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, Patricicia, 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**

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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.
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.'"
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.

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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
Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.

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

Hymn #502, stanzas 1 and 2 sung by all

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.

All

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

Eucharistic 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.

T HANKSGIVING O VER 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.