

ABBREVIATED LITURGY FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST
WITH ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH
MAY 31, 2020

We welcome you to this Lord's Day. In care for one another and all our neighbors and by the directive of the Bishop of New Jersey, The Rt. Rev. Chip Stokes, we are not meeting in our buildings at this time. However, we are still the Church in Worship and Service. For 15 minutes prior to each service we have a "virtual coffee hour," a time to chat, check-in with one another and share announcements, both personal and communal. Once the liturgy begins we will mute all participants except those leading at the moment. During the hymns and prayers, please sing or speak out loud while still muted. It also is making it possible for us to sing along with choirs from around the world, so we look for blessings in all things at all times.

If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, do not hesitate to call. Fr. Mulder on his personal cell phone: 908-672-8695, or to write him at rectorstmartinsnj@gmail.com

Our parish office is now open during limited hours each day, but messages can be left at: 908-526-1350, or by writing us at: stmartinschurchnj@gmail.com. Our website is www.stmartinsnj.org. During this time it is critically important that your financial support of this ministry continues. You can do that easily using the Vanco platform we have set up on our website under "Donate." It takes only a few minutes to set up and has already made a positive difference in our ability to carry on in ministry. Thank you all.



The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

All *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Hymn of Praise 513, *Like the murmur of the dove's song*

-Bridegroom

The Collect of the Day for Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-21)

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying.
People Thanks be to God!

Anthem: *If you believe and I believe* (from South Africa, sung by the Cathedral Choir of Glasgow, Scotland under the direction of John Bell)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-23)

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord, Christ.

Homily

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

With joy for the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the well-being of the Church, the world, and all in need, saying, God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the wonder that erupted on Pentecost, for the birth of the Church, for the gifts of amazement and challenge, and for all the witnesses whose lives have been altered by your power alive in the world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the many peoples of this earth whose visions differ, whose languages offer special insights, whose ways of worship and compassion feed our own, we thank you for our differences and diversity. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth itself, through whose creatures we see your love and in whose winds we remember the coming of your Spirit. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make us hungry to protect the health, safety and nurture of all people; let your fire of justice burn in the leaders of the nations and our communities; guard the lives of peacemakers, soldiers, philosophers, and artists. Pool the skills and passion of all your people for the sake of our delight and the nourishment of others. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort refugees from war and famine, those who are lonely and frightened, ill, imprisoned, homeless, or without work, and those who face death today. We pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud . . . God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit has flowed through your witnesses in ages past, we

give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, especially *N.* With them, and with confidence that you hear our prayers, we commend all for whom we lift our voices, this day and always. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, we offer prayers of gratitude and debt to all who serve others during this time. Grant them energy, health and resolve for their ministry among us. And for your Church, may the day come soon when we can feast again at your Table. Until that great day, keep us steadfast in care for one another, regular in prayer and faithful in worship and service to your world.

Hear us now as Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Hymn 511

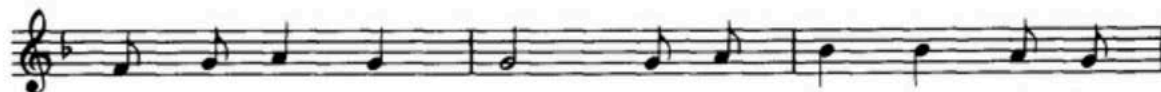
Holy Spirit, ever living *-Abbot's Leigh*
(sung by the Choir of All Saints Episcopal Church, Beverley Hills)

Blessing and Dismissal

Officiant Go forth to share the joy and power of Pentecost. Alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

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