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*The Day of Pentecost ~ Whitsunday*

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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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**W**ELCOME 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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June 8, 2025

Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

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Mass Setting: *Missa brevis*

Arthur Wills (d. 2020)

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

Voluntary: *Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist*

Dieterich Buxtehude (d. 1707)

### THE PROCESSION (*all stand*)

*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 us all.

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in peace.

*People:* In the Name of Christ. Amen.



*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 -  
wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the  
Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:  
2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold  
my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man  
souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God: *Repeat Refrain*

## 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.

O 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 (*sung by all*)

*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.

3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his  
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the  
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

*Repeat Refrain*

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.

**O** 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 (*sung by all*)

*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.

4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the  
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en  
all, life that in all dost a - bid:

*Repeat Refrain*

Station at the High Altar

O loving 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* (*remain standing*)

Mode VIII

(*Antiphon*) 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. (*Psalm*) Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.* [*Repeat antiphon.*]

Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY 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

KYRIE eleison. Christ eleison. Kyrie eleison.

[Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy]

GLORY 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.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation 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: 1-21 [*NRSV*](*all sit*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

WHEN 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.

*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.



(Congregation remains seated and sings the italicized verses.)



- 24 O LÖRD, how | mani^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 älsö;  
*\* 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 seasön.*
- 28 When thou givest it | them, they ^ gathër it;  
*\* and when thou openest thy hand, they are fill- | èd with gööd.*
- 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 / long as I live;  
*\* I will praise my God while I have / my bëing.*
- 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: Romans 8: 14-17 [NRSV] (*all sit*)

A reading from the Letter of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans.

ALL who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

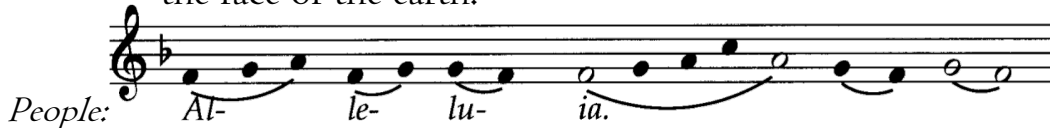
*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *Emitte Spiritum tuum* (*all stand*)

Mode II



Choir: O SEND FORTH THY SPIRIT, and they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.



Choir: (*here genuflect*) Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of thy love. (*here stand*)

Sequence (*choir*) *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* (*remain standing*)

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.



People: A-men. Al-le-lu-ia.



The Holy Gospel: St. John 14: 8-17, 25-27 [RSV] (*remain standing*)

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

PHILIP said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves.

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

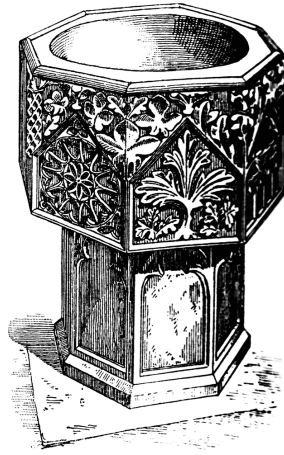
These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People’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?

*People:* I do.

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

*People:* I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker 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; who was conceived by the Holy 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?

*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. Amen.

*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.

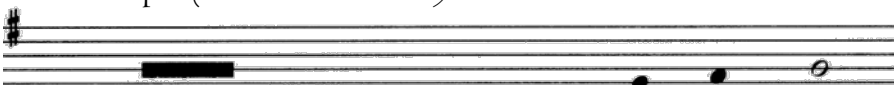
*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

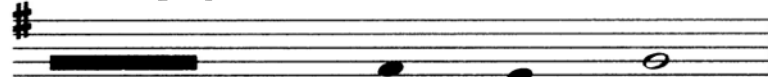
*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*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.*



Leader: Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



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*)



Lord, in thy mer - cy *People* hear our prayer. (*Sung after every intercession*)

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: Watch over thy children *Chuck & Jill*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days / of their lives. (*Silence*)  
 Lord, in thy mercy *People*: hear our prayer.

