

St. Paul's
Syracuse

The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLINS

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 19, 2024
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • *Fanfare*

John Cook (1918-1984)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN • 507, "Praise the Spirit in creation"

Julion

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CANTICLE •

Festival Canticle

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion. [Ant.]

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.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Acts 2:1-21

Lector

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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
People

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

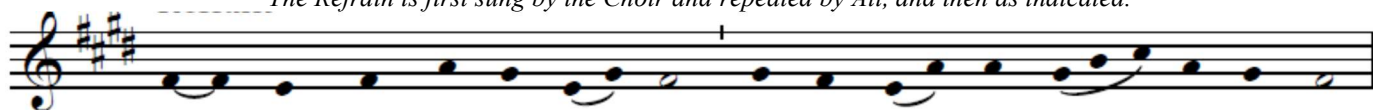
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM • 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea*

Mode 2

The Refrain is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.



Send forth your Spir-it, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

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

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. **Refrain**

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. .
Refrain

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in all his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. **Refrain**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah! .
Refrain

EPISTLE • Romans 8:22-27

Lector

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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

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

People

Thanks be to God.

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN • 511, "Holy Spirit, ever living"

Abbott's Leigh

Please remain standing.

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.

Celebrant

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
People*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin credo, translated here as “we believe.” Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be “we give our heart,” “we trust,” “we rely upon.” Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two

thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All

**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.**

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We thank you, gracious God, for filling your Church with the power of your Holy Spirit. United in Jesus, we pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord, your Holy Spirit is with us: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, Holy Spirit, for the church universal, for the unity of the church, and for Michael, our presiding Bishop; Dede, our Bishop; Philip, our Rector, and all the people of God, especially at St. Paul's. Empower Jesus' followers across our nation to work toward unity of faith and away from division.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord, your Holy Spirit is with us: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, Holy Spirit. We know you love your creation and we know you love us. Help us to behold the power of your love at work as you care for your world. Help us to continue to fight climate change.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord, your Holy Spirit is with us: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, Holy Spirit, for a new dream of peace for our world. May gunfire cease in every neighborhood, especially Syracuse's Near West Side. May war cease in every nation, especially Haiti, the Holy Land, South Sudan, Congo and Ukraine. Help our elected officials to be instruments of justice and peace.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord, your Holy Spirit is with us: **Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, we pray for people who live in despair. Help them to discover new meaning and purpose for their lives. May hope abound in every human soul. We pray for people weighed down from illness and disease, especially *n.* and those we name silently or aloud. May the sick be comforted by the grace of the Holy Spirit and the healing of God's love.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord, your Holy Spirit is with us: **Hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanksgiving, Holy Spirit, for all who have died in faith especially *n.* and those we name silently or aloud. Help us to trust that we will join with them at the end to rejoice in your presence.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord, your Holy Spirit is with us: **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord, your Holy Spirit is with us: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION

The people are invited to sit / kneel.

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Officiant † Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine for communion and the offering plates are brought forward at the beginning of the offertory.

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsyr** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

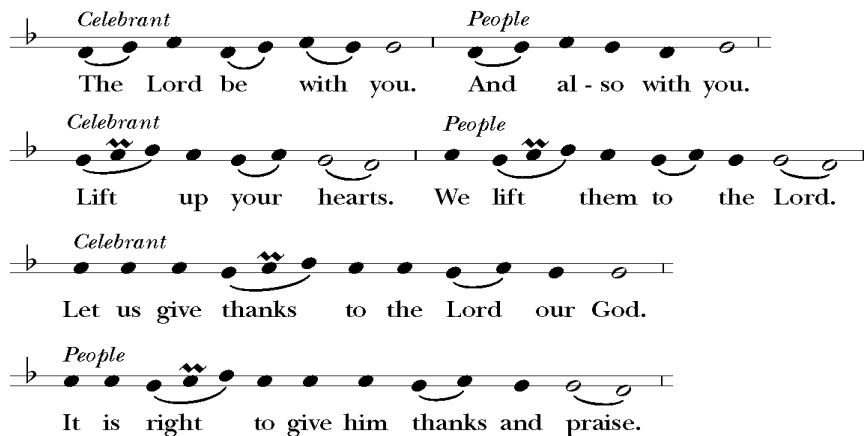
Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1



Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

8:00 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hymnal S-114

From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Celebrant

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:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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 [_____ and] 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.

