

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

*Open hearts, open minds, open doors*

Eight O'clock in the Morning  
Sunday, May 28, 2023

# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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## THE ENTRANCE RITE

*The People stand. The ministers process from the back of the church.  
The people respond where bold faced type indicates.*

RESPONSORY FOR PENTECOST:

V. The Spirit of the Lord now fills the whole world, \* Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. The Spirit of the Lord now fills the whole world, \* Alleluia, alleluia**

V. The Spirit who searches even the depths of God:

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**R. The Spirit of the Lord now fills the whole world, \* Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. The apostles spoke in other tongues, alleluia:

**R. The wonderful works of God, alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord, and we have walked with him in these Great Fifty Days through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

RESPONSORY:           **All: The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

*Subdeacon: I will take you from the nations*

**People: and gather you from all the countries.**

*I will sprinkle clean water upon you,*

**People: and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.**

*A new heart I will give you,*

**People: and put a new spirit within you,**

*And I will remove from your body the heart of stone,*

**People: and give you a heart of flesh.**

*You shall be my people,*

**People: and I will be your God.**

**All: The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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**A**Lmighty God, unto whom 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 thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*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.***

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

*The People are seated*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:1-21

**W**hen 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:* The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

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.

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 hide your face, and they are  
terrified; \* you take away their

breath and they die and return to  
their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they  
are created; \* and so you renew the  
face of the earth. May the glory of  
the Lord endure for ever; \* may  
the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles;  
\*he touches the mountains and  
they smoke.

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.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians :12:3b-13

**N**O 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 chooses. 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:* The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy Spirit.**

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

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**W**hen 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.”

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev'd Philip Bjornberg

*The Congregation stands*

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

**W**e 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.

**F**or 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.

**O**n 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.

**W**e 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.**

### A LITANY FOR THE RENEWAL OF OUR VOCATIONS AS CHRISTIANS

*Subdeacon: On this Pentecost Sunday we offer ourselves again for the service of Almighty God, according to the gifts he has given each of us.*

*Leader: Isaiah assures us that God knows us:*

**People: “I have called you by name, you are mine.”** (Isa 43:1)

*Leader: Jesus’ parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-29) gives us a clear picture that the gifts we have been given are to be used for God, and not just hoarded.*

**People: For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.**

*Leader: When the master returns, he calls his servants to see how they have used what they were given, and comments those who have traded and doubled their money.*

**People: Well done, good and faithful servant; for you have been faithful over little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.**

*Leader: But when the one who was afraid of losing what he had been given and so hid the talent in a hole in the ground gave it back without even any bank interest, the master took it from him, and said:*

**People: To everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but to him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.**

*Leader: The promise of God is not that each individual has a full supply of all the gifts that there are, but that the members of his Church together have all they need. So by learning to share them, we can build up the body of Christ.*

**People: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all people.**

*Leader: When Isaiah saw a vision of the majesty of God in the Temple, he was struck dumb by his unworthiness. But then he heard the voice of the Lord, saying:*

**People: Whom shall I send and who will go for us?**

*Leader: Then he said:* **People: Here am I! Send me.**

*Leader: But it is not just that we are to use the gifts God has given us, he also needs us to bring his will into being. We cannot pray and do nothing. When we pray: 'Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven,' we are offering ourselves as agents of God's transforming love.*

**People: Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out on the world; Ours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; Ours are the hands by which he is to bless his people, Now and to the end of the ages. Amen!** (St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

#### CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the splendor of your glory may shine forth upon us and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit, the light of your light may confirm the hearts of those born again by your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns.... AMEN.*

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant: God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia. (II Cor. 1:22) The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People: And with thy spirit.** *The People are seated.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### OFFERTORY

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.* **People: And with thy spirit.**

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

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

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

**I**t 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, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer into ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**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.**

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

**O**ur Father, ... for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a memorial of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross.*

*Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION:

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, ourselves, 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 offences, 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. AMEN.*

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

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. (*In unison*)

**M**ost loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. **AMEN.**

### POST COMMUNION COLLECT (*Celebrant*)

**A**lmighty everliving God, who willed the Paschal Mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days, grant that from out of the scattered nations the confusion of many tongues may be gathered by heavenly grace into one great confession of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord..... **AMEN.**

### THE PENTECOST BLESSING:

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

**M**ay the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing ✠ God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **AMEN**

DISMISSAL *Subdeacon:* Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and service the Lord.

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

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**THE IMAGERY OF PENTECOST:** As with the liturgy of the Blessing of the Waters at Epiphany, the proclamation at Pentecost is that all creation is renewed and restored by the life-giving breath of God: "In the Lord's epiphany all creation becomes good again, indeed "very good," the way that God himself made it and proclaimed it to be in the beginning when "the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters" (Gen 1:2) and when the "Breath of Life" was breathing in all humanity and in everything that God made (Gen 1:30; 2:7)." On Pentecost the Breath of God on the waters is focused on renewing the People of God: John 20: 21,22: "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.'" And from today's gospel: "He who believes in me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive."

In the same way that water is pictured as a great outpouring, a flood of goodness, the Breath of God is in image the mighty wind that blew into the room where the disciples were waiting at Jesus' command. The activity of God is imaged also as fire: the light of renewal is a fire, catching the timid disciples up into the glory of God himself. As God appeared to Moses as a burning bush, we become part of that fire, witnessing to his Presence in our time and place.