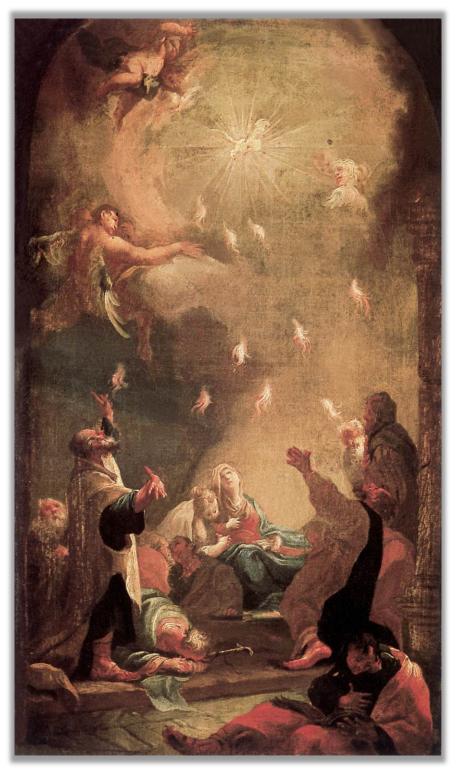
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WE are a diverse community united by our commitment to Jesus Christ and our desire to live the Christian life. Our prayers and the Sacraments help us find Christ in church and in the world. Seeing Christ in each other and in the faces of strangers, we are inspired to reach out in love and service.

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TELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate WHITSUNDAY, THE DAY OF PENTECOST. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find

the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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### The Day of Pentecost ~ Whitsunday

May 28, 2023 Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M. Propers of Year A

Mass Setting: Missa brevis Arthur Wills (d. 2020)

This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.

Voluntary: Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist Johann Sebastian Bach (d. 1750) Dieterich Buxtehude (d. 1707)

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist

The Procession

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! People: There is one Body and one Spirit; Celebrant: There is one hope in God's call to us; People: Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of us all. People:

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

In the Name of Christ. Amen. People:



Station at the Font

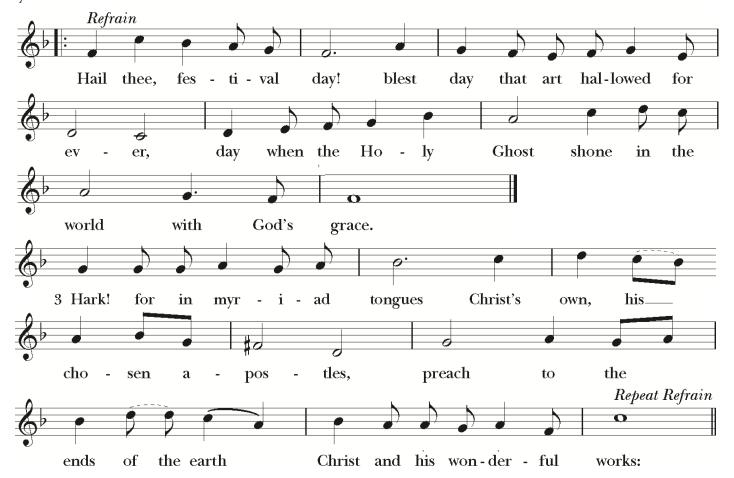
Celebrant: Send forth thy Spirit, O God, alleluia:

People: And renew the face of the earth, alleluia.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy 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 the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.* 

Hymn 225, v. 3



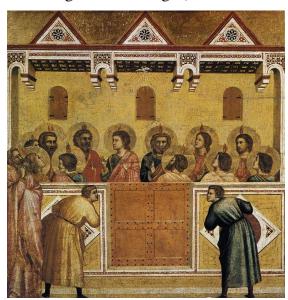
Station at the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace

Celebrant: The apostles did speak with other tongues, alleluia:

