



St. Stephen's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

All are Welcome Here

In addition to this powerpoint, you can follow the worship using the small book with the cross on the front, found in our pews. We begin on page 355. Music is found in the blue hymnal unless otherwise indicated

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PRELUDE

Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëllmann

OPENING HYMN

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

(please see bulletin page 12 for hymn)

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our Alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

HYMNAL 1982 #S-280

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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant offers an opening prayer.

FIRST LESSON

Please be seated for the first reading.

Following each reading, the people respond

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

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 you 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!

SECOND LESSON

Please listen to the second reading.

Following each reading, the people respond

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
HYMNAL 1982 #513

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the member's of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Please rise for a reading of the gospel

THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you Lord Christ.

*At the conclusion of the reading, please join in the
response:*

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kate Bradsen

THE 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;
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 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

BLESSINGS

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *N.N.* 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.**

Prayer for an Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and the Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Stephen's. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

The new members of the community are presented.

Presenter: We present

Priscilla Astling,

Drew Bradley,

Dalton Fox,

Kris and Scott Jenkins,

Patrice Lentz and Tony Wilson,

Rafael Roman,

Patrick and Janice Watts,

John and Laurie Williams

to be welcomed as members of this community.

Presider: Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Stephen's?

New Members: I do.

Presider: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Members: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought Priscilla, Drew, Dalton, Patrice, Tony, Rafael, Kris and Scott, Patrick and Janice, John and Laurie to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

On Wings of Song and Prayer

Canterbury Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever...
Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

SANCTUS

HYMNAL 1982 #S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love...

Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; an offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you and we bless you,
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people...

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Stephen and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we now pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,

They 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL 1982 #S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

In the breaking of the bread

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. As the ushers direct, you may come forward to receive, standing or kneeling at the Altar Rail, or let the usher know you wish to receive Communion in your pew. If you need a gluten free wafer, fold your hands down or let the priest know. You may drink from the common cup or intinct (dip) your wafer. If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Improvisation

Frank Perko III

COMMUNION HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley

(please see the bulletin page 13 for hymn)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your
wings.”

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.

When they were confounded
with idols and lies
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city,
you called once again
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.

Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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 OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

On behalf of this community, I send you forth—so that those whom you visit may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

(please see bulletin pages 14-15 for hymn)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know,
that we have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know Him in His fullness and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know,
that we have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.

If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot enter
in,
you can make it right if you will yield;
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know,
that we have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata

Léon Boëllmann