



## Day of Pentecost

June 9, 2019

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*Welcome to Ascension!*

*For more information about our community, fill out a welcome card, found at either end of the pews, or take one of our welcome packets from a member of the Welcome Team or the table in the narthex.*

***Please silence your audible devices.***

*Beginning ten minutes before the service, please help us create a contemplative space by refraining from cell phone use or loud conversation.*

*Within the service, the people read the parts in **bold print**.*

### The Entrance Rite

#### Opening Acclamation

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

#### The Collect for Purity

*Priest and People*

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.*

#### *Gloria in Excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### The Collect for the Day

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Let us pray.

*Priest and People*

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, forever and ever.

*Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## The Word of God

The First Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

*Reader*

A reading from Genesis.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

*Reader*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.** 🕊

**Psalm 104: 25-35, 37** (Read responsively)

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
**in wisdom you have made them all;**  
**the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,  
**creatures both small and great.**

There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan,  
**which you have made for the sport of it.**

All of them look to you  
**to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it;  
**you open your hand,**  
**and they are filled with good things.**

You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
**you take away their breath,**  
**and they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
**and so you renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
**may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

He looks at the earth and it trembles;  
**he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please him;  
**I will rejoice in the Lord.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
**Hallelujah!**

*The people stand*

*Gospeller*        The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Deacon Eugene Wright

*The people stand.*

The Nicene Creed                      *Priest and People*

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.  
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**

*Celebrant:* O Friends, do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. Our God is with us, and in us; therefore, let us pray, "Come, Spirit of Truth: Come, Holy Spirit."

*Litanist:* Holy God, by your Spirit you gave birth to your Church: May our many members be the one Body of Christ in this world. And then lead us by your Holy Spirit in the ways of truth and love.

*Silence*

Come, Spirit of Truth:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Litanist:* Holy God, you gave your disciples the ability to speak in the languages of the people: May we also speak about your deeds of power throughout the world, that all may know of your salvation. We give you thanks for the many heroes who have been bearers of your truth and mercy. We give thanks for the courage of the people of Sudan as they speak their truth and their desire for a democratic, civilian government.

*Silence*

Come, Spirit of Truth:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Litanist:* Holy God, the earth is full of your creatures: May all who look to you be given food in due season. Open your hand in desolate places and fill the hungry with good things.

We now invite your thanksgivings to the Lord, either silently or aloud. We give thanks for the 66+ Ascension volunteers who are preparing and packing food for the “Rise Against Hunger” program this Sunday afternoon.

*Silence*

Come, Spirit of Truth:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Litanist:* Holy God, you poured out your Holy Spirit in your holy city Jerusalem: Pour out your Spirit in our own city. Raise up prophets and dreamers; give us vision. We pray for a unity of spirit among the peoples of your world so that we may live in peace with justice and mercy for all.

*Silence*

Come, Spirit of Truth:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Litanist:* Holy God, you give the gift of healing by your Spirit: Bring healing and wholeness to all those on our hearts and minds this day. In your might and mercy, renew the face of the earth; bring renewal to those in need.

We now invite your petitions to the Lord, either silently or aloud.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for the **Kathy** Bainbridge, **Joanne** Bright, **Sciou** Broderick, **Judy** Conroy, **Harriette** Eleanor Cooper, **Ron** Lubet, **Stephanie** Mitchell, **Marcia** Nobel, **Jerry** Pfadenhauer, **Daniel** Pagan, **Warren** Porter, **Eduardo** Rincon, the **Ritchie** Family, **Fran** Spina, **Marsha** Sutherland, **Samuel** Tellu, **Ruthann** Winterhalter, **Carlina** Veregara, **Sharon** Wood, **Eric** Yhap and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, as well as for all those on our extended healing prayer list.

We give thanks for the birthdays of **Kaifa** Boyce, **Laurie** Kreitzer, **Aubrey** Urey, **Meghan** Thomas, **Alexander** Langley, **John** Morris, **Hector** Andres Sosa, **Isaac** Clarke, **Jacob** Ehlers, and **Cayton** Scott. May God continue to pour blessings on their lives.

We give thanks for the life of Laura Ann Whirley who died on May 26, 2019.

We give thanks for the recent news that the Affordable Care Act has had a positive impact on reducing racial disparities for the treatment of cancer.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

*Silence*

Come, Spirit of Truth:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Litanist:* Holy God, you adopt us as your children, joint heirs with your Christ. In your mercy, keep us and love us. May we, and all who have entered into your joy, rest in your presence forever.

*Silence*

Come, Spirit of Truth:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All say the prayer for Ascension,

**God of all, we offer thanks to you for this our parish, Church of the Ascension, as we gather here together in your name. Bless us with remembrance of those who founded this parish, erected the walls and provided the space we have today. We pray that we may continue their work with perseverance and faithfulness to become a truly One Ascension for this community. We pray for strength, steadfastness, and vision for Padre Javier on his journey as our Priest in Charge. Guide us as we walk the way with him. We pray that the path we take together and the light that shows us the way are your own. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are then seated.*

### **Announcements**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## **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 him 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.

*The people kneel or stand; the Celebrant continues.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*    **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

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 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.**

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

<b>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,</b>	<b>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, forever and ever. <i>Amen.</i></b>
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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread; a period of silence is kept.*

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

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The people sit.*

**Administration of the Sacrament:** All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to a communion station at the direction of the Welcome Team. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you.

*Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please cross your arms on your chest – this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed.*

*If you need communion brought to you, please let a member of the Welcome Team know.*

**Healing Prayers:** *If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing for yourself or another, go to the prayer annex beside the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.*

### **Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitor**

*When at this service*

*Celebrant* We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*The people kneel.*

*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 forever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

*Celebrant*

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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## Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Readers</b>	8:00 am Jean Cohn 10:00 am Pete Minderman Peedy Terry	David Burton Anne Brink Meredith Horan
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	8:00 am Jean Cohn 10:00 am Howard Holland	David Burton Barb Mansfield
<b>Chalicians</b>	8:00 am David Burton Wadai Dennis 10:00 am Shirley Allen Margaret Tellu	Sharon Hayden Leslie Sanya Winsome Palmer Jake Yalley-Ogunro
<b>Healing Prayer Ministers</b>	8:00 am Jean Cohn 10:00 am Paul Whitmore	Lisa Murdock Barb Mansfield
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00 am Raymond Chin Isa Noble 10:00 am Pete Minderman Hallie Porter Elise Liberty	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Monty Peterson Nuelle Johnson Manny Johnson
<b>Welcome Team</b>	8:00 am Don Cohn Jean Cohn 10:00 am Sciou Broderick Alice Padmore Peedy Terry Alex Langley	Frank Sanya Wadai Bright Dorett Sutherland Jonathan Black James Black
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00 am Wadai Dennis Leslie Sanya 10:00 am Shirley Allen Dorett Sutherland	Michelle Heining Wood Georgette Dennis TBA TBA
<b>Hospitality Angels</b>	8:00 a.m. Wadai Dennis 10:00 a.m. Dorett Sutherland Michelle Wood Nathalie Scott	Hawa Clemens Betsy Balicao Pamela Novel
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens	Eliane Dunn Johnson Alice Padmore
<b>Eucharistic Visitor(s)</b>	Meredith Horan Jean Cohn	Pamella Irons-Forth