

The Day of Pentecost



May 19, 2024, 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist

- *Nave services may be livestreamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.*

Prelude *Trumpet Tune*

Charles Callahan

- *at the sound of the bells, all stand*

Hymn 506 *Praise the Spirit in creation*



1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's
 2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most
 3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets
 4 Tell of how the a - scend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple
 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives de -
 6 Praise, O praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit, praise the Fa - ther,



1 or - i - gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wat - ers
 2 thoughts and ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders,
 3 with the word; his the truth be - hind the wis - doms
 4 for his own; how a hun - dred men and wo - men
 5 scend in might; let your flame break out with - in us,
 6 praise the Word, Source, and Truth, and In - spi - ra - tion,



1 quick - ening worlds to life with - in, source of breath to
 2 is him - self the power to gaze; and God's will, to
 3 which as yet know not our Lord; by whose love and
 4 turned the known world up - side down, to its dark and
 5 fire our hearts and clear our sight, till, white - hot in
 6 Trin - i - ty in deep ac - cord: through your voice which




1 all things breath-ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.
 2 those who lis - ten, by a still small voice con - veys.
 3 power, in Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.
 4 fur - thest cor - ners by the wind of hea - ven blown.
 5 your pos - ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.
 6 speaks with - in us we, your crea - tures, call you Lord.

Words: Michael Hewlett (b. 1916), alt.
 Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930)

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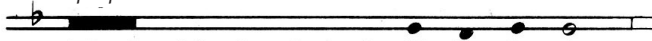
Opening Acclamation