All

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:00

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Hymnal S-154

From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b.1950)

The people are invited to be seated.

You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.

During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.

COMMUNION HYMN • 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Land of Rest

The People are invited to stand.

Officiant
All

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN • 225, “Hail thee, festival day!”

Salve festa dies

DISMISSAL

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • *Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist* (BWV 667) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
(Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come)

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul's prayer leaders.*

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Peter M., Philip B., Steve S., Jim & Mary S., David G., Destany W., Katherine S., Sandi Y., and Mary Kay U.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Ieva and Jim Doyle.

We remember those who have died in recent days:

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Julia Fine & Nancy Lambright

Lay Readers: Terry Tuttle / David Morgan

Ushers: Greg Tuttle / Harry Lambright

Flower Guild: Tim Cassavaw & Jim Potts

Announcements for May 19

* Next weekend is Memorial Day weekend. We will hold one worship service at 10 a.m.

* It's not too late to help St. Paul's meet our \$50,000 challenge grant goal! If you've been thinking about pledging to *Open Doors*, please complete your pledge form now. If St. Paul's raises \$50,000 by the end of June, we will receive an additional \$50,000 from long-time supporters of St. Paul's.

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#50 What is the reason this day in our church calendar is called Pentecost?

Today we celebrate the Christian version of the Feast of Pentecost. Like almost everything in the Christian tradition, the day of Pentecost has its roots in the faith practices of the Jewish people. In Greek, the word Pentecost means 'fiftieth'. Fifty days after the first day of Passover, Jews from all over the ancient world travelled to Jerusalem, for the Festival of Shavuot, which was also called Pentecost, owing to the fact that it occurred fifty days after Passover. The Jewish observance of the Festival of Shavuot is the setting for our Pentecost reading from Acts 2. The eleven disciples were gathered in Jerusalem for the observation of the Festival of Shavuot, also known as Pentecost. Christians celebrate the events of Acts 2 using the same name as our Jewish forebearers, Pentecost, but the ideas attached to our celebration of Pentecost are somewhat different from the ideas of the original Jewish festival.

If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org.

Fr. Philip +

Construction Updates/Reminders:

- During Open Doors construction, the parking lot spaces marked with an X, which are generally reserved for St. Paul's folks, are available ONLY to construction workers during workdays (M-F) per our contract with Drulyk. The numbered spots are rented to folks in the area during their workdays. This means you will likely NOT find a place to park in our lot if you come to the church during the week. You likely will find a space on the street metered within a few blocks of the church. There should be parking available in our lot on Sundays.
- Please do not enter any area marked construction as it is not safe to do so; we don't want anyone to get hurt.
- There will always be one bathroom available in adjacent to the Sargent Foyer during construction and in the area adjacent to our church offices.
- We expect more activity in the months ahead. Stay strong and patient!

Officers

Senior Warden: Marion Greenhalgh
Junior Warden: Joe Moorman
Treasurer: Doug Mouncey
Clerk of the Vestry: Joseph Russo

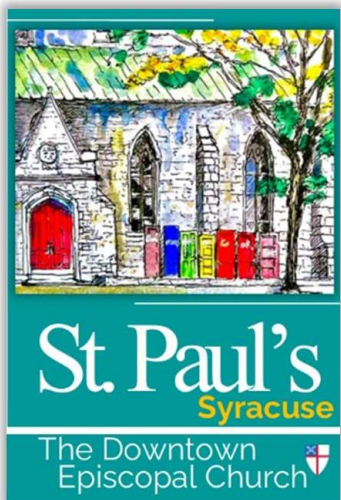
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