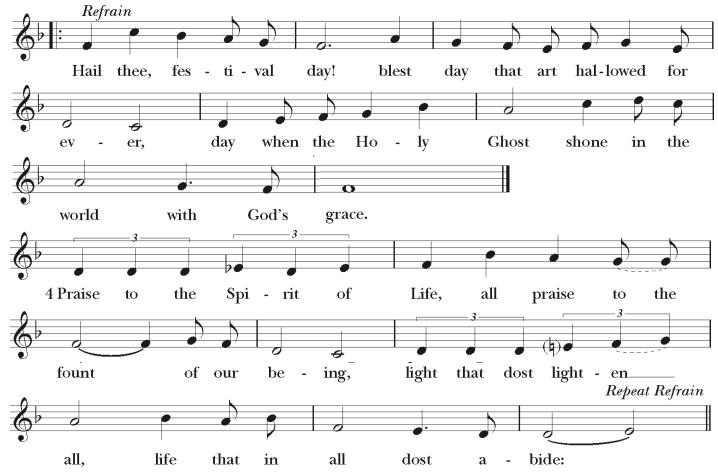
People: The wonderful works of God, alleluia.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon thy disciples in Jerusalem: Grant that we who celebrate before thee the Feast of Pentecost may continue thine forever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until we come to thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 



Hymn 225, v. 4



Station at the High Altar

Oloving Father, grant, we pray thee, that thy Church, being gathered by thy Holy Spirit, may be dedicated more fully to thy service, and live united in love, according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

#### The Liturgy of the Word

Introit (choir) Spiritus Domini

Mode VIII

THE Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole world, alleluia: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect for Purity

A LMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison *(choir)* 

A. Wills

YRIE eleison, *Kyrie eleison*, Kyrie eleison. [Lord, have mercy] *Christe eleison*, Christe eleison, *Christe eleison*. [Christ, have mercy] Kyrie eleison, *Kyrie eleison*, Kyrie eleison. [Lord, have mercy]

CLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Anation by the promised gift of thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

The First Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 2: I-2I [NRSV]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

TX7HEN the day of Pentecost had come, they 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Congregation's Response: Thanks be to God.

## Benedic, anima mea (Congregation sings the italicized verses.)



24 O LÖRD, how | man-i^fold ^ are thÿ works!

\* in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of | thy richës.

25 So is the great and | wide sea älso;

\* wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small | and great bëasts.

26 There go the ships, and there is | that le^viäthan,

\* whom thou hast made to take his pas- time thereïn.

27 These wait | all upön thee,

\* that thou mayest give them meat in | due season.

28 When thou givest it | them, they ^ gathër it;

\* and when thou openest thy hand, they are fill-|ed with good.

29 When thou hidest thy | face they ^ are tröubled:

\* when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again | to their düst.

30 When thou lettest thy breath go | forth they ^ shall bë made;

\* and thou shalt renew the face | of the ëarth.

31 The glorious majesty of the LORD shall en- | dure for ëver;

\* the LORD shall rejoice | in his wörks.

32 The earth shall tremble | at the^look öf him;

\* if he do but touch the hills, | they shall smöke.

33 I will sing unto the LORD as I long as I live;

\* I will praise my God while I have | my be-ing.

34 And so shall | my words plëase him:

\* my joy shall be | in the LÖRD.

36 Praise thou the | LORD, O mÿ soul.

\* | Praise the LÖRD.

The Epistle: I Corinthians I2: 3b-I3 [NRSV]

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.





Choir:

O send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.



Choir:

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of thy faithful people: and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

Sequence (choir) Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Mode I

COME, thou Holy Spirit bright; come with thy celestial light; pour on us thy love divine. Come, protector of the poor; come, thou source of blessings sure; come within our hearts to shine.

Thou, of comforters the best, thou, the soul's most welcome guest, of our peace thou art the sign. In our labor, be our aid; in our summer, cooling shade. Every bitter tear refine.

Brighter than the noonday sun, fill our lives which Christ has won; fill our hearts and make them thine. Where thou art not, we have nought: all our word and deed and thought twisted from thy true design.

Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; rule us by thy judgment's line. Cleanse us with thy healing power; what is barren bring to flower; to thy love our sins consign.

To thy people who adore and confess thee evermore, thy blest sevenfold gift assign. Grant us thy salvation, Lord, boundless mercy our reward, joys which earth and heaven entwine.



