

# Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

## *MISSION STATEMENT*

*To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.*



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

(Established 1836)  
Flat Rock, North Carolina

## Welcome and Reminders

We welcome you warmly and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. All are invited to come forward to receive Communion or a special blessing at that time. If you are already baptized, you may receive the Sacrament of Christ's body, including infants and children. If you have not been baptized, then we still invite you to come forward for a moment of prayer and blessing, and we would be glad to speak with you about being baptized.

If you do not have a church family at this time, we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. While we are broken and incomplete in many ways, we find God making us whole through this parish community. Talk to an usher or clergyperson about joining St. John in the Wilderness, or fill out a card in your pew. It is wonderful to be with you today!

## COVID-19 Safety Reminders

Because of COVID-19 public health concerns, we have a few safety reminders for you.

- Throughout the service, please make every effort to maintain three feet of physical distancing whenever possible.
- Please wear your mask during the service. Make sure your nose is covered also. You may lift up your mask at the altar rail to consume Communion.
- You are invited to sing at this service behind your mask.
- You will find hand-sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it before receiving Communion.
- If you find out that you have COVID-19 and that you might have brought it to this service, please call the Church Office and ask for the Rector.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

Gerald Near

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn: No. 511 Holy Spirit, ever living

Abbott's Leigh

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing  
min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er  
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in age the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with  
bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor-ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.  
ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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## Acclamation and Response

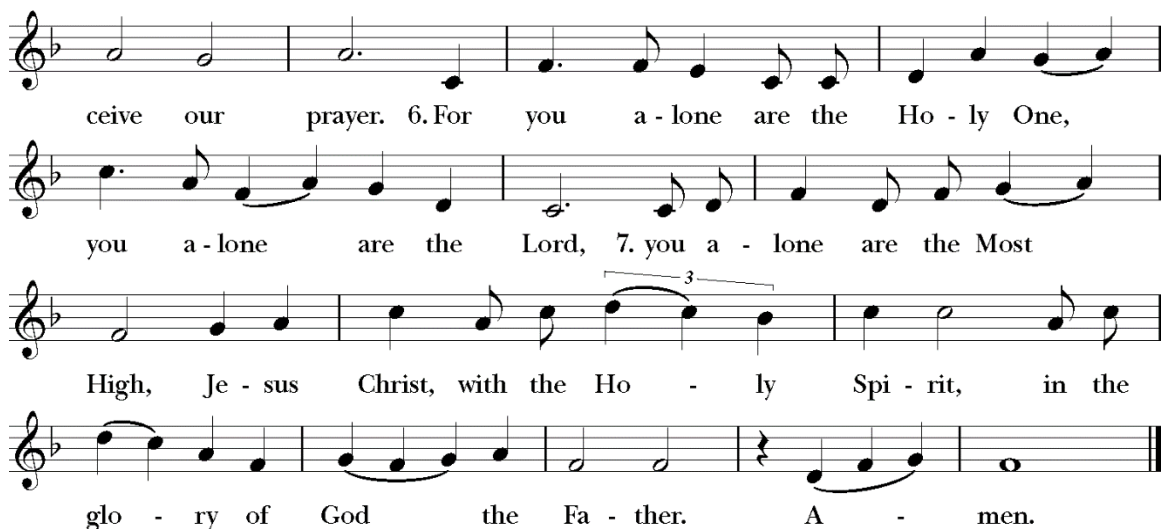
*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Gloria

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

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.

*People*

Amen.

### 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.

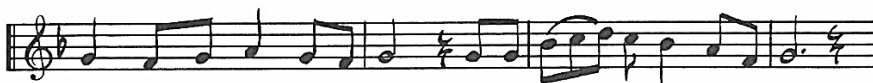
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

PSALM 104: 25-26, 28-32, 35



Send forth your Spir-it, O Lord, and re-new the face of the earth.

