

## **Morning Prayer**

*Sunday, May 31, 2020 – The Day of Pentecost*

**Officiant: The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Gillard**

**Preacher: The Rev'd Fr. Jeffry Kennedy**

**Organist & Cantor: Damien Macedo**

**Prelude** French Improvisation on "Consolator Optime" (from the Sequence for Pentecost)

### **The Gathering of the Community**

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Officiant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

*People* **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

*Officiant* Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

*All* **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;**

**he himself has made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;**

**give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;**

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*Officiant* The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

*People* **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

**Hymn** *Come Down, O Love Divine (645)*

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Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

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.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing; true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

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 they become the place wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

*Reader* A reading from the acts of the apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.**

### Psalm 104:25-35

*Please join on the alternating (bolded) verses of the psalm.*

- <sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.
- <sup>26</sup> **There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**
- <sup>27</sup> These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;
- <sup>28</sup> **when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.
- <sup>30</sup> **When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.**
- <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
- <sup>32</sup> **who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**
- <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- <sup>34</sup> **May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord.**
- <sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Praise the Lord!
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

*Reader* A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no 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.**

**Canticle**  
*Officiant*  
*All*

**Song of Creation 3**

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the people of God glorify the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him forever.  
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Amen.

**Gospel Reading: John 7:37-39**

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**

The Rev'd Fr. Jeffrey Kennedy

**The Nicene Creed**

*Officiant* Let us confess our faith as we say,  
*All* **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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped 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.

## Intercessions and Prayers

### Intercessions

- Leader* Through Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for us, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places and inspire us to serve you as a royal  
priesthood.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* Let all peoples know your healing power and grant all on earth the blessing of  
peace.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* Send down upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit and renew your Church with power  
from on high.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice  
and wrong.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation and grant us the gifts of your  
grace.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader* That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, the dying, and the bereaved, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader* We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. I invite you now to offer your own prayers and petitions to God.

*All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

### **The Collect**

*Officiant* Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*All* **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, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Doxology**

*Officiant* Glory to God,

*All* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

*Officiant* May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. And the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Hymn**

*Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth (41)*

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Spirit of God, unleashed on earth with rush of wind and roar of flame!  
With tongues of fire saints spread good news;  
earth kindling, blazed her loud acclaim.

You came in power, the church was born; O Holy Spirit, come again!  
From living waters raise new saints;  
let new tongues hail the risen Lord.

With burning words of victory won, inspire our hearts grown cold with fear.  
Revive in us baptismal grace,  
and fan our smouldering lives to flame.

### Dismissal

*Officiant* Alleluia! Go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heliger Geist (J.S. Bach)

### Announcements

#### Ministries for Children and Youth

For children, our Sunday School coordinator Elisabeth Westberg is hosting weekly lessons on Zoom, beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. For our youth, Elisabeth and Fr. Benjamin are hosting a weekly check-in over Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:30 PM. For information about how to connect over Zoom, please email Elisabeth directly at [youth@stjohnsnorway.com](mailto:youth@stjohnsnorway.com).

#### Weekly Online/Dial-in Bible Study – Thursdays at 1PM – **PASSWORD: 077686**

On Thursdays at 1:00 PM, Fr. Jeffry and Fr. Benjamin are holding a bible study focusing on the gospel passage from the previous Sunday. All you need to participate is a bible and a computer or phone. To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin ([curate@stjohnsnorway.com](mailto:curate@stjohnsnorway.com), 647-608-5608).

#### Weekly Happy almost-an-Hour – Fridays at 5PM – **PASSWORD: 077686**

On Fridays at 5:00 PM, we are holding “Happy almost-an-Hour!” Grab some snacks, tune into Zoom, and catch up with other parishioners! To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin ([curate@stjohnsnorway.com](mailto:curate@stjohnsnorway.com), 647-608-5608).

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