



St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, New Jersey



An Abbreviated Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
with Spiritual Communion
Rite 2

Whitsunday: The Feast of Pentecost
May 23, 2021 + 10:30 am

Opening Hymn - Please stand. You MAY sing with masks on.

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for

ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the

world with God's grace. *First time only* grace. 2

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his —

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold —
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en —

Repeat Refrain

souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

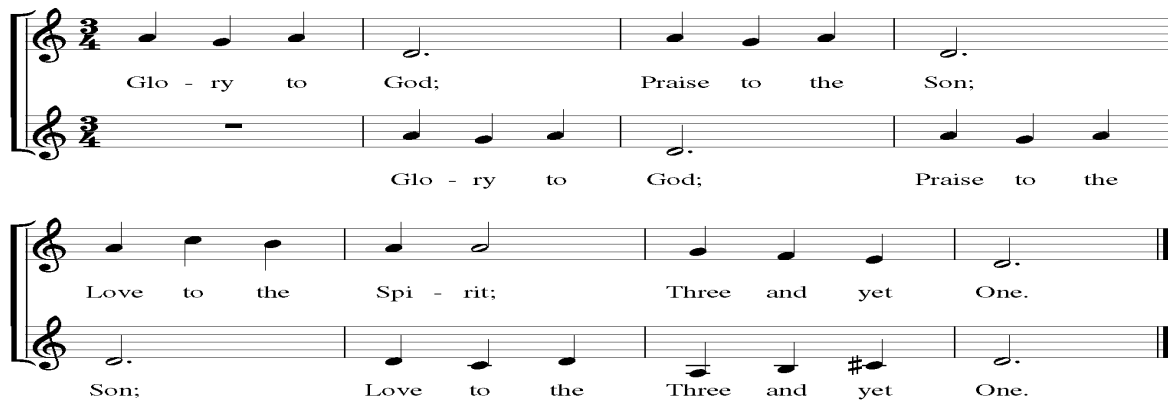
The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

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Priest: + Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

All: *The Lord is Risen, Alleluia!*

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in excelsis (sung twice)



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 her 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.*

The Lesson (Acts 2:1-4) *Please be seated*

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. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 104:25-31

Benedic, anima mea

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.

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

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. *John 15:26-27; 16:4-15*

The Gospel of the Lord./ *All: Praise to you, O Christ.*

The Homily

Father Robert Laws

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand)*

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.

The Prayers of the People *(from the Church of England's Common Worship)*

The Leader and People pray responsively. Please stand or kneel

Generous God, we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love, wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. We especially pray for healing for (N.N).

Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit, given by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

Priest: Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the River Jordan, and upon the Mother of God and the disciples in the upper room.

In your mercy fill us with your same Spirit and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace and The Offertory Sentence

(You may be seated during the Offertory anthem. Please remember that only the cantor is permitted to sing, but you are encouraged to prayerfully read the lyrics.)

Please stand as the Thurifer turns toward the Nave to cense the people. *It is customary to bow to the Thurifer as he bows to you before and after the censuring)*

The Offertory Anthem *Christ Sends His Spirit*

Richard Proulx

The Christ is throned as lord of all the worlds, the name above all names,
at God's right hand,

His praise the pulse that shakes the universe:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

He led his brethren to the mountaintop and,
blessing them with lifted, nail-scarred hands,

Commanded them to wait his promised gift:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

“Go out to all the world and tell my news
You are my witnesses for you have sent,

My heralds, for Yahweh will breathe on you!
The gale of God, the singing fire of life.

Above, around the hurricane unleashed bore down upon the roof,
a storm of sound,

Vast beating wings of wind that rocked the house:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

A wind that swelled and burst in trumpet call,
a vocal flame that flowered on the air,

And hung in garlands over every head:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

The Liturgy of the Altar

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he + who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with The Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin of Tours and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.


An Act of Spiritual Communion *(prayed silently by those who watching online)*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen. Lord Jesus, come dwell in my heart.

Because of Covid restrictions, Holy Communion will be administered in one kind- the body of Christ only (although both the Body and Blood of Christ are present in the consecrated host.) Please stand at your seat with hands extended to receive Communion as the priest passes. Please do not consume the host until the priest has gone to the next pew.

Communion Hymn


Introduction



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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Post Communion Prayer *(Please kneel or stand)*

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.

Blessing *(Please stand)*

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

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn (*Please stand to sing*)

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

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