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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. [ANTIPHON]

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. [ANTIPHON]

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. [ANTIPHON]

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. [ANTIPHON]

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. [ANTIPHON]

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah! [ANTIPHON]

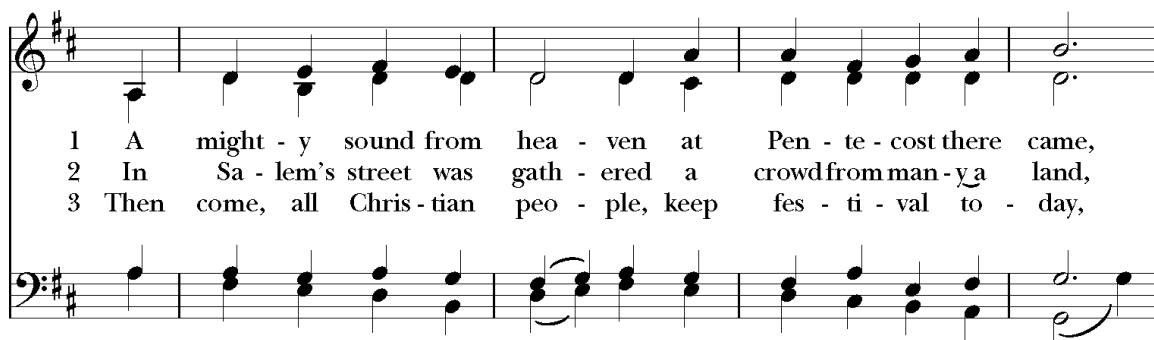
**Second Lesson:** Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

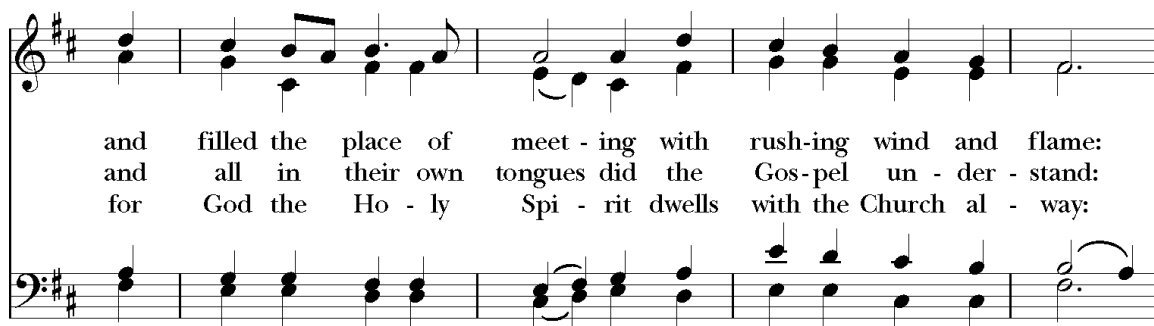
Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

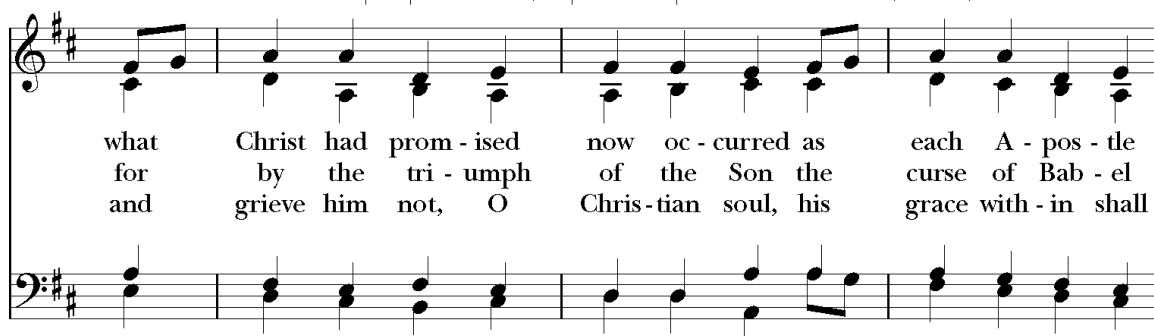
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**



