



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two with Holy Baptism

The service begins on page 299 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.

The Opening Hymn

Come down, O love divine
Hymnal 526

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

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 First 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.' "

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 104:25-35, 37

25 O Lord, 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 the Lord endure for ever; *
 may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.
34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
35 May these words of mine please him; *
 I will rejoice in the Lord.
37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
 Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God
Hymnal 505

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

A period of silence is kept.

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Candidate for Baptism:

Mary Margaret Crider

After the candidate has been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Mary Margaret
in her life in Christ?
People We will.

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.

The Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for Mary Margaret who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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 for ever. *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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the blessing of the water.

The Baptism

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.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Fruits of the Spirit
Becki Slagle Mayo (Sung by the Children's Choir)
Carolyn Groover, Flautist

The fruit of the spirit is love, showing kindness, gentleness, goodness and self control, patience and faithfulness, peace and joy! When we follow Christ, God's Spirit lives within, helping us to walk in faith, freeing us from sin. We live in Christ, bearing fruit, showing love to all. Day by day we're growing strong as on his name we call.

The Presentation Hymn

Praise the Spirit in creation
Hymnal 506

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A
BCP 361

The people remain standing, as able.

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 125

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

The Communion Anthem

Draw us in the Spirit's tether
Harold Friedell

The Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together
Hymnal 325

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Holy Spirit, ever living
Hymnal 511

The Dismissal

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

Celebrate the Day of Pentecost and the end of the school year after today's service, with refreshments, including Frigid Frog, outside in the church parking area. All are welcome!

Remember in your prayers:

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Roxanne Wallis, Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Kirk Goodell, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Judy Causey, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman, Joan Kelley.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Jamie Sheddon, Charles Daniel, Peter Funnell, Frances Lemieux.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, Jennifer; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Lesley, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Kimberly, Cole.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Nick Watts, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Kurt Edwards, Peggy Colpoys, Susan Widdowson, Caroline McManus.

We give thanks for the baptism of Mary Margaret Crider, daughter of Lucas and Ivey Crider, today at St. Paul's.

We pray for those who have died: Phil Watkiss, parishioner of St. Paul's; Sam Edwards, parishioner of St. Paul's; and Scott McDorman, son of parishioner Mary Ben Christiansen. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

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