

The Day of Pentecost
Year A
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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Variations on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'

Maurice Duruflé

Processional

Hymnal 48

O day of radiant gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

(Children's Chapel follows the procession. Suggested ages are pre-K through fifth grade; younger children are welcome if accompanied by adults.)

Opening Acclamation and Response

BCP 355

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-278

The 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.*

Word of God

First Lesson

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.’

Pentecost, Morgan Kuhn. 2010. Private Collection.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea* BCP 735

Sung by the choir

chant: Margaret Burk

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!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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.

Sequence Hymn

Come down, O Love divine

Hymnal 516

Down Ampney

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus



came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to

them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Pentecost, Emil Nolde. 1909. Alte Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Germany.

Sermon

The Reverend Helen S. White, *Associate Rector*

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Draw us in the Spirit's tether</i>	Harold Friedell
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem, <i>Christ Our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-155
(All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.)	
Holy Communion	Hymnal 513, 508
<i>Like the murmur of the dove's song</i>	<i>Bridegroom</i>
<i>Breathe on me, breath of God</i>	<i>Nova Vita</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Insert
<i>Lord, you give the great commission</i>	<i>Abbot's Leigh</i>
Postlude Toccata on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'	M. Duruflé

Prayers of the People *

For the people of Ukraine and places of conflict around the world: for strength, hope, perseverance, and protection; for liberation from violence and oppression; for the end of war and the laying down of weapons.

Also for Sidney Fowler, Josh Hoffman, Don Uhl, Bruce Nichols, Elouise Bohnstedt, Vic Andrews

For the Birthdays of Ann Miller, Wiley Ellis, Asa Davis, Philip Slatinsky, Jay White, Chuck Chewning, Montie Acuff, Margaret Maxwell, Dale Wallace, Catherine Holden, Maggie Macfadyen, Libby Miller, Sam Harper, Todd Smelser, Rusty Hightower, Kate Jackson, Julia Lavin, Caroline Armstrong, Harvey Gilbert, Jerry Reeves V, Asa Rinker, Marte Brevik, PJ Strychalski, Reed Dulany, John Sumner, Meg Howington, Dennis Reed, Eli Bailey, Max Bringman, Hester Hodde, Helen White, Nancy Radke, Michael White, Jack Chandler, Stephen Hooten, Libby Jackson, Dan Suwyn, Julia Christian, Mitch Huennekens, Janet Stone, Laura Lawton, Charlie Davenport, Dana Kumjian, Jane Mikell, Walker Gussler, Kelly Lancaster

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Taylor and Corey Summerell, Mary Margaret and Thomas Cone, Laura and Tom Kirkpatrick, Libby and Kev Jackson, Sarah and Solomon Smith, Tonya and Charles Epps, Marianne and Mills Fleming, Dale and Bill Wallace, Susan and Brad Huennekens, Cindy and Harvey Gilbert, Betsy and Tom Hollis, Kristen and Grant Stovall

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: Beth Johnson, E. Jenner Wood V, Terrance Gibney, Luke Callaway, Joe Myers

*The full prayer list may be found on our website and in our weekly email.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Tyler Whitney and Rosina Brock Whitney by the Webster family.

The Day of Pentecost

Today we mark the end of the Great 50 Days of Easter with the Feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the infant church. At Pentecost, we celebrate the gift God gives us of being able to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the various languages of the whole human world. The Gospel is not the property of any one group, any one culture or history, but is what God intends for the salvation of all who will listen and respond.

Guest Organist, Mollie Nichols

We welcome today our guest organist, Mollie Nichols. Mollie resides with her husband on Hilton Head Island, having retired there last year after 33 years at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City, where she is now Organist Emerita.

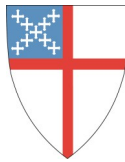
A Summer Celebration: Music for Brass and Organ



Coming Events

Sunday, June 4 - Christ Church Concerts: "A Summer Celebration" with George Fergus and the Savannah Brass, 4:00 p.m. in the Church

Thursday, June 8—Christ Church Book Group in the Undercroft, 10:30 a.m.
The Wonder Worker, by Susan Howatch



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The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Senior Associate Rector*

The Reverend Helen S. White, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

George H. Fergus, *Director of Music*

Suzanne Phillips Smith, *Parish Administrator*

Charles L. Epps, *Sexton*

The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Richard "Max" Maxwell, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend David C. Seyle, *United Methodist Pastor-in-Residence*

Vestry

Sarah K. Jones; *Senior Warden*; Stephen R. Rilee, *Junior Warden*;

Sarah B. Smith, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Patton W. Dugas, *Treasurer*;

Catherine M. Gussler, *Assistant Treasurer for Stewardship and Finance*;

Charles H. Chewning; Washington C. Dender; Katherine J. Griffith;

Stephanie C. Lindley; Rosemary W. Mackey; Roger Moss, Jr.; Rena K. Patton;

Elizabeth L. Pember; Molly C. Taylor; Paul H. Threlkeld; Susan H. Wetmore

Sundays

9:15 a.m. Nursery, located on the 2nd floor of the Parish House at 18 Abercorn

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

The Church building is located at 28 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401

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Christ Church, the "Mother Church of Georgia," was founded on February 12, 1733 and is a member of the Diocese of Georgia which, in turn, is one of 110 Dioceses which composes The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and abroad. The Episcopal Church is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury. The fellowship upholds and propagates the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. The current church building was constructed in 1838 and is the third one on the original site.