1 A might - y sound from hea - ven at Pen - te - cost there came,  
 2 In Sa - lem's street was gath - ered a crowd from man - y a land,  
 3 Then come, all Chris - tian peo - ple, keep fes - ti - val to - day,



and filled the place of meet - ing with rush - ing wind and flame:  
 and all in their own tongues did the Gos - pel un - der - stand:  
 for God the Ho - ly Spi - rit dwells with the Church al - way:



what Christ had prom - ised now oc - curred as each A - pos - tle  
 for by the tri - umph of the Son the curse of Bab - el  
 and grieve him not, O Chris - tian soul, his grace with - in shall



spoke the word be - neath the Spi - rit's thun - der, and to the  
 was un - done when God did send the Spi - rit; so to the  
 make you whole in bo - dy, mind, and spi - rit, un - til you





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*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Gospel:** 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.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

Fr. Josh Stephens

## The Nicene Creed

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

## Prayers of the People

Christ, the stone which the builders rejected, God has made the corner-stone of a new resurrection community. In that name by which we are founded, let us draw near in confidence and pray saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures. May the church find in the scriptures healing, mission, and good news for all.

For this let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

Christ showed wounded hands and feet to his unbelieving apostles. May we see the risen one in all the wounded of our world.

For this let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

Christ our cornerstone intercedes for us before God. Let us and all in authority heed God's call for justice in the church, in our community, and in the nation.

For this let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

We are saved by God who is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Let us beg for God's light in those places which seem darkest.

Let us ask that God enlighten all who inflict darkness on others.

Let us seek for God to illuminate those who are victims of evil.

For this let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

In the power of Christ's name we are healed. Let us recall all who need healing, especially Vanessa, Joanne, Pete, Tom, Malcolm, Eleanor, Carol, John, Richard, Paula, Shelby, Andre, Miriam, Worth and Bill, Sally, Nancy and Dave, Kristi, and those who serve in vocations of healing.

For them let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

In Easter, Christ overcame death and the grave. We remember all those who have died, especially Tom Books, that they might know the fullness of resurrection joy.

For the departed let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Offertory**

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table*

**Offertory Music:** 8:45      Humbly, We Adore You      Gerald Near  
11:00      Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me      arr. K. Lee Scott

### **Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me**

text by Thomas Lynch and K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, swell with me, I would gracious be;

Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;

And, with words that help, thy life would mine reveal;

And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Eucharistic Prayer D

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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 him thanks and praise.

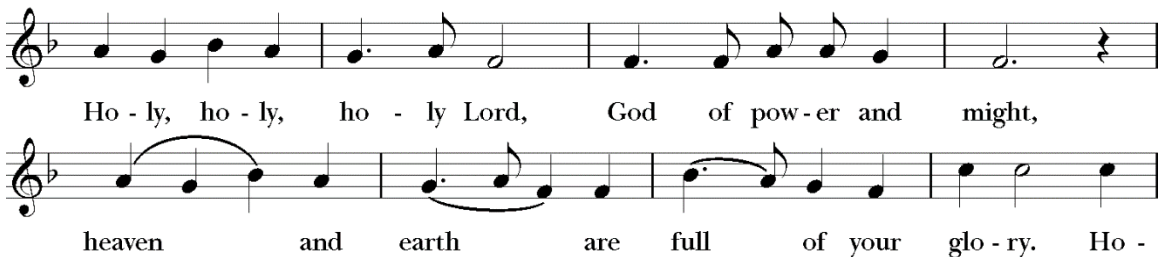
*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

