

Within the Christian tradition, Pentecost is generally pointed to as the church's "birthday." This is a valid way of thinking about it, but there is also more going on in this rich story from the Book of Acts. Pentecost was the Jewish festival that celebrated the giving of the Law to Moses 50 days after leaving Egypt. ("Pentecost" means "fiftieth" in Greek. The festival is called *Shavuoth* in Hebrew). The giving of the Law and the people's vow to be faithful to it was seen as the moment Israel fully became the covenant people of God. Originally, Pentecost was seen by Jews as a celebration of the "birthday" of Judaism.

In our story from the New Testament, the giving of the Holy Spirit to infill Jesus' disciples after his ascension marks a new gift from God—this time of the Spirit rather than the Law—and the establishment of a new community of the people of God—the church. This community does not replace the old people of God, but expands it. When the 120 disciples (probably all of whom were Jews) begin speaking in the languages of all those present—languages representative of all the areas known to the author—there is a symbolic regathering of the people of the world. A reversal of the confusion and dispersal of the people after the Tower of Babel. God will now gather all people into the covenant and speak in the languages of all, not just one people. And this was God's plan all along. Peter says, "This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.... And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" This quote indicates that the outpouring of God's Spirit is not just the beginning of the church but also the sign of the coming of God's reign.

The filling of God's people with God's Spirit is both the harbinger and the agent of the coming God's kingdom of deliverance, flourishing, peace, and reconciliation. The Spirit given at Pentecost empowers Jesus' followers to carry God's presence into the world. May it be so for us as well.

#### TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Chase, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Glori, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Kirby, Christopher, Jacki, Russ, Scott, Galen, Ginny, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Sydney, Sara, Sandy, Norma, Ann, Mildred, and those you would add.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the lives of Dr. Charles E. & Esther E. Smith, Charles E. III & Ingrid O. Smith, and George Mairs; for the baptism of Zoe Matter; for the birthday of Chris Matter; and for the marriage yesterday of Lindsey and Zach Sheffert.

#### ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

CELEBRANT	<i>The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller</i>
PREACHER	<i>Dr. Fredrica Harris Thompsett</i>
ASSISTING PRIEST	<i>The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson</i>
DEACON	<i>The Reverend Margaret Thor</i>
ALTAR GUILD	<i>Heather Joyce, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Sabine Krall, Sylvia Moore, Pam Strom</i>
ADULT CHOIR	<i>Jayson R. Engquist, Director and Organist</i>
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHOIRS	<i>Heather Hunt, Director</i>
PERCUSSIONISTS	<i>Kevin Wall, Judy Stack</i>
ACOLYTES	<i>Elliot Wall, Madeline Jacobs, Roan Weinkauff</i>
READERS	<i>Carole Selin, Mark McInroy</i>
LORD'S PRAYER	<i>Jeff Olsen, Andrew Olsen, Krista Palmquist, Bill Sherfey, Wuyah Koroma</i>
VERGER	<i>Bill Sherfey</i>
USHERS	<i>Alden Drew &amp; Mimie Pollard, Mary &amp; Peter Gilbertson</i>
GREETERS	<i>Jennifer Kinkead, Sally Sand, Diane Wallace-Reid</i>
COFFEE HOUR	<i>Kathy Brown</i>

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# FEAST OF PENTECOST



Holy Eucharist and Baptism (Rite II)

June 4, 2017 10 o'clock in the morning

Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church



## THE WORD OF GOD

*Hearing-assistance devices are available — simply request one from an usher.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Holy Spirit, Descend On Us*

Charles Callahan

*Let us quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand, if able, at the sound of the chimes.*

### OPENING ACCLAMATIONS AND RESPONSES

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### HYMNAL #225

*Hail Thee, Festival Day!*

SALVE FESTA DIES

### COLLECT FOR PENTECOST

*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.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### SENDING FORTH OUR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (as applicable)

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*said by all, kneeling or standing, according to your custom*

