

The Feast of Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
May 24, 2026
10 a.m.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: Le Jardin Suspendu

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Opening Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS), #114* **Every time I feel the spirit**

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

The Presider says to the people

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading - Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying

What they just said were: "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

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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. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *(Please use the Book of Common Prayer)*

BCP 735

The Epistle - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: Bring Many Names

Brian Wren



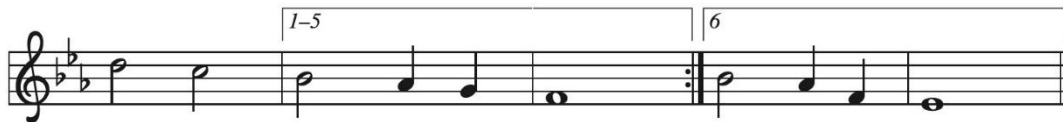
1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!
 san - na, strong moth - er God!
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 san - na, 6 great, liv - ing God!

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The Gospel Reading - *John 20:19-23*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Rite of Sprinkling with Water

Prayers of the People

from Intercessions for the Christian People

In the power of the Spirit who aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray, let us offer to God our intercessions, thanksgivings, and the deep yearnings of our hearts, **saying: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the

people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presider concludes with this prayer:

Gracious God, receive our prayer and hear our hearts' deep yearnings. Give us the courage to yield ourselves to the transforming motion of your Holy Spirit, and carry out in us your work of new creation. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and living one. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please greet other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrating Holy Communion.

Offertory Anthem: **Many in One**

Alice Parker (1925-2023)

The Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #362 Holy, holy, holy*

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

Norah Duncan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
5 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
9 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Peter, Philip, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Elevation:

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Norah Duncan

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Unity Mass*, Norah Duncan IV, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Dove of Peace

Sally Drennan Mossing (Piano) (1961-)

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider and people together

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

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.**

Prayer for Graduates

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's we send Rosalinda Ibañez -Membra forth, bearing the gift of Holy Communion to Carole & John Sweeney and Sharon and Charlie Keyser.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.

Birthdays:

Calvin Haas 05/24

Natalie Rodan 05/24

Rowen Gibson 05/25

Sam Hogg 05/27

Helen Collins 05/30

Anniversaries:

Lisa Donahue & Ken Rose III 05/29

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- Soup and ready-made meals are available for freewill offering following morning worship. Souper Sunday will return in September 2026.
- The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.
- Next Sunday, May 31, 10 a.m. worship will be at Fort Washington Park. See the newsletter for directions and to sign up to bring food. There will be no service at St. Peter's that morning, but the church will be open for private prayer. The pavilion is wheelchair accessible.
- Toll the Bells: Come ring a bell against gun violence on Friday, June 5 at 1p.m. in the church. This event will be live streamed on Facebook. Handbells will be provided.

- **Stewardship Suppers:** Take the brief survey either online (included in recent newsletter) or using a physical sheet (available outside the chapel) to let us know if you are interested in attending or hosting a meal. Please return all physical surveys to the church office or admin mailbox.
- **Scan the QR code below to access the recent newsletter.**



Closing Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)*, **Lift every voice and sing**

Read Rev. Barb's Rector's Note in Thursday's newsletter for her reflection on the hymn, Lift Every Voice and Sing

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Veni, Creator Spiritus

Cecilia McDowall (1951-)

Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

Deacon: *The Rev. Bob Smith*

Acolytes: *Michael Colino, Patrick McMahon*

Lectors: *Matt Moore, Carolyn McGrory*

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Intercessor: *Liz Nettleton*

Counter: *John Klarman*

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Memorial Day Remembrance

Please remember in prayer the names below of loved ones who served in the military, and all impacted by war.

Robert Burns
George F. McGrory (USN)
Robert C. McGrory (USAF)
John C. Heiman (USN)
James P. Hurley
Albert Wilbur

Graduate List

Please keep all our graduates in your prayers.

Alyssa Clemens (8th grade)
Marley Burnett-Gonzalez (Master's degree)
Jayelah Hayes (Master's degree)
Daniel C. Plaisance (Master's degree)