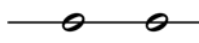
Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (*Silence*)  
 Lord, in thy mercy *People*: hear our prayer.

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*  
  
 A - men.



The Peace (*all stand*)

*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 (*remain standing*)

*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

**E**STABLISH, 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*) (*all sit*)

Thomas Tallis (d. 1585)

**I**F 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 (*remain standing*)

*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

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People:* It is meet and right so to do.

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

HOLY, 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 Canon of the Mass (*all kneel or stand*)

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender  
A 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.

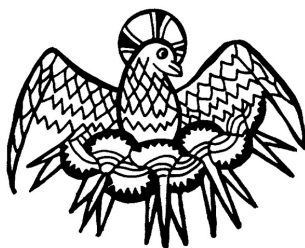
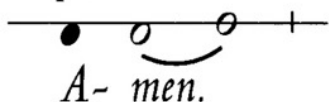
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of  
praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and  
death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole  
Church, may obtain remission of our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

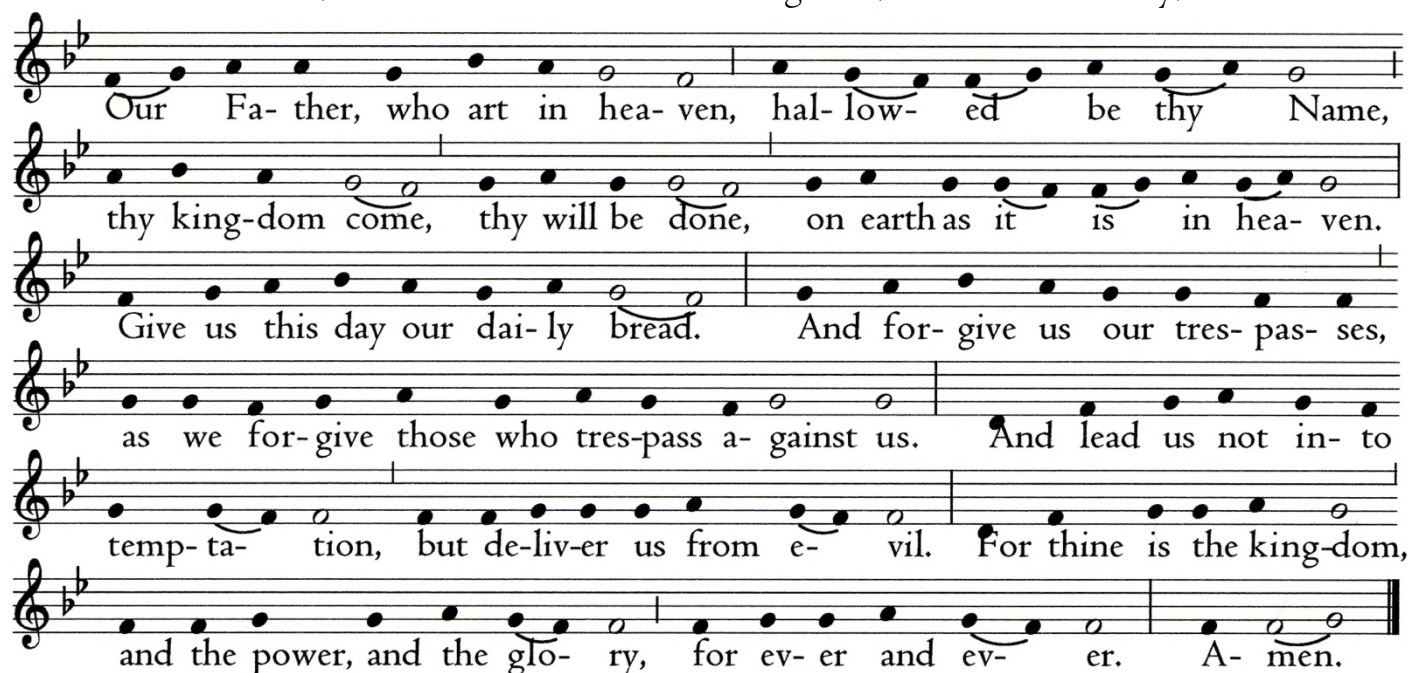
BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be  
unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*