The Holy Gospel: St. John 20: 19-23 [RSV]

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John. *People:* 

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And 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; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.



Renewal of Baptismal Vows (All stand.)

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to

serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do. People:

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. People:

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy People:

Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father

Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints, People:

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body \*, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help. People:

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and

return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help. People:

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help. People:

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help. People:

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of

every human being?

I will, with God's help. People:

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a

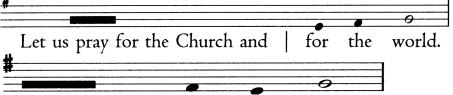
new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



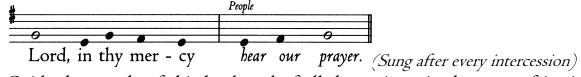
The Prayers of the People

Form IV





Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (Silence)



Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. (Silence) Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [especially N.]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer*.

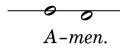
Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (pause); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (pause); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People* 





The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.



The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. Psalm 50: 14

Offertory (choir) Confirma hoc, Deus

Mode IV

ESTABLISH, O God, the thing that thou hast wrought in us. For thy temple's sake, which is at Jerusalem, shall kings bring presents unto thee, alleluia.

Motet (choir) Thomas Tallis (d. 1585)

IF ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may bide with you for ever: e'en the spirit of truth.

St. John 14: 15-17





Presentation of the alms and oblations (All stand.)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

Celebrant: Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost 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 thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



Sanctus and Benedictus (choir)

A. Wills

IOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Consecration

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." \*\*

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." \*\*

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

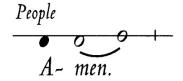
And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, \* be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

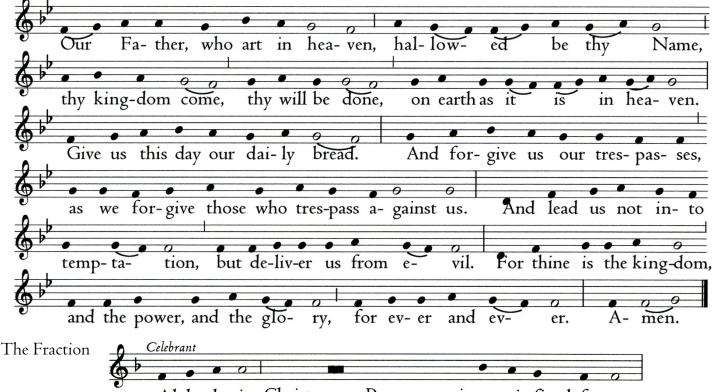
And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

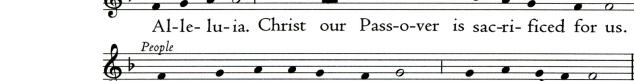
 $B^{\rm Y}$  whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



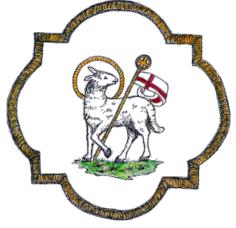
The Lord's Prayer (sung by all)

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









Agnus Dei (choir)

A. Wills

Camb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (said by all)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that

Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the

word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (choir) Factus est repente

Mode VII

SUDDENLY there came a sound from heaven, like the rush of a mighty wind, where Sthey were sitting, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the wonderful works of God, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (said by those worshipping virtually)

IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Anthem (choir)

Harold W. Friedell (d. 1958)

PRAW 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! 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! 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! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy



grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### The 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 evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his 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 him in word and deed. *Amen.* 

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

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The People respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Last Gospel St. John I: I-I4

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

*People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (Here genuflect) And the Word was made flesh, (Here rise) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Onlybegotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*People:* Thanks be to God.



Regina Coeli *(choir)* 

Tone VI

REGINA coeli laetare, alleluia: Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia: Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

[Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia, has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.]



Starry Night, 1889 ~ Vincent van Gogh, 1853-1890





#### Explore the Way of Love: TURN

There are so many voices in the world, telling us who we are, what we should do, and how we will be fulfilled. They tell us to focus on our desires, on our cravings, on being the best individual we can be. The world, we are told, revolves around each of us.