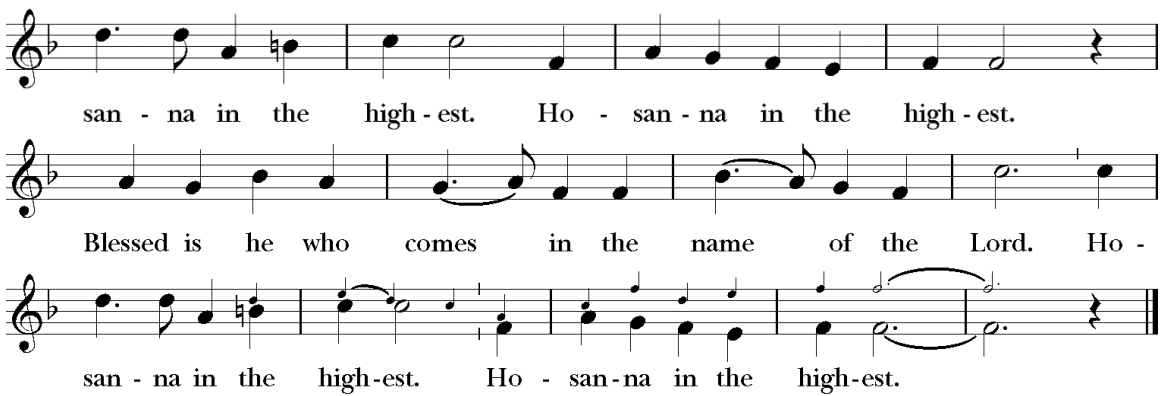
Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

### Sanctus

Hymnal S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, 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 the remembrance of 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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People*      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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**Communion Anthem:** Come, Holy Spirit, Come arr. S. Drummond Wolff  
(11:00 only)

**Come, Holy Spirit. Come**

text by Dorothy A. Thrupp

Come, Holy Spirit, come, oh, hear my humble prayer!  
Stoop down and make my heart Thy home, and shed Thy blessing there.  
Thy light, Thy love impart, and let it ever be  
A holy, humble, happy heart, a dwelling place for Thee.  
Let Thy rich grace increase through all my earthly days  
The fruits of righteousness and peace to Thine eternal praise. Amen.

**Communion Hymn:** No. 516 Come down, O Love divine Down Ampney

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with the first three lines of the hymn corresponding to the three parts. The score includes a treble clef for the first part and a bass clef for the second and third parts. The lyrics are: 1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine, 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn long, 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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

## Easter Blessing

Dismissal Hymn: No. 507 Praise the Spirit in creation

Julion



1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i -  
2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most thoughts and  
3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets with the  
4 Tell of how the a - scend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple for his  
5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives de - scend in  
6 Praise, O praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



1 gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters, quick - ening  
2 ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders, is him -  
3 word; his the truth be - hind the wis - doms which as  
4 own; how a hun - dred men and wo - men turned the  
5 might; let your flame break out with - in us, fire our  
6 Word, Source, and Truth, and In - spi - ra - tion, Trin - i -

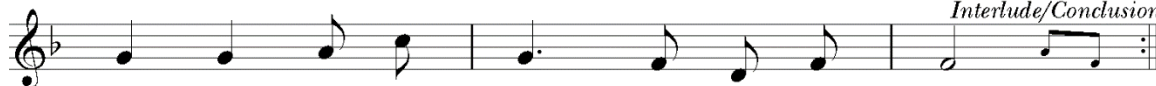


1 worlds to life with - in, source of breath to all things  
2 self the power to gaze; and God's will, to those who  
3 yet know not our Lord; by whose love and power, in  
4 known world up - side down, to its dark and fur - thest  
5 hearts and clear our sight, till, white - hot in your pos -  
6 ty in deep ac - cord: through your voice which speaks with -



1 breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.  
2 lis - ten by a still small voice con - veys.  
3 Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.  
4 cor - ners by the wind of hea - ven blown.  
5 ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.  
6 in us we, your crea - tures, call you Lord.

