



Celtic Evensong and Communion

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

28 May 2023 4:00 pm

We are so happy you are here.

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.
So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.*

Please remember to silence all devices

The Opening Rite

Musical Meditation

Lucis Creator optime

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Meditation

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

- Malcolm Guite from Sounding the Seasons

Please stand

The Invitatory and Psalm

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! We shall receive power from the Holy Spirit,

To be witnesses to the power of God's love. 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 Holy Trinity, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

Listen now to the Word of God

The 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 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.' "

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Musical Response

The Spirit

The Second Reading

John 20:19-23

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."

Lector For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
and for the Word of God within us,
People Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Joanne Moar

Music after the Reflection

The South Wind

Evening Prayer

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.**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

In the work we do this day,
May the risen Christ teach us.
In the challenges we face this day,
May the risen Christ guide us.
Through the people we meet this day,
May the risen Christ renew us.
As we respond to the hungers and hurts of this world,
May the Spirit of the risen Christ strengthen us.
I invite you to add the prayers of your hearts either silently or aloud.

Silence

Leader Jesus says, "Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness. From now until the end of the service, you

are invited to come to the Lady Altar and light a candle and kneel at the rail for prayers. The laying on of hands is also offered at the healing station near the door at the back of the Chapel. Please move about as the Spirit leads you.

Music during Prayers

The Soaring Kestrel

Hymn

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church's min - is - try -

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through her in a cease - less strife;
3. quick - ning, strength - ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing earth - bound souls to thrones on high;
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of Christ:
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul

1. liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; thee we praise and mag - ni - fy.
2. thee we praise with end - less wor - ship, for thy fruit and gifts un - priced.
3. in a fel - low - ship un - end - ing, thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

This tune in a higher key: 29

The Grace God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him: Grant us grace to love one another as he first loved us, and know the fullness of joy. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Holy Communion

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 O God of mystery and promise, God of resurrection and new life, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and in service to others. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them saying:

All **“This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

Celebrant So too after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying:

All **“This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”**

Celebrant So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant Come now, Spirit of God, and descend upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people. As we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,

you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Communion

Concluding Prayer

All Lord, in a world of many division keep beckoning us out of safe havens into your richer fellowship of challenge and reconciliation, sacrifice and service. Amen.

Blessing

Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia! May God, who raised Jesus from the dead,

People **grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Alleluia!**

Concluding Musical Meditation

The Dove on the Gate

***Please leave immediately and quietly at the end of the service
as we wish to continue to contemplate the sacred mysteries we have received.***

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Debbie Phillips

Ryan Patten, Debbie Phillips

Paul Massari

Joanne Moar

Eric Wagner

Katie Scott

Officiant

Musicians

Assisting

Reflection

Intercessor

Usher

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Parish Prayer List

For Eric Wagner, Jeremy Parker, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Linda Layne, Daniel Brundige, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Inga, Henry, and Lucas, Mel, Melissa Glassman, Corey MacNeil, Helen Phillips, Diane, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the people of Palestine, and Ukraine; for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, gun violence and oppression. If you have prayer requests, please email regathering@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

Next Sunday!

Parish Choir of
Grace Church
Ryan Patten, Director

Evensong upon Trinity Sunday



Mark Engelhardt "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis"
Deborah Phillips "Preces and Responses"
Anthem: "Prayer of Saint Patrick"
Ryan Patten

All are invited

Sunday, June 4
4 o'clock in the evening

Grace Episcopal Church
385 Essex Street, Salem, Massachusetts
The Reverend Debbie Phillips, Rector



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