

Holy Trinity Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

9:30 a.m. choral service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher

Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist

Joe DiSalvatore, Reader

Prelude: *Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus" -Plainsong, 4th Century*

Processional hymn #225

Words: Christopher Wordsworth; Music: In Babilone

REFRAIN: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day that at hallowed for ever, day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world with God's grace.

Lo, in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing, he whom the Lord foretold suddenly swiftly descends. REFRAIN

Forth from the Father he comes with seven fold mystical offering, pouring on all human souls infinite riches of God. REFRAIN

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! **People** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Gloria: S-280 Glory to you, Lord

Setting: John Rutter

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.,

Collect *(said by all)*

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.

First Reading: Reader A reading from the book of Acts

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.' "

Acts 2:1-21

Reader The Word of the Lord **People Thanks be to God**

Silence

PSALM 104

said by all, in unison

BCP p. 735

**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!

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel John 15: 26-27; 16:40b-15

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord **People** Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon *Fr. Richard Signore*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP, p. 292

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People 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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People 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.**

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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.*

Prayers of the People III **Prayer Book, p. 387**
Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Prayer for the Parish - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

The Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn: *"Veni Sancti Spiritus"*

The Great Thanksgiving D **Prayer Book, p. 367**

The Lord's Prayer **Prayer Book, p. 364**

Fraction Anthem: WLP #876

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.**

Communion Music: *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" -Atkinson, Setting by Hustad 1960 Hope Publishing Co.*

Prayer *(said by those at home) My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

The Post Communion Prayer *(Said by all worshiping in person)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and 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

Recessional Hymn #118 LEVAS

Words & Music: John Wimber

Oh let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love, let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove. Will descend upon your life, and make you whole. Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness, as your hearts are filled with joy, lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name. Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Dismissal Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Spiritual*

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