For many, these pursuits of self-fulfillment can leave us feeling drained, empty, and alone. They can lead us away from our divine calling. Away from the creator in whose image we were made. But if we listen closely, there is a spirit calling us to come back to ourselves, back to our purpose, back to something more meaningful.

When we look to the example of Jesus, we see the way that he followed. This is the Way of Love.



One aspect of this Way and making it a practice in our own lives is remembering to simply to turn toward the voice that calls us. Intentionally choosing our direction, choosing to turn and face the light, is the fundamental shift that puts the Way of Love into action. As Jesus tells us in the Book of John: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

Turning doesn't have to change who you are—you are loved as you were created. But it can change where you are going. It can shift you from selfishness to loving the other. It can shift you from hoarding to generosity. It can lead you from sin and distance from God into closer alignment with the One who made and loves you so much.

Obeying this call means recognizing the things we put first in our lives, the things we allow to have the most space in our minds, our fears and hopes and desires. And turning instead toward love.

It can be as freeing as the early followers putting down their fishing nets. It can be as missional as Jesus asking us to pick up our cross and follow him. It can be as simple as paying attention to which direction our feet are facing on our journey.

Turning is not just a one time event, but an ongoing discipline, re-directing our steps as often as we think to, always turning toward the light. And turning toward the light can also illuminate how many there are on the journey with you, emerging from the shadows to walk the same path.

The Way of Love can lead you to discover a community of fellow travelers with whom you share the journey. The Way of Love shows us who we are, it lights the path to where we should go, and it gives purpose to our desires for fulfillment. And it shows us that we are not alone. That like us, there are many who choosing to turn toward the Way of Love. Are you ready to commit to turning and following Jesus?

Learn more about the Way of Love at *episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove*. You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Turning at *iam.ec/ewol*.

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#### May 28, 2023 THE DAY OF PENTECOST ~ Whitsunday

#### FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

**THE REV. ROWENA KEMP** welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss. Please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that he should know about. For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.

#### PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks.

Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).

- Bishops and Clergy: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Chuck, our Vocational Deacon Intern.
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will; for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. John's, Niantic; Zion, North Branford; St. John's, North Haven; Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication and those communicating God's Word, digital ministry, and online social networks and communities.
- Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church): Brian, Lars, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, Charles, Warren, and Mike.
- Thanksgiving and Celebrations: We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Kathryn Pryor (26 on Wed.), whose birthday we celebrate this week.
- Sick or in need: Elaine & Tom; James; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Richard; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Ellen; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Dick, Leanne, Aldon, Kim & Fiona; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Monica; Antoinette; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda & the Galarza Family; Josephine, Melissa & Jaden; Brad; Debbie; Melissa; Margaret; Judy; Peter; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; Lynn; McJohn; Doreen; Karen; Terra; Kanata; Betty & John; Cheryl; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Nazra; Diane; Mark & Diane; Susan & Nalbra; Diana; Donald; Eugenia; Jean; for peace throughout the world, especially between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters, including those affected by the pandemic.
- *The Deceased*: We pray for the repose of Todd Koppenhaver, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, all those who have died from CoVid-19, and in memory of Sally-Jane McCrary, and Weddall Steele.



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#### THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, May 28 THE DAY OF PENTECOST ~ Whitsunday

**8:00 a.m.:** Low Mass

**10:30 a.m.**: Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live)

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

**7:30 a.m.**: Facebook Live Morning Prayer **6:00 p.m.**: Facebook Live Evening Prayer

Tuesday, May 30 The First Book of Common Prayer, 1549

7:30 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer

Wednesday, May 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**9:15 a.m.**: Low Mass (also on Facebook Live), followed by breakfast at Effie's

**6:00 p.m.**: Facebook Live Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1 Justin, Martyr at Rome, 167

8:00 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.: "A Place of Grace" food pantry distribution

Sunday, June 4 The First Sunday after Pentecost ~ TRINITY SUNDAY

**8:00 a.m.:** Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live)





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