



Morning Prayer

The Feast of Pentecost

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Ministers of the Liturgy

Peach Warren

The Vestry:

Beth Moeller & Lisa Ruggiero, Wardens

Edla Ann Bloom, Steve Ketcham, Wayne Stochaj

Musicians: Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas, Beth Stochaj

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. – Proverbs 3:5-6

Opening Hymn

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit

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Refrain

Every time I feel the Spirit / moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit / moving in my heart I will pray

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

[Refrain]

Jordan River, chilly and cold, / it chills the body but not the soul.

There is but one train upon this track./ It runs to heaven and then right back.

[Refrain]

Peach Warren Opening Prayer

God of fire and wind, God of speech and silence, God of future and past and this present moment, your Spirit is among us as it was with the disciples on that first day of Pentecost. Like them, we stand in awe. Like them, we feel the rushing wind that calls us to live the vision that you have shown us. Pour out your Spirit among us, that this fragile earthen vessel that is the church may live as the Body of Christ. **Amen.**

Peach Warren The Invitatory and Psalter

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth. [John 4:24]

Mary Johnson Venite [Psalm 95:1-7]

Come, let us sing to the Lord; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Beth Moeller & Lisa Ruggiero 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 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!**

Steve Ketcham A Reading from the Book of 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.' "

Edla Ann Bloom A Song of God's Love [1 John 4:7-11]

Beloved, let us love one another, * for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, * for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *

that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *

and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, * we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, * and God's love will be perfected in us.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker



Wayne Stochaj A Reading from the Gospel of John [15:26-27; 16:4b-15]

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.

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Edla Ann Bloom A Song of Pilgrimage [Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16,20b-22]

Before I ventured forth, even while I was very young, *
I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.

In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, * and I will seek her to the end.
From first blossom to early fruit, * she has been the delight of my heart.
My foot has kept firmly to the true path, * diligently from my youth have I pursued her.
I inclined my ear a little and received her; *
I found for myself much wisdom and became adept in her.
To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory, *
for I have resolved to live according to her way.
From the beginning I gained courage from her, * therefore I will not be forsaken.
In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her, *
therefore have I gained a good possession.
As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of language,*
and with it will I offer praise to God

Musical Meditation *Like the murmur of the dove's song*

Hymnal #513

Beth Stochaj, soloist

Peach Warren The Apostles' Creed

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

Peach Warren & Beth Moeller The Prayers

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **and grant us your salvation.**
Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **let your people sing with joy.**
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **for only in you can we live in safety.**
Lord, keep this nation under your care; **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Let your way be known upon earth; **your saving health among all nations.**
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Create in us clean hearts, O God; **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Peach Warren The Lord's Prayer

Peach Warren Collect of the Day

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Beth Moeller & Lisa Ruggiero The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church, the world, and those whom we love, saying “Fill our hearts.”

Guide our bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders, that they may serve and lead us with wisdom and courage. Draw all of us to you, that we may deepen our individual relationships with you together. *[Pause]*

Spirit of Love, **Fill our hearts.**

Guide the people of this land and of all nations, especially Israel and Palestine, in the ways of justice and peace. Grant our leaders the wisdom to find alternatives to violent conflict, the integrity to speak with honesty, and the compassion to share a vision of social and economic justice. *[Pause]*

Spirit of Truth, **Fill our hearts.**

Awaken in us all a reverence for the earth and all that is in it.

Guide our Vestry and the candidates as they discern who will be our next Rector.

Spirit of Grace, **Fill our hearts.**

Strengthen every person who suffers in body, mind, or spirit . . . especially those who have lost family members to the pandemic, and those we now name, silently or aloud (*pause*) . . . Grant them courage and hope, and bring them the peace of your faithful presence. *[Pause]*

Watch over our children and our teachers in these busy weeks at the end of the school year, especially our young people who are graduating from middle school, high school, and college.

Spirit of Hope, **Fill our hearts.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those whom we now name, silently or aloud . . . *[Pause]* . . . Draw them to you in love, that they may rest in that place where there is no pain or grief. Grant that all of us may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *[Pause]*

Spirit of Mercy, **Fill our hearts.**

Come, O Spirit of God and make within us your dwelling place and home. May our darkness be dispelled by your light and our troubles calmed by your peace; may all evils be redeemed by your love, all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ, and all dying glorified by his risen life. **Amen.**

Musical Meditation

Jeff Lukas

Steve Ketcham A Prayer for Wisdom

Holy and Loving God, by water and the Holy Spirit we have been buried with Christ and raised to the new life of grace: Give us inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Wayne Stochaj A Prayer in Time of Transition

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

Edla Ann Bloom A Prayer for Facing the Coronavirus

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of over 585,000 loved ones. Inspire us to make vaccinations widely available and ease our hesitance about them. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear and impatience. We ask all this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Peach Warren A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Peach Warren Blessing

May the Spirit of truth lead us into all truth, giving us 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 us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Peach Warren Dismissal

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Allegro from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn