

May 31, 2020

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford
The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday
Holy Eucharist Rite II

10 a.m.

Prelude: *Komm heiliger Geist, Herr Gott* BuxWV 200

D. Buxtehude

Celebrant: Alleluia!! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn #225 Hail thee, festival day!

Salve festa

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day that art hallowed for ever,
day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world with God's grace.**

Lo, in the likeness of fire,
on those who await his appearing,
he whom the Lord foretold
suddenly, swiftly descends:

Refrain

Forth from the Father he comes
with sevenfold mystical offering,
pouring on all human souls
infinite riches of God:

Refrain

Hark! for in myriad tongues
Christ's own, his chosen apostles,
preach to the ends of the earth
Christ and his wonderful works:

Refrain

Praise to the Spirit of Life,
all praise to the fount of our being,
light that dost lighten all,
life that in all dost abide:

Refrain

Collect for Purity

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Hymn of Praise: Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

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Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the 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 also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day *Prayed together:*

**O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your 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 Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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 Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Prayed responsively.*

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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!

Second Reading

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 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 Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #528 Lord, you give the great commission

Rowthorn

**Lord, you give the great commission; "Heal the sick and preach the word."
lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;
(Refrain): with the Spirit's gift empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service, "In my name baptize and teach."
that the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
(Refrain): with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you make the common holy, "This my body, this my blood."
let your priests, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heaven-ward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty;
(Refrain): with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

The Gospel: *The Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 20:19-23

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

The Sermon

Harrison West†

Nicene Creed

**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;
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 and the Son.
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.**

Prayers of the People:

Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Remembering especially the clergy and people of St. John's in New Milford, Grace Church in Newington, Trinity in Newtown, St. John's in Niantic, and the Anglican Church of Melanesia.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishops Ian and Laura, our Rector Harrison, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for your Holy Spirit to inspire with wisdom, decision-making to promote the health and well-being of all peoples, as we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for those commended to the prayers of the parish; including all affected by the current pandemic, the homeless and the lonely, for those suffering from addictions, victims of violence, for those serving in the military, and their families; for the unemployed and the underemployed; and for those who are sick and suffering. Have compassion on them and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Praying for the repose of Florence Douglas; and for the over 100,000 who have died from the Coronavirus in this country and the multitudes of dead across the world:
Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy:
May we also come to share in your heavenly Kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence.
Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace
Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Announcements and Greetings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory
Offertory solo: At the river ... arr. Copland

Leila Mustakos, soprano

The Doxology: Hymn 380 (vs. 3)

Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

***People:* And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 1 – for Pentecost
from **Enriching Our Worship I**, pp 57-59, adapted and used with permission

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Proper Preface for Pentecost may be used.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

**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.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;

we would not see your goodness in the world around us;

and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,

and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness,

and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word,

made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,

opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,

and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons,
that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

The Celebrant then invites the People to join in the Lord’s Prayer.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

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

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Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I would join myself with all those who in your Holy Church offer you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving., Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and forever. Amen.

Burleigh

Postcommunion Prayer:

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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.*

Easter Blessing

Recessional Hymn #347 Go forth for God

Litton

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.

Go forth for God; go to the world in joy;
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia. *People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: *Komm heiliger Geist, Herr Gott* BWV 551

J. S. Bach

(Music note on next page)

Music Note: *Veni Sancte Spiritus* ('Come, Holy Spirit,' and not to be confused with the similar *Veni Creator Spiritus*) is an ancient hymn traditionally sung at Pentecost; the text has been variously attributed to Ambrose, Gregory, Charlemagne, and Rabanus Maurus. The chant melody to which this text was sung may actually be older than the hymn itself, as it was also paired with the Ambrosian hymn *Hic es dies versus Dei* ('This is the day that God has made'). Not being one to throw the baby out with the bath water, Luther adapted the traditional melody to his German language version, *Komm, Heiliger Geist*, which in turn became the basis of our organ music this morning. In **this morning's prelude**, Buxtehude presents a beautifully ornamented version of the chorale theme in the upper voice, with a charming contrapuntal accompaniment below.

Some of you may know that 'Shall we gather at the river' is one of my very favorite hymns; **our offertory solo this morning**, by Aaron Copland, is my favorite arrangement of the hymn. Fun fact: the hymn was written Robert Lowry, a Baptist minister working in Brooklyn at the time, who was allegedly inspired to write the hymn by a picnic with students on the banks of the East River. New Yorkers have long been pretty sure that the 'throne of God' was somewhere in the greater metropolitan area!

It is fascinating to think that the history of African-American spirituals should so prominently feature the Czech composer Antonin Dvorak and his relationship with the young African-American classical composer and baritone, Henry Thacker Burleigh (generally known as 'Harry'). At this time, so-called 'National' schools of classical music were forming throughout Europe, based on the native folk music of each country or region. Dvorak was tempted to the United States by a financially rather generous offer to lead the newly-established National Conservatory, where he heard the young student Burleigh sing some traditional spirituals. Dvorak said that "In the negro melodies of America I discover all that is needed for a great and noble school of music," and encouraged Burleigh to write out arrangements of these songs; it was in this 'classicised' form that they eventually became known to the general public. Burleigh's arrangements continue to form the basis of the choral spiritual tradition to this day; **this morning's communion solo** is one of the most well-loved.

Our postlude this morning, Bach's *Fantasia* on *Komm, Heiliger Geist*, begins with a pedal point (an extended held note, which can occur in any voice, but is usually found in—you guessed it!—the pedals), out of which rises rapidly ascending and descending figures which, when notated, famously trace the outlines of tongues of flame across the score. This swirling motive is almost always present somewhere in the upper voices. Underneath, the pedal finally leaves it's low note to quickly ascend five steps, and begins to sound out the chorale melody. In the past I have played a three-minute version of this piece that Bach himself arranged; this year I have put in some serious practice time, and will be playing the whole thing in all of it's glory!