*Interlude/Conclusion*





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*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Postlude:** Postlude in F major

Fr. Walczynski

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of the People is that part of our liturgy which offers particular intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember **those who are ill or with other needs:** Vanessa Wittman, Joanne Adams, Pete Petersen, Tom Joiner, Malcolm McCormick, Eleanor Flowers, Carol Black, John Barker, Richard, Paula Maddon, Shelby White, Andre, Miriam Kussrow, Worth and Bill Gordon, Sally Books, Nancy and Dave, and Kristi. We also pray for Bella and Ben Geiser, Jim and Susan Gibbs, Chad and Lane Melton, Jade Ogletree, Danielle and Jasmine Pharr, Julianna Savage, Mary Shelton, Abigail Stephens, Hilton Swing, Jr., and Eduard and Lynn Wiescholek, who are preparing for confirmation or reception this month.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *all who have died of Covid.*

**TO OUR VISITORS:** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing or the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to fill out a card in your pew. We welcome you!

## WE GIVE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY TO OUR CHURCH

	May 23, 2021		May 30, 2021	
	8:45	11:00	8:45	11:00
Lay Readers	Sandra Jeffery	Mike Covell	Ann Stringfield	Candace Lewis
Ushers	Clint Adams	Hilton Swing	Clint Adams	John Hayes
	Jim Spry		John Knapp	Bettie Orr
Cart Driver	Linda Giltner	Tom Savage	Jim Olson	Jerry Beschta
Altar Guild	Gibson Sims, Cathryn Harrell, Brenda Hillyer, Carol Sims, Kathy Limmiatis		Gibson Sims, Beth Melton	
Opening Gatekeeper	Albert Gooch		Albert Gooch	
Closing Gatekeeper	Gibson Sims		Gibson Sims	
Flower Guild	Carol Sims		Patrice German	

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*Worship Services 8:45 & 11:00am*

*Children's Sunday School: 10:00am (during school year only)/Adult Sunday School: 10:00am*

*Holy Eucharist & Healing Service – Wednesdays 10:30am in the Parish Hall Office Hours- 8:30am-3:30pm M-F*

**In case of pastoral emergencies:**

Please call the Church Office and ask for the Rector. After hours, call the Church Office and press 3.

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**The Rev. Deacon Sandy Rex, Deacon:** [cwrexiii@rmimidwest.com](mailto:cwrexiii@rmimidwest.com)

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**VESTRY MEMBERS**

Senior Warden: Jennifer Shelton

Junior Warden: Jerry Tanner

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Jerry Tanner  
Cynthia Easterling  
Janet Johnson  
Shelley Schiro

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Terry Enslin  
Marie Hyder  
Gibson Sims  
Dick Zecher

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John Barker  
Elizabeth Christenbury  
Jennifer Shelton  
Lynn Wiescholek

**PARISH OFFICERS**

Margaret Barker, Clerk of the Vestry

Tom Griswold, Treasurer

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Robin Howe

**By Laws, Canons & Insurance:** Jim Olson

**Christian Formation:** Mary Anne Inglis

**Communications & Publicity:** Joey Popp

**Finance:** Jodi Sundeen

**Historic Churchyard Committee:** Ken Jones

**New Member Ministry:** Brenda Hillyer, Judy Petersen

**Outreach:**

**Personnel:** Margaret Barker

**Stewardship:** David Christenbury

**OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES**

**Acolytes:** Lynn Savage

**Altar Guild:** Marti Smith

**Chefs of St. John:** Jim Vint

**Churchyard Trustees:** Pete Petersen

**Docents:** Albert Gooch

**Endowment Trustees:** Tom Griswold

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW):** Kathy Newbold

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Dick Zecher

**Flower Guild:** Bay Chamberlain

**Flower Memorials:** Gaston Motes

**Funeral Reception Ministry:** Brenda Hillyer

**Garden Guild:** Jerry & Jan Tanner

**Gatekeepers:** Dick Zecher

**Greeters:** Betsy Tibbs

**Heritage, Archives & Gift Committee:** John Barker

**Lay Readers:** Susan MacDonald

**Meal Ministry:** Kathy Newbold

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