**The Day of Pentecost**

**May 23rd, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**



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**INFORMATION FOR NEWCOMERS: WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!**



Our motto is true whether you're here for the very first time

or you've been a member for decades –

**There is a place for you at God's Table!**

Welcome home to Christ Church. We are so very grateful that we can worship together once again. We will need to take special care to ensure the safety of ourselves and others as we worship. Each adult must accept responsibility for his/her own actions. Here are some safety guidelines that will help keep us all safe and healthy:

* Everyone must wear a facemask over mouth and nose at all times while in church buildings, except for a few seconds during Eucharist (see below).
* Maintain a safe distance of six-feet between yourself and others not a part of your household at all times.
* NO informal gathering are allowed in church buildings. Please move directly to seats in the sanctuary upon arrival and exit the building immediately following worship.
* NO singing, even with masks on. Singing spreads the coronavirus much more widely than talking, even with masks on.
* Use the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary. Plates will not be passed during worship.
* COMMUNION PROCEDURES: Communion will be in one kind only – Bread only at this time and from the center aisle, not the altar rail. When it is time to come forward for Communion, please form a single line down the center aisle, maintaining six-feet of distance from others. KEEPING YOUR MASK ON, the priest will place a Host in your hands using tongs. RETURN TO YOUR SEAT, then remove your mask momentarily to consume the Host.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

(\*please rise as you are comfortable)

PRELUDE:

OPENING HYMN: “Hail thee, festival day!” Hymnal 225 *During the pandemic, no singing is permitted for the safety of our worshipping community. Thank you for your cooperation.*

**Refrain:** Hail thee, festival day!  
blest day that art hallowed for ever, day when the Holy Ghost  
shone in the world with God’s grace.

  1 Lo, in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing,

he whom the Lord foretold suddenly, swiftly, descends: **Refrain**

 2 Forth from the Father he comes with sevenfold mystical offering,

pouring on all human so infinite riches of God: **Refrain**

 3 Hark! for in myriad tongues Christ’s own, his chosen apostles,

preach to the ends of the earth Christ and his wonderful works: **Refrain**

 4 Praise to the Spirit of Life, all praise to the fount of our being,

light that dost lighten all, life that in all dost abide: **Refrain**

Celebrant: We are your Pentecost people, O God!

People: “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.”

Celebrant: Gather your people, as we, here, are gathered.

People: “Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind.”

Celebrant: Blow through our fellowship with your strong Spirit-wind.

People: “And it filled the entire house where they were sitting.”

Celebrant: Fill your people, brim-full ... and beyond.

People: “Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.”

Celebrant: Burn through this place with your bright Spirit-fire.

People: “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak ....”

Celebrant: Then we will be empowered to fan your Spirit’s hot fire.

People: Then it will burn through this world!

Celebrant: Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

People: Now, and forever. Amen.

\*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 Lessons**

**THE 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 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.' "

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*PSALM: 104:25-35,37 *Benedic, anima mea***

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 Leviathan, \*  
**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 return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
**and so you renew the face of the earth.**

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
**may the Lord rejoice 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 rejoice in the Lord.**

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

**THE SECOND LESSON 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.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN:  “Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove” Hymnal 510

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1  Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;

kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

2  See how we trifle here below, fond of these earthly toys;

our souls, how heavily they go, to reach eternal joys.

3  In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise:

hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

4  Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; come,

shed abroad a Savior’s love, and that shall kindle ours.

**GOSPEL**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15).

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.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sermon The Rev. Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat*

**\*THE NICENE CREED**

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.**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who 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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In peace, we pray to you Lord God. Congregational responses are in **bold.**

*Silence*

Let us pray. Founder of our faith, we ask your guidance for the Church, for its unity, and for the work it does in the world. Give grace to its leaders, especially Justin, archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ken, our Diocesan Bishop; Lee Anne, our priest; Rick, our deacon; and all the members of this parish.

**R: *Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing for joy.***

Ruler over the nations, we pray for this country and its leaders in an unsettling time. Grant wisdom to all who serve in positions of leadership throughout the world.

**R: *For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.***

Lord of the harvest, we offer thanks for the beauty and abundance of this season. May we consider how best to tend the Earth and to share what You have given us, so that all may eat and be satisfied by your goodness. We pray for the ministries this church supports, especially Rainbow Table, Springfield Promise Neighborhood, Springfield Peace Center, and Partners in Ministry in Liberia.

**R: *He covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares rain for the earth;  
 He makes grass grow upon the mountains, and green plants to serve humankind.***

Giver of every good gift and we pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Taylor, Charlotte, Scott, and anniversaries Rick & Jeanie and Scott & Cathy.

**R: *Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; Let them also be merry and joyful****.*

Great Physician, we pray for healing and comfort for all those in need or pain, especially Charlene, Faye, Chris, Bonnie, Alice, Diana, James, Joy, Jane, Joni, Kim, Bobby, Sarah, Traudie, Lexie, and Keith. May they remember that You are with them and those who care for them.

**R: *Surely you behold trouble and misery; you see it and take it into your own hand.***

***The helpless commit themselves to you; for you are the helper of orphans.***

Just Judge, we ask your aid for all those in trouble, bringing before You prisoners and captives, refugees and the oppressed. We pray for those most vulnerable throughout the world, especially women and children.

**R: *Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.***

Lord over life and death, we pray for all who have died, asking light and peace for them and those who mourn.

**R: *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servant.***

*\**THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

**Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest:May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. ***Amen.***

\*THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

\*OFFERTORY

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ 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 Jesus 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ’s death,**

**We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,**

**We await Christ’s coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mother Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. ***AMEN.***

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

**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: Agnus Dei

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

\*THE 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.***

\*THE DISMISSAL *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN: “Come down, O Love divine ” Hymnal 516 *During the pandemic, no singing is permitted for the safety of our worshipping community. Thank you for your cooperation.*

1 Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,

and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,

within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2  O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn

to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3  And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;

for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

POSTLUDE:

**Ministers for May 23rd, 2021**

**Altar Guild:** Joan Hurley, Cathy Yeazell, and Gretchen Hicks

**Lector:** Brian Shelburne

**Ushers**:Anne Strothman

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**General Information**

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**Altar Flowers**

The flowers are given today in loving memory of Jane Sayre by Dan and Judy McGregor.



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