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The Day of Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

May 31, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Service broadcast online via livestream video

THE VOLUNTARY Choral varié sur le thème du *Veni Creator* Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)
 Theme. Allegro religioso – Variation 1. Poco meno mosso –
 Variation 2. Allegretto – Variation 3. Andante espressivo

THE OPENING HYMN 225, vv. 1 & 3 Hail thee, festival day SALVA FESTA DIES
All are invited to sing or read along.

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for
 ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the
 world with God's grace. *First time only* grace. *2*

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
 3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his—

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
 cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
 ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

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THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

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.’ “

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 104:25–35, 37

The people say the text in bold.

- 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 LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3b–13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 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. 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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 661, vv. 1 & 4 They cast their nets in Galilee

GEORGETOWN

All are invited to sing or read along.

1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just
 2 Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -
 3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -
 4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but

off the hills of brown; such hap - py,
 fore they ev - er knew the peace of
 less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who
 strife closed in the sod. Yet let us

sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.
 God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.
 hauled the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.
 pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

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THE GOSPEL

John 20:19–23

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in bold.

For the church, its members, and its mission. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the followers of God everywhere, and for love and peace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our governors, our president, and other government workers: We pray for their health and that they will be strong leaders. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the welfare of the world, that through your love the global community can come together even as we stay apart. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all our parishioners, as we miss seeing each other in person. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our teachers, students and parents who are doing the best they can as this school year winds to an end, especially for our seniors who are missing their special moments and celebrations including prom, award nights, music concerts and graduation ceremonies and parties. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the charities, businesses, and all people of this community who are struggling to keep their doors open because of this pandemic. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are suffering from Covid-19: We pray especially for those who are confined to nursing homes, and for nurses and health care staff who work tirelessly to care for those who are sick and need medical care. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the victims of violence fueled by racial bias, for police officers who face chaos and danger in their daily work, and for communities that carry the weight of generations of broken relationships between law enforcement and the people they serve: We pray for greater listening, transparency and reconciliation; for compassion and justice; and for love in the face of violence. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the departed, especially Bob Skeele, the Reverend Joe Ted Miller, and George Floyd, that through your mercy their souls may be delivered into your hands, and for their families and loved ones, that you are with them in their mourning when they cannot gather together. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty and merciful God, you made us in your loving image and call us to share that love with the world. Hear our prayers, have compassion on your children, and give us the peace that only you can give; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Veni Creator Spiritus

Plainsong

Words: Latin, 9th century

Erica Maas, soprano

Come Creator Spirit, visit the souls of Thy people,
 Fill with grace from on high the hearts which Thou hast created.
 In flame our senses with Thy light, pour Thy love into our hearts,
 Strengthen our weak bodies with lasting power.
 Grant us by Thee to know the Father and to know the Son,
 And Thee, Spirit of both, may we always believe.
 To God the Father be glory, to the Son Who rose from the dead
 And to the Comforter, for all ages. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O lord of all; presenting to you, not bread and wine, because we cannot be together this day to share them, but our lives, our world, our concerns, our hopes, and all of creation.

We pray you gracious God, to accept our offering of ourselves and to transform us as Jesus did the bread and wine when he took them from his disciples, broke, blessed, and gave them once again as a sign of their new life in him.

Take us, bless us, open us, and make us new. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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 FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant The communion we receive is the unbroken communion of love, acceptance, and inclusion made known to us through the life of Jesus, who is among us this day. We are fed today by and in community, gathered together by our host, the Lord of love.

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 this gathering of the community he formed. 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 Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN, vv. 1-3 We shall overcome

TRADITIONAL

All are invited to sing or read along.

We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come,

We shall o - ver - come some - day; Oh,

deep in my heart, I do be - lieve, (Oh)

We shall o - ver - come some - day. day.

2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
3. God is on our side, today.

4. We are not afraid, today.
5. We shall live in peace, someday.

THE DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Choral varié sur le thème du *Veni Creator*
Variation 4 'Final'. Allegro

Maurice Duruflé

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Soloist: Erica Maas

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The Prayers of the People (with some modifications each week) were written by the St. John's EYC for Youth Sunday on May 17.

The Eucharistic prayer is adapted for a special need in a special time. It draws on the wisdom and creative path of Tielhard de Chardin's Mass on the World, which begins, "Since once again, Lord...I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I, your priest, will make the whole world my altar and on it will offer you all the labors and sufferings of the world."

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Whitney Lynch
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Lee
Janet Ray	Sue	Chris	Lonnie
Susan Murray	Gwain Gillespie	Ellie Brown	Tom Moore
Brad Babbitt	Nikki	Helen Moore	Patricia
Billy Ulrich	Andree	Prakash & Sue Huded	
Alex	Marnie Mueller	Bob Mueller	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Randall Hayes	Rosemary Deming
Justus Coulter	Jake Farrell
Carolyn Roche	Greg Burt
Patricia Smith	Evelyn Reidenbaugh
Elise Biondi	Marki Ware

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; St. John's, Niantic ; and for those communicating God's Word, digital ministry, and online social networks and communities.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia.