

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 19, 2024 | 10:15 A.M.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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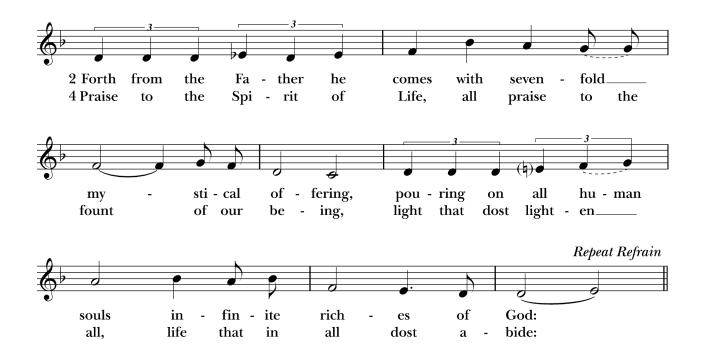
PRELUDE

Veni Creator Spiritus (text: Hymnal 504)

Plainsong

THE WORD OF GOD





OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

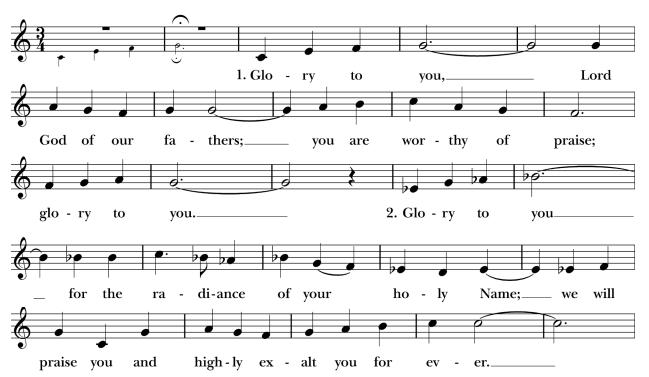
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE | Hymnal S 236

Rutter





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:25-35, 37



- 25 O Lord, how / manifold are your / works! * in wisdom you have made them all;
 The / earth is / full of your / creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too / many to / number, *
 / creatures both / small and / great.
- 27 There move the ships,
 And / there is that Le/viathan, *
 which / you have / made for the / sport of it.
- 28 All of them / look to / you * to / give them their / food in due / 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/lu/jah!

THE EPISTLE 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.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 516 Come down, O Love divine



THE GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

People 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.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Dr. Jeremy Godwin

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | FORM IV BCP 388

THE PEACE BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY

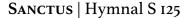
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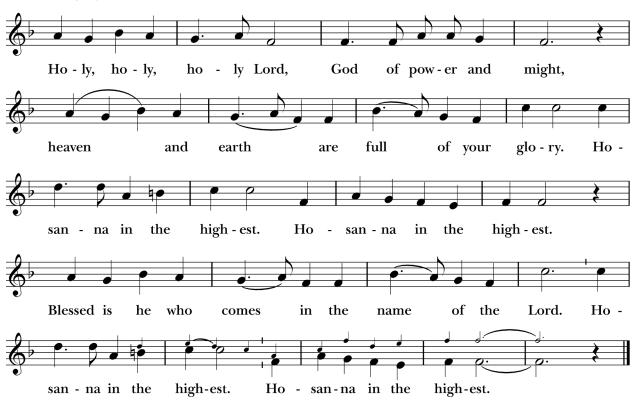
If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361



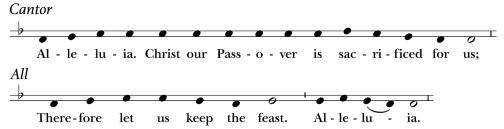
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THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover (S152) Ambrosian Chant; adapt. Martens



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request at the rail. Anyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, which can be indicated by simply crossing your arms over your chest.

