

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE DAY OF PENTECOST – MAY 19, 2024

Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Readers: Brian Payton and Sally Graham

Hymn 225, Hail Thee, Festival Day! Blest Day That Art Hallowed For Ever

THE WORD OF GOD

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people; **And kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymnal S-280: Glory to God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

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

Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Acts

This lesson tells the story of the Holy Spirit filling the apostles and empowering them to share the message of the gospel with people of different languages. Clearly this was a most dramatic moment in the life of the early church, an experience described in terms of wind and fire.

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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104 describes the wonders of the world created and renewed by the Lord's Spirit. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing as indicated by R.



O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. R. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; so you renew the face of the earth. R. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. R.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

In this New Testament reading, the apostle Paul understands the whole of creation to be linked with human destiny as we await our redemption. We await our adoption in hope, dependent on the indwelling Spirit of God who intercedes for us in all things in ways we cannot achieve for ourselves.

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.**

all stand – Hymn 178, vs. 4

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.
Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the advocate has come, whom I shall send you from the Father – the Spirit of truth that issues from the Father – he will bear witness to me. And you also are my witnesses, because you have been with me from the first. I have told you all this to guard you against the breakdown of your faith. I did not tell you this at first, because then I was with you, but now I am going away to him who sent me. None of you ask me, "Where are you going?" Yet you are plunged into grief at what I have told you. Nevertheless I assure you that it is in your interest that I am leaving you. If I do not go, the advocate will come, whereas if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin, justice, and judgment: about sin, because they refuse to believe in me; about justice, because I go to the Father when I pass from your sight; about judgment, because the prince of this world stands condemned. There is much more that I could say to you, but the burden would be too great for you now. However, when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but will speak only what he hears; and he will make known to you what is to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and make it known to you. All that the Father has is mine, and that is why I said, "He will take what is mine and make it known to you."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 229, Spirit Of Mercy, Truth And Love, O Shed Thine Influence From Above

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

Our Affirmation of Faith - What do we believe?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, bless us; **And fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring wholeness to all that is broken.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.

Prayers are offered on behalf of the world and our nation; the Church and its members; our family, friends and loved ones; for those in need, trouble, want or sickness; and for the departed. We pray especially for:

In our Diocese: St. John's, Howell. In the Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada

For people in places of war and conflict: Russia, Ukraine, Sudan, Syria, Haiti, Gaza, the West Bank, Israel, Myanmar

For those on our prayer list: Rosa, Lynn Kerber, Vicki, Ed Haug, Christopher, Donald Burton, Nina, Jim Veit, Richard Simonds, Bill Steiner, Karen Schulze. For Matthew, recovering from surgery.

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

May God's peace be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet each other briefly.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 230: A Might Sound From Heaven At Pentecost There Came

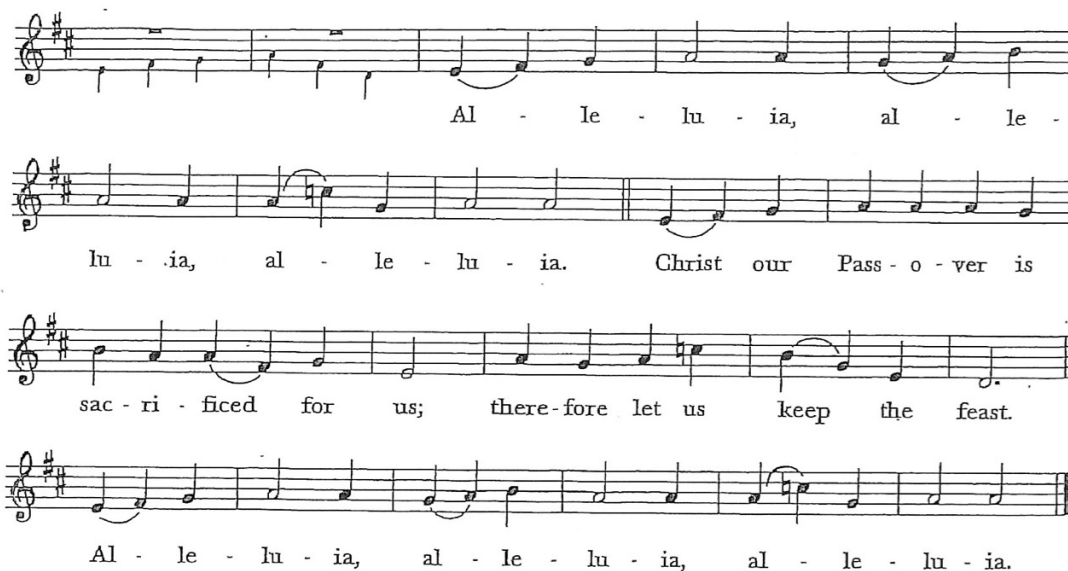
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of action and movement, your Spirit brooded over the waters at creation . . .

singing this hymn of your unending praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest. Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.



The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.
Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and be filled with thanks.

After all have received, please stand.

Almighty God; We thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, who brought to birth the Eternal Son, and who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. And the blessing of God, Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us now and always. **Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn 516: Come Down, O Love Divine, Seek Thou This Soul Of Mine

Our Mission: We share the light of Christ by loving and serving our neighbors in the world.

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