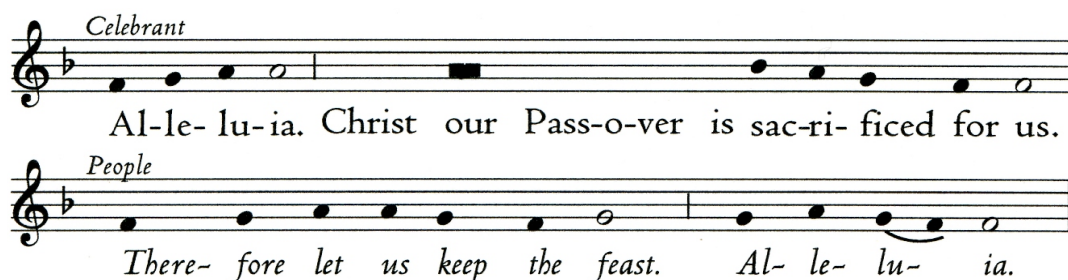
The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all, kneeling*)

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



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,  
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,  
as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And lead us not in- to  
temp-ta- tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
and the power, and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

The Fraction



*Celebrant*  
Al-le- lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri- ficed for us.  
*People*  
There- fore let us keep the feast. Al- le- lu- ia.



Agnus Dei (*choir*)

A. Wills

O LAMB 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 shouldst 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 they 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*) (*all sit*)

Harold W. Friedell (d. 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! 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 (*all kneel*)

*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 (*remain kneeling*)

**M**AY 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.*

**A**ND 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 (*all stand*)

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

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

The Last Gospel (*remain standing*)

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.

**I**N 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 Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

REGINA CÆLI 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.]



### THE ANGELUS

*Celebrant:* The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

*People:* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

*People:* Be it unto me according to thy word.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(*Here genuflect*) *Celebrant:* And the Word was made flesh.

(*Here rise*) *People:* And dwelt among us.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

*People:* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Hymn 412 (*sung by all, standing*)

"Earth and All Stars"

*Earth and All Stars*



1	Earth	and	all	stars,	loud	rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing	to the
2	Hail,	wind,	and	rain,	loud	blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing	to the
3	Trum - pet	and	pipes,	loud	clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing	to the	
4	En - gines	and	steel,	loud	pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing	to the	
5	Class - rooms	and	labs,	loud	boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing	to the	
6	Know - ledge	and	truth,	loud	sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing	to the	



1	Lord	_____	a	new	song!	O	vic - to - ry,
2	Lord	_____	a	new	song!	Flow - ers	and trees,
3	Lord	_____	a	new	song!	Harp, lute,	and lyre,
4	Lord	_____	a	new	song!	Lime - stone	and beams,
5	Lord	_____	a	new	song!	Ath - lete	and band,
6	Lord	_____	a	new	song!	Daugh - ter	and son,



1	loud	shout - ing	ar - my,	sing	to the	Lord	_____	a	new	song!
2	loud	rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing	to the	Lord	_____	a	new	song!
3	loud	hum - ming	cel - los,	sing	to the	Lord	_____	a	new	song!
4	loud	build - ing	work - ers,	sing	to the	Lord	_____	a	new	song!
5	loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing	to the	Lord	_____	a	new	song!
6	loud	pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing	to the	Lord	_____	a	new	song!