HYMN Living God

Spirit of the living God



POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 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 of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 5II Holy Spirit, ever living



THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

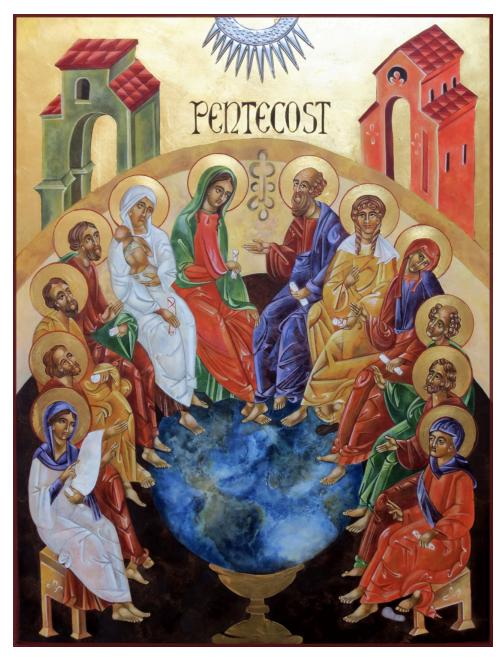
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G major Walond

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Schley Hughes and John Haywood Evans.

After the service, please join outside for Coffee Hour, hosted by Sally Markham, on behalf of the Vestry.



Pentecost (A Second Version)

- Mary Jane Miller
Art in the Christian Tradition, Vanderbilt University

From the artist:

"In Acts 2:17-18 God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy... Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.' Pentecost was the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, or Festival of Weeks, a holiday in honor of the first fruits of the harvest. The annual celebration commemorates receiving the laws—the Torah—on Mount Sinai—fifty days after the first day of Passover and the Exodus from Egypt. According to the book of Acts, the disciples are gathered in one place. The disciples hold books while others hold scrolls. In later icons you find four disciples holding books and crosses on their stoles representing how the church hierarchy was forming...In the second version I have included women. I believe they too were there as witness and recipients, receiving the holy spirit and advocate in full measure. All of them present have their feet firmly placed on the earth. We are a collective species having been given a world to love and cherish. Our Earth abounds with all that is necessary for abundant life and the spirit of God has been given in full to humanity. Let us live in peace."

MINISTERS OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Rev. Sanford Key

Assisting The Rev. Katy Campbell, The Rev. Stephen Elkins-Williams

Preacher & Server Dr. Jeremy Godwin

ACOLYTES Anna Preston, Thomas Preston, Griffin Renquist, Isaac Godwin

DIRECTOR OF MUSICRobert BrewerLECTOR (FIRST LESSON)Evelyn McCauleyLECTOR (EPISTLE)Anna PrestonINTERCESSORSally Markham

GREETER Martina Gardner Woods
USHERS Ted Griffin, Brian Toomey
ALTAR GUILD Wendy Fuller, Susan Griffin

LIVESTREAM Jonathan Robichaud

Intercessions

In an effort to lift up the immediate prayer requests of our parishioners and their family and friends, we will be listing new additions to the intercessions for a three-week period in the bulletin. The full prayer list will be included in our Thursday Healing Service and can be found using the QR code to the right.

Members of our parish community: Judy, Nancy, Rena, Ruth, Tammy

For friends and family members of our parishioners:

Allen, friend of Martina Stephen, son of Jackie

Gene, friend of Martina Steve, brother-in-law of Claudia

George Eden, neighbor of Liz Tom, friend of Martina

Birthdays: Sally-Lodge Teel, Drayton Virkler, Mike Pollard, Karen Galavis

Anniversaries: Scott & Jack Hughes, Michele & Craig Hayward, Anita & Jim Brame



Intercessions

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are welcome and encouraged to worship with us.

Children are naturally curious—and naturally wiggly. One way to help them engage is to sit close to the front where it is easier for them to see. Children will learn the most about worship from watching you singing, praying, and responding. And it's okay to quietly explain what's going on. We also have red activity bags available in the Narthex. If you feel that at some point, you need to leave worship with your child, please come back when they (and you) are ready.

Nursery/Childcare

Nursery/childcare is available for preschool-aged children in the Annex. Once you enter the red double doors under the breezeway, you'll see the Nursery immediately in front of the entrance. If you need help finding it, please don't hesitate to ask an usher or greeter.

It is our desire that everyone join us for Holy Communion.



WELCOME

TO ST. STEPHEN'S

St. Stephen's welcomes all visitors. We hope your worship experience with us today is meaningful and spirit-filled, and we invite you to return often and become an active member of our parish family. Help us get to know you by filling out a Visitor Card from the slot in your pew and placing it in the offering plate. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour and visit with us over refreshments immediately following the service.







The Windowpane:
Announcements