



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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The Collect of the Day

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O God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 2:1–21

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 994

Commentary: At the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove (see Luke 3:22). Now, as Jesus' disciples began their ministry in the church era, the Holy Spirit descended upon them in rushing wind and fire. The same Spirit who indwelt and empowered Jesus' ministry would now indwell and empower Jesus' disciples. Wind and fire symbolized the presence of God; believers received an audible as well as a visible indication of His presence. Speaking in unlearned languages was the outward evidence of God's inner working in the disciples. Peter, representing the disciples, addressed the crowd. Peter cited Joel's prophecy as an illustration of the process begun that day, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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.'

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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 Holy Gospel: John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

NRSV, p. 986

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers available upon request

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

in unison

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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.

Closing Hymn 512

"Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove"

Mendon

1 Come, Gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove,
 2 Thou light of truth to us dis - play,
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way,
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share
 with light and com - fort from a - bove;
 and make us know and choose thy way;
 nor let us from his pre - cepts stray;
 full - ness of joy for ev - er there;
 be thou our guard - ian, thou our guide
 plant ho - ly fear in ev - ery heart,
 lead us to ho - li - ness, the road
 lead us to God, our fin - al rest,
 o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 that we from thee may n'er de - part.
 that we must take to dwell with God.
 to be with him for ev - er blest.

The Dismissal

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*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon**Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.**Director of Music: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 John W. & Mamie D. Parker, Joe L. Jenkins, Martha Jenkins Gordon.*

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

OUTREACH COMMISSION MEET-UP

May 19, 2024 | 11:15 a.m. | Lippitt Room | RSVP

All are warmly invited to join us for an OutReach Meet-Up. During the meeting, we'll share a 2024 OutReach update with a focus on our current community partnerships. We plan to discuss "open" OutReach liaison partnerships, answer questions, learn more about your OutReach areas of interest, etc. Please invite your friends and family. OutReach covers a lot of ground and we welcome all willing hands and hearts. We expect this meeting to last 45 minutes. Childcare is available with RSVP. You may RSVP online at stjamesp.org/blog/outreachmeet/

BREAD BREAKERS:

HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, May 19, 2024 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Clark Home | RSVP

The St. James Bread Breakers are hosting Hospitality at Home in May. Bill and Happy Clark are signed up to host this great event. We invite everyone to bring a side dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. today to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. RSVP link is up now on the SJP website. Have questions, please reach out to Rachel Colonna at rcolonna85@gmail.com.

MAY VESTRY MEETING

Monday May 20, 2024 | 5:15-7:00 p.m. | Tatum Parlor

This month, our Vestry has a slightly different schedule and will meet on the third Monday at 5:15 p.m. in the Tatum Parlor to discuss the business of the parish and to hear from our parish family. These meetings are open and members of St. James Parish are welcome to attend.

LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON

Sundays, May 26 - September 1st

As we get ready to open Mt. Lebanon Chapel for the summer, you're invited to share in the ministry of cookies and lemonade! Each Sunday while we worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel, we're looking for parishioners to sign up to provide and serve lemonade and cookies following the 9:30 a.m. service. We have a leadership opportunity available with this ministry and are looking for someone to be available for questions for those who volunteer. Contact Communications@stjamesp.org if you are interested in learning more.

If you are interested in providing supplies or serving, please visit our website to sign up!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MAY 20-24

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, MAY 20

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00-6:00 | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | Tatum Parlor

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Register for Location
- MEN ON A MISSION SERVE AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- MEN ON A MISSION SERVE AT SGT. ASHLEY VETERAN'S CENTER
5:00-7:00 PM | Sgt. Ashley Center
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Register for Location

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- LEMONADE & COOKIES
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
- OUTREACH MEETING
11:30 AM | Lippitt Room
- BREAD BREAKERS:
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4:00-6:00 PM | The Clark Home

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