• *celebrant*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

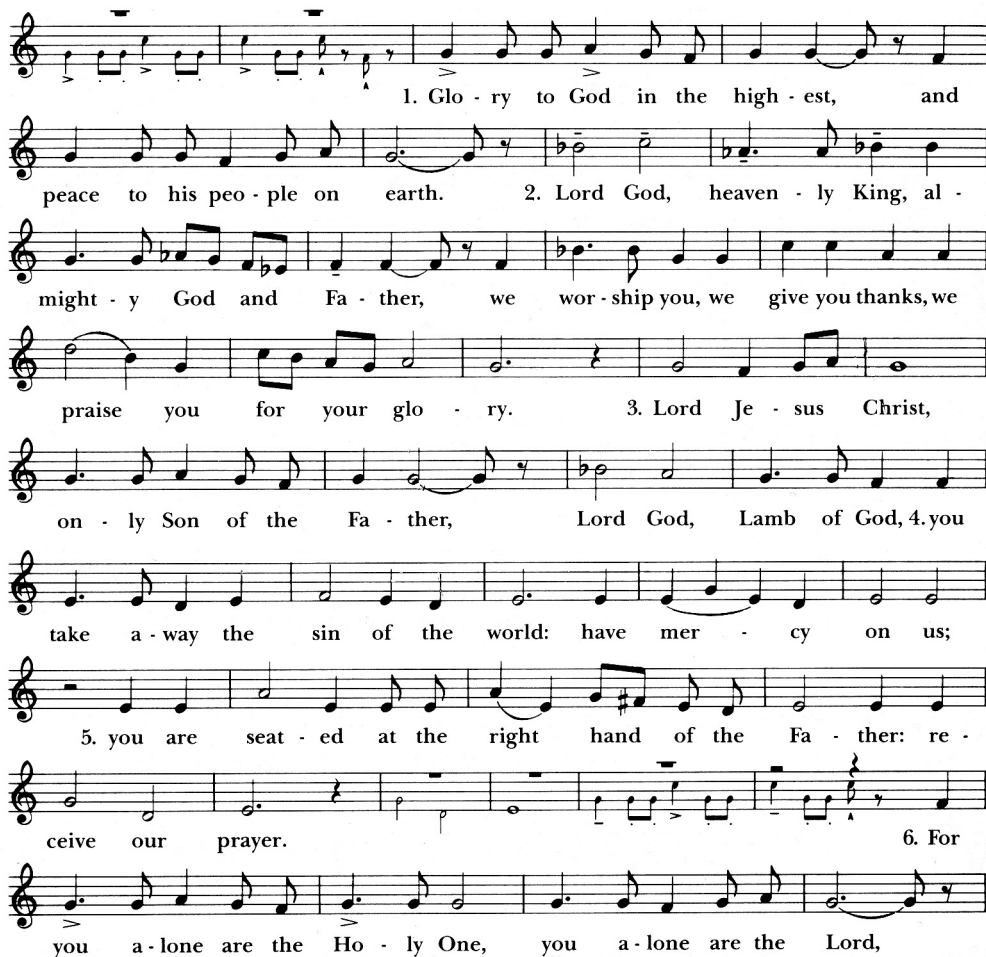
• *people*



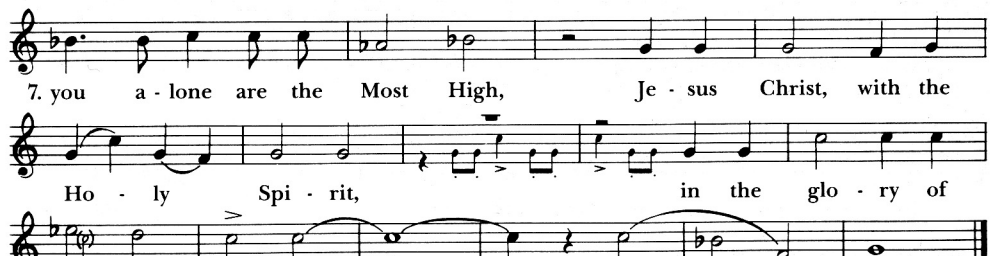
The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Song of Praise • S 278

Gloria in excelsis



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect for the Day of Pentecost



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your 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 lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



A - men.

- *all be seated*

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

BCP • Book of Common Prayer

S • Service music found at the front of the hymnal

WLP • Wonder, Love and Praise

The people's responses are indicated in bold type.

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.’ “

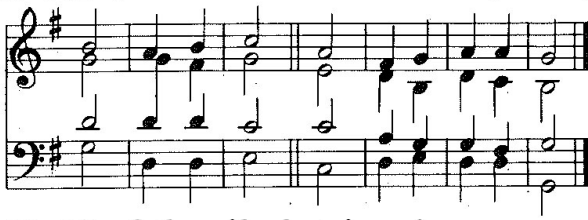
Psalm 104:25-35, 37 • *sung by all*



25 O LORD, how ¹manifold are your ¹works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the ¹earth is ¹full of your ¹creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too ¹many to ¹number, *
— ¹creatures both ¹small and ¹great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is ¹that Le¹viathan, *
which ¹you have ¹made for the ¹sport of it.



- 28 All of them 'look to 'you *
to give them their 'food in 'dūe 'season.
- 29 You give it to 'them; they 'gather it; *
you open your hand, and 'they are 'filled with 'good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and 'they are 'terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they 'die and re'turn to their 'dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and 'they are cre'ated; *
and so you re'new the 'face of the 'earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD en'dure for 'ever; *
may the LORD re'joice in 'all his 'works.
- 33 He looks at the 'earth and it 'trembles; *
he touches the 'mountains 'and they 'smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as 'long as I 'live; *
I will praise my 'God while I 'have my 'being.
- 35 May these words of 'mine 'please him; *
I will re'joice 'in the 'LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, 'O my 'soul. *
— 'Halle 'lü 'jah!

Second Reading Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see,

we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 516 *Come down, O Love divine*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn long,
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco^o da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.
 Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin

and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Reverend Matthew Bradley

The Baptismal Covenant

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, 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.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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 people are sprinkled with water from the font as the following hymn is sung:

Come and fill our hearts

English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Latin: Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!
 Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia!

Prayers of the People

O Almighty God, on this day you enlightened your people with the Holy Spirit; continue to enlighten and strengthen your Church, so that your Word may be proclaimed throughout the world, and strengthen each of us to carry our portion of that word; as we say Amen, come Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for the Church Universal throughout the world; and particularly for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Hosam, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Terry our own Bishop, for all bishops, priests and deacons, monastics and hermits, and for all who minister to God's people throughout the world, saying

Amen, come Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for those bishops who have been nominated as candidates for our next Presiding Bishop; Scott Barker, Daniel Gutiérrez, Sean Rowe, Robert Wright and DeDe Duncan-Probe; that the House of Bishops may elect and the House of Deputies ratify a worthy steward of your Mysteries, saying

Amen, come Holy Spirit..

Let us pray for our country, and for our elected leaders and representatives, especially President Biden, Vice President Harris, Governors Beshear and Holcomb, for the judiciary, the courts and all legislative bodies, that they may be enlightened with your grace, so that we may be governed rightly and wisely, and led in peace, saying

Amen, come Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East, saying

Amen, come Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for all who are in danger, for all victims of war, of hunger and natural disasters, and for all those displaced or endangered by oppressive governments, saying

Amen, come Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for the needs, concerns and thanksgivings of those who have asked for our prayers, especially Jim & Dean, TJ, Betty Banton, Kitten Lawless, Robert Huffman, Nancy Otto, Donna Pottinger, Mitzi Schatz, Joy Stultz, for our many blessings especially for those celebrating birthdays, Lee Cochran, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud , as we say

Amen, come Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for those who have died or are nearing death, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud, , that they may behold your face in your eternal kingdom, saying

Amen, come Holy Spirit.

