to give them their food in due season. 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \* you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \* you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are **created**; \* and so you renew the face of the earth. 32 May the glory of God endure for ever; \* may the Holy One rejoice in all creation. 33 God looks at the earth and it **trembles**; \* God touches the mountains and they **smoke**. 34 I will sing to God as long as I live; \* I will praise my God while I have my being. 35 May these words of mine find **favor**; \* I will rejoice in the Holy One. 37 Bless the Holy One, O my soul. \* Alleluia!

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

People Thanks be to God.

# SEQUENCE HYMN EOM2 120 Alleluia Gospel Acclamation (Mxadana) (EOM2 120)





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#### **GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**(as used by the Washington National Cathedral)

Presider: Let us declare our faith in God.

*Presider and people together:* 

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

# All remain standing.

# THE PEACE

### All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

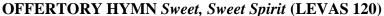
Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Let us with glad hearts offer the fruits of our life and labor to the Lord.





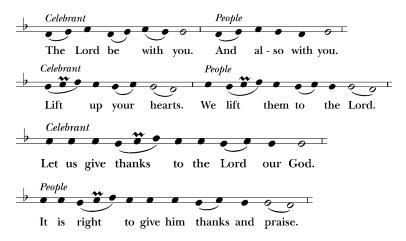








#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

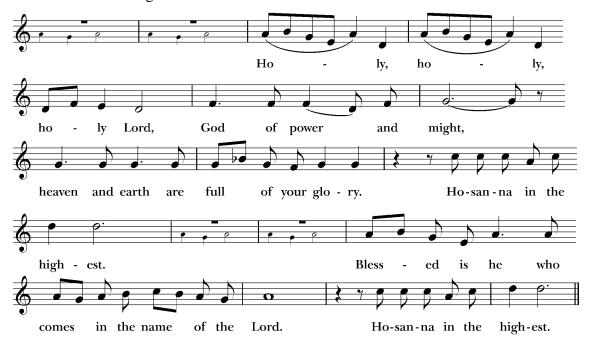


Celebrant

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:



# 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:

#### Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

## Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection,

we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

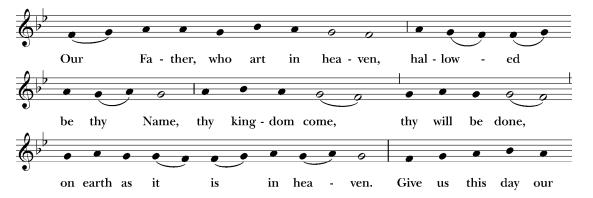
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

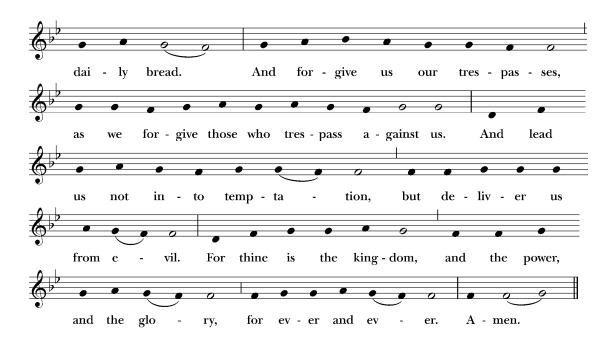
Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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* 



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,





#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM EOM1 26 Christ our Passover (Crisafulli) Music for the Holy Eucharist Rite II



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen*.

# **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

For those remaining at home, a Spiritual Communion is offered. This is a personal devotion that anyone can pray (at any time) to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances prevent them from receiving the elements.

For those worshipping with us from home, we pray together with you:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your grace and be renewed for your service. Amen.

#### SENDING FORTH

(Holy Communion may be sent out to those who are sick.)

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ. We who are many are one body for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

# PENTECOST BLESSING

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. *Amen*.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all discord from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of God's presence. *Amen*.

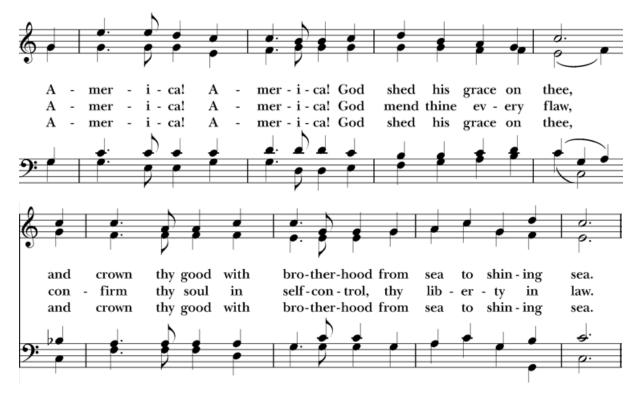
May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to Love in word and deed.

#### Amen.

And the blessing of our Triune God, who creates and loves and sanctifies us, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

# POST-COMMUNION HYMN Oh beautiful for spacious skies (Materna) (H 719)





# **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Veni Creator (Nickolas De Grigny)

**Serving today:** 

Ministers of Music: Dennis Flynn, Eric Vinciguerra, and Choir Lector: Jim Thurston Prayers of the People: Barbara Sheperdigian

Presider: Rev. Diane Stier Director: Alice Ciccu

**Greeters:** DJ Proctor & Christi Brookes **Acolyte**: Misha Proctor

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jim & Patricia Thurston

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2018, and the New Zealand Prayer Book

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# St. John's Annual Rummage Sale

It's that time of year, start collecting your unwanted treasures and items you no longer need. Items of great interest include furniture, tools, small kitchen appliances, and baby items. We can also use children's clothes up to age 12. No adult clothes though, please take them to the ICDC Thrift Store or Goodwill.

# **Important Dates:**

June 11- 20 – Collection Days – please bring your items to the Lantern.

June 17 – 21 – Pricing Days

June 21 – Early Bird Shopping for St. John's Parishioners only

June 22 – 24 – RUMMAGE SALE!

If you want to help with setup, pricing, or the actual sale, please contact Alice (aciccu@hotmail.com) or the office

# St. John's Work Week

This year's work week will begin Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for St. John's members to contribute time to maintaining the buildings and grounds of the Church. Please consider volunteering as many hands make light work!

#### Tomato Plants

Are you looking for tomato plants for your patio or garden? The Good News Garden has extra plants for those who are interested. The varieties are as follows:

Yellow Pear Chadwick Cherry Chocolate Cherry Queen of Hearts Roma Brandywine

If you would like a tomato plant, please contact the Parish Office.

## We pray this week...

For Michael, Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional, and for our diocese; and Bonnie, Bishop of Michigan, Rayford, Bishop of Northern Michigan.

For Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Craig, Bishop of ELCA.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia

For Joe, our President; Gretchen, our Governor; and all who make decisions for this nation.

For Diane, our Rector; Dennis, our Organist; Eric, our Choirmaster

For all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, especially Joe, Barrett, Matt, and Anne Marie

For our lay ministers, lectors, choir, acolytes, greeters, and hospitality hosts

For all non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations

For Camp Chickagami in Eastern Michigan - For staff, volunteers and campers attending this season

For Episcopal Youth Camp in Western Michigan - For staff, volunteers and campers attending this season

For the members of St. John's, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Ulana, Emily, Stephen, Joan

For the members of St. John's especially: Kip, Bob, Lara, Sam, Geoffrey, Laura, Lonnie & Lynne

For those on the Prayer Group's list, especially Alma, Amy, Bill, Brent, Diane, Gabriel, Jess, Kathy, Nancy, Sarah and the child she carries, Therese, Tom, Tony

For all who have died