

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Day of Pentecost - May 23, 2021

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

Sweet, sweet Spirit (*words on last page*)

LEVAS 120

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the triune God, Source, Savior, Sanctifier.

People **And blessed be the Life of God among us!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Fill this place with your power and light. Fill our souls with your comfort; fill our minds with your truth; fill our hearts with your love. Take what we are and make us your witnesses, praying as you pray within us, bearing your light to the world with power and healing and signs. Breathe on us, Breath of God, and make us new. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

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.'

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:31-37

- 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 God looks at the earth and it trembles; **God 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 GOSPEL

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

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

"Let the Spirit Do It"

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG

Let your Spirit come

John Chisum, 1989

Let your Spirit come (*echo*); fall upon me now (*echo*)

Let your Spirit come (*echo*); fall upon me now (*echo*)

Let the rain fall down (*echo*); pour upon my soul (*echo*)

Come and wash me now (*echo*); come and make me whole (*echo*). *Repeat*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Please stand or kneel.*)

Father, we thank you for (every blessing we can name)

Jesus, please bless... (nations, people, communities, churches, ministers...)

Holy Spirit, please give us... (spiritual gifts to be God's peacemakers)

THE PEACE (*Standing*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange a sign of Christ's peace with their neighbors.

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THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.

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 God thanks and praise.**

We do give you thanks and praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
giver of the promises of life; keeper of the promises of hope.

It is our joy to sing songs of praise to the Spirit of God,
even as that same Holy Spirit sings through us, with all the heavenly host:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2000

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed, bless - ed,
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the
high est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, most Holy Spirit, for everything begins and ends with You,
heavenly Dove, Breath of life, Wind of God, Fire divine.

It was you who moved over the face of the waters when the world was being made,
Your breath which gave life to Adam,

Your wind which gathered the waters and formed the dry land,

Your fire which Moses saw in that bush that was aflame but never consumed.

When our Lord Jesus Christ was baptized in the Jordan River, you descended upon
him like a dove, his own Spirit coming to rest upon the Son of God.

Your power working in Him gave him authority over demons and diseases and death itself.

On the night before our Lord Jesus Christ died for us, He took bread;
and when He had given thanks, 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 to remember me.”

After supper, He 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
for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”**

And so we gather around this table to remember Him,

Renewed in the power of the Spirit to be His disciples.

For it was You, Life-giving Spirit, whom Jesus promised to his disciples,

You whom Jesus breathed on his disciples after his resurrection;

You who came in power on the apostles that first Pentecost,

with the sound of a hurricane and tongues as of fire dancing on each one;

You who spoke through them in the tongues of many nations,

inspiring their preaching and confirming their message with acts of power.

And it is You, Holy Spirit, in whom we are sealed in baptism;

You who give us gifts of ministry to your Church;

You are the Comforter who speaks hope to our spirits, deep inside;

You are the Advocate who stands by our side against the accuser;

You are the Intercessor who prays within us with sighs too deep for words.

You are the Spirit of Truth who guides us into all truth;

And so in You we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come;

Come, Holy Spirit, upon this bread, upon this wine,

Now flesh of Christ, His blood divine;

Come, Holy Spirit, on us, we pray,

Christ’s body gathered here today: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come and make known to us the Son, who makes known to us the Father, with whom you live in love eternally, dancing the dance of the holy, into which you invite us, saints redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, in unity of love now and for ever. *And all the people said: 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Come, Spirit of the Living God,

Come, Spirit of the Risen Christ,

Come, Spirit, and live in us!

THE COMMUNION

Consecrated bread will be brought to all present in person; those worshipping at home are invited to partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.