- *the celebrant adds a concluding collect*

The Peace • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Dean's Welcome

LITURGY OF THE ALTAR



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Offertory Anthem *Ev'ry time I feel the spirit* Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my God spoke,
o'er the mount came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine,
ask my God if all was mine.

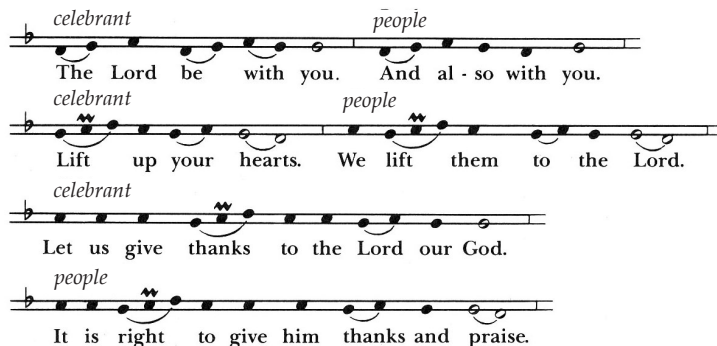
refrain

The River Jordan runs right cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back.

refrain

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D • BCP 372



celebrant *people*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

celebrant *people*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

people
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Sanctus S 128

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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever

The Great Amen



A - men.

The Lord's Prayer • *traditional version, BCP 364,*

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem • WLP 866

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

Setting: Owen Burdick (b. 1954)
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Invitation to Communion

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.

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*

An Act of Spiritual Communion • *for those attending virtually*

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Communion Hymn WLP 742 *Loving spirit, loving spirit*



1. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be;
2. Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own.
3. Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me. Teach me the dis - cern - ing eye.
4. Friend and lov - er in your close - ness I am known and held and blest:
5. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be;



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
Feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
Hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

- *all stand; said by all*

Prayer after Communion

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.

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.

Concluding Hymn

Humble walls around believers

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The lyrics describe the walls of Jerusalem and the Holy Spirit's presence.

Hum-ble walls a - round be - liev - ers on the day of Pent - e - cost:
Hum-ble walls a - round be - liev - ers could not keep the news in - side:
Splend - id walls rise up a - round us in a house we have made new.
Let us shake the walls with prais - es, ech - o - ing the Spir - it's roar!

In Je - ru - sa - lem they gath - ered, soon to be sur - prised and blessed.
all the ci - ty gath - ered round them, faith - ful souls from far and wide.
God, may these walls be no bar - rier to the Spir - it sent by you!
May new days of praise and ser - vice build on all that came be - fore.

Walls a - round them were no hin - drance as the Ho - ly Spir - it came
For the Spir - it had not en - tered to be kept, con - fined or held;
May they not keep good news hid - den; may they mark a meet - ing place
Al - tar can - dles burn be - fore us, tell - ing of the Spir - it's flame;

with a sound like wild wind roar - ing and a sight like tongues of flame.
in one house be - gan a wit - ness to the ci - ty and the world.
where a world in need of gos - pel finds your glo - ry and your grace.
tongues of fire that speak of Je - sus God we praise you in Christ's name.

Tune: Ryan

Hymn text by Richard Leach, set to music by Susan Calvin Fletcher.

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Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude *The Rejoicing*

Charles Callahan

serving today . . .

The Rev. Matthew Bradley, *celebrant*

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*

Dr. Mark Kano, *choir director*

Denise Whittington, *organist*

Margot McGowen, *soloist*

Jerry Brown, Carolyn Van Zant, *lectors*

Kitten Lawless, *intercessor*

Kitten Lawless, Jan Margerum, Page Curry, Dorothy Converse, *chalice bearers*

Bill Shelton, Kim McDaniel, Louise Isaacs, *acolytes*

Bill Shelton, *altar guild*

Becky Collings, Susan Wetttle, Mike DaRif, *greeters/ushers*

Bobbie Fritton, *bell ringer*

Tim Tice, *live stream*



*... as for
me and my
household,
we will
serve the
Lord*

Joshua 24:15

Christ Church Cathedral Land Acknowledgement

Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples. Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people. We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day. We seek forgiveness. We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky. We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself. We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.

Christ Church Cathedral bears witness to mass shootings

The placards on the walls throughout the nave serve as a witness to mass shootings in the United States of America during 2023. Each placard bears the name of the city and state where a mass shooting took place, as well as the number of people killed and injured. The Gun Violence Archive defines a mass shooting as those that "have a minimum of four victims shot, either injured or killed, not including any shooter who may also have been killed or injured in the incident."

At the time of publication, there have been 157 mass shootings in the USA this year.

We hope this witness brings us to our knees in prayer for an end to gun violence. And we ask the Holy Spirit to show us how we are called to act in response to these tragedies.

For more information on mass shootings and gun violence in America, visit gunviolencechive.org



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