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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

**May 23, 2021**



## Morning Prayer

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Officiant*  
 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*In keeping with the ancient custom of the Church, the confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### Pascha Nostrum

Alleluia.  
 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
 therefore let us keep the feast,  
**Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.** So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia. **Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.** For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. **For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

### Psalm 104:25-35, 37

- 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!**

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**A Reading 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**

**Canticle 11 – The Third Song of Isaiah**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \* and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

**For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.

**Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.

**They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.

**You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise.**

The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

**The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.**

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**A Reading from 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*People* **Thanks be to God**

### **Canticle 18 – A Song to the Lamb**

Splendor and honor and kingly power \* are yours  
by right, O Lord our God,  
**For you created everything that is, and by your  
will they were created and have their being;**  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for  
with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
**From every family, language, people, and  
nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to  
Christ the Lamb,  
**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
for ever and for evermore.**

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John** (15:26-27; 16:4b-15)

#### **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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

*Silence for reflection*

Caitlin Dawes

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
**creator of heaven and earth;**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**Our father in heaven  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us this day 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 forever. Amen.**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*Officiant*

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.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*[Bishop Rickel has asked that all parishes of the diocese incorporate "A Covenant to Root Out Racism" (inspired by the Anti-Racism Covenant put forth by The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop of Missouri, who incidentally was in the class ahead of Fr. Haynes at The General Theological Seminary in New York) in their worship on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the murder of Mr. George Floyd, May 25. On this year's liturgical calendar, the closest Sunday would be May 23, the Day of Pentecost.]*

## **A Covenant to Root Out Racism**

We lament the Church's role in the subjugation, enslavement and genocide of societies of indigenous peoples, including Native Americans and Pacific Islanders.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We lament the Church's role in profiting from the selling, trading, and genocide of people of African descent and the lasting effects of the peculiar trade present with us today.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We lament the Church's complicity-by-silence in the commoditization, dehumanization, and belittling of peoples brought to this country to toil in brutal labor, including Latino/Latina/Latinx people, Asians, Pacific Islanders and other immigrant and undocumented populations.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We lament the church's complicity in failing to honor the language, culture and civil rights of Latino/Latina/Latinx people, both American citizens and those from other countries.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We lament the places in which we have been spectators and participants in the public and private lynching of people of African descent.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We lament the Church's lack of moral courage to stand with and on the side of the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We lament the systems of white imperialism, white supremacy, white exceptionalism and white privilege present in the Church that have condoned people – particularly people of African descent – being viewed as less, inferior or unworthy rather than as beloved children of God, made in the image of the Divine.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We lament the ways in which the stories of People of Color have been diminished or erased from the histories of our churches, institutions and communities of faith.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We lament the collusion of the Church with systems that directly and indirectly promote racism, oppression, segregation and disenfranchisement.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We lament the willful blindness of Christian leadership in promoting and advocating for systems of over-policing, the militarization of the police, mass incarceration, school-to-prison pipelines, poverty and violence.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We lament the resounding silence and the crippling fear that often infects the Church in matters of racial reconciliation and social justice.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*PAUSE*

Will you covenant to re-examine the history of our communities of faith and institutions to, in tangible ways, acknowledge racist legacies and to recognize, remember and retell the stories of Native American, enslaved persons and other People of Color, whose labor contributes to white privilege?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to engage our communities of faith, staffs, colleagues and experts in critical discourse that propels us forward?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to devise and implement standards, policies and programs that make our commitment to diversity and inclusion a visible reality?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to invest in local businesses that are owned and operated by People of Color and underrepresented populations?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to listen to and to validate the stories, experiences and feelings of People of Color as companions along the journey, valuing those experiences as being sacred?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to adopt an intersectional approach in all aspects of our common life, remembering that all forms of oppression are connected?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to financially support the important work of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's)?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to work towards the dismantling of the school-to-prison pipeline and other systems of institutional oppression?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to stand up and speak out against everyday micro and macro acts of oppression or aggression?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to struggle and speak out against denial of civil liberties and voter suppression?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to educate ourselves, and share with others, the many places where our privilege blinds us from being compassionate to others?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to call out bigotry and hate speech in all aspects of our common life?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to gather with others, including faith leaders and decision-makers, at all levels of the church to ask the hard questions which may include: Does the leadership of our institution reflect the diversity of those we serve? Are the many faces of the diverse body of Christ represented in decision-making processes? How are we inviting and forming leaders? Who is missing around the table? Whose untold story do we need to hear?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant that in our corporate worship and other activities of our communities, to intentionally cultivate welcome, hospitality and participation for people of all cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds, and to include their rich musical and liturgical offerings in worship?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to invite all members of our faith communities to reflect about and seek a better understanding of racism and privilege?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to preach about and pray together for an end to racism and white supremacy, not to bring down people of European descent, but to lift all others up?

**We will with God's help.**

Will you covenant to join with local community organizations in working for racial justice?

**We will with God's help.**

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

*After the Offering is collected and placed upon the altar, the following is sung*

### **Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3** *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

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.**

### **St. Matthew Mission Statement**

**To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.**

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| <i>Officiant</i> | Let us bless the Lord.<br>Alleluia, Alleluia!    |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>Thanks be to God.<br/>Alleluia, Alleluia!</b> |