*Refrain*



He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Voluntary: Fantasia on *Komm, Gott, Schoepfer, heiliger Geist*

Johann Sebastian Bach (d. 1750)







## June 8, 2025 – Pentecost (C) Traveling the Way of Love: Bless

*“Traveling the Way of Love” Season 2 offers video stories of the ways people across The Episcopal Church participate in the seven Way of Love practices. Produced by the Office of Communication in partnership with Evangelism colleagues, it includes study guides to help congregations or small groups engage the stories and strengthen one another’s discipleship. Each week, we’ll share information about an episode, along with study questions suitable for congregational, small group, or personal reflection. You can find each episode and its discussion guide at [iam.ec/TWOL2](http://iam.ec/TWOL2).*

### Episode 4: Bless

“Freely you have received; freely give.” –  
Matthew 10:8

Jesus called his disciples to give, forgive, teach, and heal in his name. We are empowered by the Spirit to bless everyone we meet, practicing generosity and compassion and proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ with hopeful words and selfless actions. We can share our stories of blessing and invite others to the Way of Love.



1. In this episode, host Chris Sikkema visits the Episcopal Farm Workers Ministry in Dunn, North Carolina. The ministry is a joint project of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina and the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina that works with agricultural workers (farmworkers, meat processing plant workers, and workers from nurseries, packing houses, and poultry, swine, or livestock farms) and immigrant families in rural Eastern North Carolina. When asked about the needs of this community, Lucia Mondragón points out that she has learned that this community needs not just food but also affection. When you think about donating to a traditional outreach ministry such as a food pantry or soup kitchen, what would it look like for you to give the blessing of affection in addition to the sustenance of food? How does that challenge or resonate with your idea of “bless”?

2. As Chris reflected, one of the enduring images of the Christian life is that of individuals moving along the spokes of a wheel. We find that as we draw closer to the center—that is, to God—we, by necessity, grow closer to other people. This is the work of the Holy Spirit, and as Chris says, it happens in all sorts of groups and communities. Take a few moments to reflect on the ways that you and/or your faith community are practicing “bless” currently. Are they drawing you and your community closer to God and others? If not, how might your practice need to grow or morph?

3. “When they come, they bring their problems, and we need to hear them.” - Lucia Mondragón. Often, in our attempts to do the most good in the shortest amount of time, our practice of “bless” is stacked with to-do lists and busyness. But do we make time for listening? Do we make time to value the one story someone needs to share over the 10 things on our agenda? Do we value hearing as much as we value doing? If not, what might need to shift in our practice or understanding of “bless”?

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**June 8** *The Day of Pentecost ~ Whitsunday*

## FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

**Our Rector, THE REV. ROWENA KEMP** welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss, and please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she 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; Sean, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Marta, our curate.
- **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; Christ Church, Norwalk; St. Andrew's, Northford; Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication & those communicating God's Word; and digital ministries, online social networks & communities. *The Anglican Church of Melanesia.*
- **World & Community Concerns:** For peace throughout the world, especially between Iran, Israel, and Gaza, and in the Middle East; in Sudan; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- **Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):** Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- **Thanksgiving and Celebrations:** We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Chuck Sharp (Wed.), and Jill Lacedonia (Thu.), whose birthdays we celebrate this week; and Don & Ruth Grant, celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Friday.
- **Sick or in need:** Felix & Carmen; Adrienne & Kenneth; Michael; Wilma and the Beaulieu Family; Pamela; Camden; Luiz & the Vela Cruz Family; Heather; David; Neil; Mark; Jerry; Abby, Bonnie & the Burns Family; Lea; Meg; Walter & Claudia; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Mary; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, Soraya & Raphael; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Kathy; Patti; Delores; Nancy; Marcolina; Peter; Sr. Linda; Leonard; Joy; Cori and the Mackey Family; Judy; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Diane; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- **The Deceased:** We pray for the repose of all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Barbara Klemmer Nelson, and Peter Rovetti, in whose memory the flowers are given (*by Kathie Rovetti*).

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**Sunday, June 8** *THE DAY OF PENTECOST ~ Whitsunday*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

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

**Tuesday, June 10** *Ephrem of Edessa, Deacon, 373*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

**Wednesday, June 11** *SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

4:30 p.m.: *Grace Kids*

7:00 p.m.: *Choir Rehearsal*

**Thursday, June 12** *The First Book of Common Prayer, 1549*

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

**Friday, June 13**

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Office Hours

**Sunday, June 15** *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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