**Almighty and everliving God,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**

**of the most precious Body and Blood**

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**

**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

**that we are living members of the Body of your Son,**

**and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,**

**to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please stand, if able, for the closing hymn.*

### HYMNAL #511

*Holy Spirit, Ever Living*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Our worship is ended; now let our service begin.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

### VOLUNTARY

*Carillon-Sortie*

Henri Mulet

*You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.*

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place*

**FIRST READING** Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

*Reader*  
*People*

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

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ Till you  
 (3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're

1. know that it's the Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
 2. know Him in His full - ness, and \_\_\_\_\_ be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
 3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can

1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
 3. make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ You'll en -

1. know they feel the pres - ence of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all \_\_\_\_\_ the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that \_\_\_\_\_ we feel. \_\_\_\_\_

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,  
 Stay right here with us, \_\_\_\_\_ fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings \_\_\_\_\_ we lift our hearts in  
 praise; With - out a doubt we'll know \_\_\_\_\_ that we have  
 been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. 3.

2. There are  
 3. If you place.

**PSALM 150**

*Kol ha n'shamah t'haleil Yah!*

Bonia Shur

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING I Corinthians 12: 3b-13**

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

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

***People*** **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Please stand, if able, for the sequence hymn and Gospel procession.*

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption . . .  
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit . . .  
Sanctify us also . . .

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.  
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever.

***People***

**AMEN.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

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

*The Lord’s Prayer will be begun in these languages:  
German, Korean, French, Swedish, Via (Liberia)*

*After all the opening phrases, please join in the entire prayer in the language of your choice.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**ANTHEM** *If Ye Love Me (Mass for Pentecost)* Jason Oberholtzer & Michael Simone

**HYMNAL #502** *O Holy Spirit, By Whose Breath* VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

**HYMNAL #506** *Praise the Spirit* FINNIAN

**HYMN (on next page)** *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place*

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us  
as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom,  
and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS**

*sung by all, remaining standing, if able*

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.*

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father ...  
He stretched out his arms upon the cross ...  
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death ...  
After supper he took the cup of wine ...  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**HYMN #502, stanzas 1 and 2**

*sung by all*

1 O Ho - ly Spi - rit, by whose breath life ris - es  
2 You are the seek - er's sure re - source, of burn - ing  
1 vi - brant out of death; come to cre - ate,  
2 love the liv - ing source, pro - tec - tor in  
1 re - new, in - spire; come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire.  
2 the midst of strife, the giv - er and the Lord of life.

*Gospeller*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL**

**John 20: 19-23**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Gospeller*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

*A period of silence is observed following the sermon.*

## PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

*Celebrant* The candidates for baptism will now be presented.

*Parents/Godparents* *I present Connor Myers Parish to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

*Parents/Godparents* *I present Zoe Jade Matter to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents/Godparents* *I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents/Godparents* *I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents/Godparents* *I renounce them.*

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Parents/Godparents* *I renounce them.*

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Parents/Godparents* *I renounce them.*

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Parents/Godparents* *I do.*

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Parents/Godparents* *I do.*

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Parents/Godparents* *I do.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.*

## WELCOME

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are invited to share at the Lord's table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is **gluten-free**.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**ANTHEM** *The Spirit of the Lord* Barrie Cabena

**PRESENTATION** *sung by all, standing if able* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

(Book of Common Prayer, page 361)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## THE BAPTISM

*Celebrant* Connor Myers Parish,  
I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant* You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism  
and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant* Zoe Jade Matter,  
I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant* You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism  
and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*People* Amen.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin,  
and have raised them to the new life of grace.  
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.  
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,  
the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you,  
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*People* Amen.

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
*People* **We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection, and share with us  
in his eternal priesthood.**

HYMNAL #296

*We Know That Christ is Raised*

ENGELBERG

*Please stand, if able.*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power  
to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and  
renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

(Book of Common Prayer, pages 305-306)

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

*Please kneel, if able.*

*People* *(after each petition)* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Children are invited to the baptistery to witness the baptism.*

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**