



Pentecost
May 19, 2024 — 9:00 am

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer C
May 19, 2024 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude *“Pentecost Hymns for organ and chimes”*

Processional Hymn 225 *“Hail thee Festival Day”*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant : Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Celebrant : 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.***

The Gloria S-280 *“Glory to God in the highest”*

The Collect of the Day --

Celebrant : The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant : Let us pray.

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. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading (Lesson) from Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very

many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

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

The New Testament

A Reading (Lesson) from 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.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel Hymn 508 "*Breathe On Me Breath Of God*"

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

People: ***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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

The Nicene Creed (*Sung to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing 686 or Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 657*)

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan,
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.

Jesus infant born of Mary He grew up in Galilee.

From the water with John the Baptist, He began his ministry.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.,

We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended. till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven,. Christ our Savior,
Lord and friend. we shall rise with him in glory.
to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People for Pentecost

Presider: The Spirit of God aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray. In the power of the Spirit let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all the world.

Leader: For peace from on high and for our salvation.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the newly baptized illumined by the light of Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our leaders, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Don our Priest, Leslie our Deacon, and for all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all nations leaders, especially Joseph, the President of the United States, Phillip the Governor of New Jersey and peace in the world.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all in any pain and all who sorrow. especially *Ruth, Sharon, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Jane, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Ted, and Alice.*

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the dying and the dead, especially, *Cindi M. Cammarota.*

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord.***

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who transforms our lives and makes us new. Hear our prayers which we offer in confidence and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace (*All stand.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Offertory Hymn LEVAS 114 “*Everytime I Feel The Spirit*”

The Doxology (*Hymnal 380 Verse 3*)

All: ***Praise God of whom all blessings flow***

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above the heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer C

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant : 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 God thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

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.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy Holy, Holy Lord (*Hymnal S-129*)

*All: 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.***

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

(spoken)

***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

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

Invitation

Communion Music “*Hymns for Meditation*”

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn 229 (Tune: Duke St.) “*Spirit of Mercy*”

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia

Organ Postlude “*A Joyous Organ Verse*”

E. Batiste

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY are in memory of
Cindi M. Cammarota, by George Cammarota

Participating in the 9am. Service

Lector: Diane Wachter *Acolyte:* Sally Barnes, Jeff Mack

Ushers: Glenn Gulbin, Brad Smith *Videographer:* Jerry & Susan Satkofsky

Altar Guild: Debbie Sigler, Susan Stevens, Mary Shea

Counters: Paul Stevens, Fred Hill

WHO IS GRADUATING? WHO HAS WON A SPECIAL AWARD?

Please let us know who in your family is graduating or will graduate. Has anyone received a special award? Please let us know. These are great accomplishments and we would like to spread the good news. Please send your information to the Parish Office, 500 Fourth St., Riverton NJ 08077 or via e-mail at chrित्रiverton@juno.com.

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP will continue, Thursday, May 23rd at 10 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Our study title is "FIRST LIGHT; JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD". This is a study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg, two of the world's leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. The title of the first session is "The Matrix of Jesus."

MEN'S GROUP. We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am, and we will talk about the things that are important for a man's spiritual life. It's an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants beginning at 2:45.

MEDITATION GROUP meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish House parlor. All are welcome- contact Mel Caron at melanieannecaron@gmail.com.

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY May 21st, Noon to 2pm
Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

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