COMMUNION MUSIC More love, more power (*words on last page*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Most Holy God, you make all things new, breathing life into them.
You take this bread and wine and make them, for us, Christ's body and blood,
by which we are revived every time we come to this table.
Now take what we are and bathe us in your Spirit, we pray.
Revive our spirits, revive our souls, revive our connection to you, to each other,
to all of creation, that all the world may hear your song of love as you sing through us,
and we join in; in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, One God, Amen**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN Let the river flow (*words and music on last page*) Darrell Evans, 1995

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the power of Christ's Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

THE PRAYERS

We Pray For: Those in need of healing – Marianne Wilburn, Martha Clements, Duana Page, Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Beverly Stone, Gary Murray, Susan White, Benji, Jane Hobbs, Garner Burroughs, Jane, Michelle,
Those Who Have Died: Hoover Thompson
Birthdays: Kim Newman, 5/23; Margaret Farthing, 5/24; Dorian Simek, 5/28;
Anniversaries: Mike and Robin Langdon, 5/26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 13TH, 11 AM - PRAYERS AT THE PORT!

We will once again have a chance to worship jointly on the grounds of the original Christ Church in Port Tobacco. The building will be open for use of restrooms, and a docent will be on hand to offer tours after our worship. Traditionally, we have a picnic after worship. We're not yet at the point of serving food, given Covid restrictions, but let's have a BYO-picnic. Drinks will be provided.

BIBLE STUDY - Short New Testament Letters - Wednesdays, 7pm

We're taught not to read other people's mail - unless we're talking about all those letters collected in our New Testament. What are they all about? Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Easter season as we explore them at Wednesday Bible Study - which draws a crowd from all over the US and Canada! You don't need to know anything coming in - and you'll be surprised at how much wisdom you can share. Hop in any Wednesday at 7 pm on Zoom; we're done in time for Night Prayers at 8 pm.

TENTS FOR THE HOMELESS – In these difficult times, many individuals and even families have lost housing and had to resort to living in encampments. We like to give tents, tarps and small propane canisters to people in need – please contact Deacon Joan to find out what kind of tents are needed.

ROOM FOR MORE AT THE FOOD PANTRY – We welcome more volunteers and can offer a flexible schedule – we need people to fill food bags on Thursdays (you could do it weekly, or monthly, or bi-monthly), and others to help distribute the bags to our clients on Friday mornings. Please contact Deacon Joan if you'd like to get involved.

SHARING OUR LIFE-SKILLS WITH YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE - The Charles County Dept of Social Services has invited us to create a program to build relationships and share life-skills with some of the most vulnerable adolescents in our community - teens in foster care and soon to age out. These young people need to know how to manage money, find and keep jobs and housing, eat economically and healthily, dress appropriately - skills that many of our kids learn naturally in our families. We can be extended family to these youths so they can emerge from the foster system productive, functional, grounded young adults - a win for the larger community as well as for the kids. Please let Rev. Kate know if you'd like to be a part of this as we build it - it will likely involve a monthly get-together, online at first.

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HYMNS

OPENING HYMN Sweet, sweet Spirit LEVAS 120

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.	There are blessings you cannot receive Till you know Him in His fullness and believe; You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."
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Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

OFFERTORY HYMN Breathe on my breath of God, vv. 1-4 Hymnal 508

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do or to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

COMMUNION SONG

More love, more power

Jude del Hierro, 1987

- 1 More love, more power, more of You in my life. *repeat*
And I will worship You with all of my heart; and I will worship You with all of my mind.
And I will worship You with all of my strength, for You are my God.
- 2 More love, more power, more of You in my life. *repeat*
And I will seek Your face with all of my heart; and I will seek Your face with all of my mind.
And I will seek Your face with all of my strength, for You are my God.

Repeat

CLOSING HYMN

Let the river flow

Darrell Evans, 1995

Verse

Let the poor one say "I am rich in him," Let the lost one say "I am
found in Him," and let the riv - er flow; Let the
blind one say "I can see a-gain" Let the dead one say "I am born a-gain,"
and let the riv - er flow; Let the ri - ver flow.

Chorus

Let the riv-er flow, Let the riv - er flow; Ho - ly Spi-rit come,
move in power. Let the riv-er flow, Let the riv - er flow;
Ho - ly Spi-rit come, move in po wer; Let the ri-ver flow,
let the ri - ver flow, let the ri - ver flow