



The Day of Pentecost

St. George's Episcopal Church

May 19, 2024

Introit

Come Thou, Lord, Creator Spirit by Jeffrey H. Rickard
Sung by the Choir

Hymn

Hymnal 225

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

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

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.

All **Amen.**

The First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Please be seated.

Reader The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All

Psalm

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

All

O Holy One, 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 God endure for ever; *
may the Holy One rejoice in all creation.
God looks at the earth and it trembles; *
God touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to God as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine find favor; *
I will rejoice in the Holy One.
Bless the Holy One, O my soul. *
Alleluia!

The Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Reader

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.

Thanks be to God.

All

The Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Please stand.

Deacon
All

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

Deacon

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.

All

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Presentation & Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter I present
Coralyn Robinson
for Confirmation.

Presenter I present
Jennifer Sagris
Timothy Perkins
for Confirmation.

I present
Jan McManus
Barbara Ryther
to be received into this Communion.

I present
Debby Ehret
Suzanne Thompson
Barbara Early
Meredith Pearson
who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Candidates Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

People Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these
persons in their life in Christ?
We will.

The Bishop then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew
our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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

People I do.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.
People Amen.

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Deacon leads the following litany.

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People Amen.

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

For Confirmation

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *her* for your service; and sustain *her* all the days of *her* life. **Amen.**

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

The Peace

**Bishop
People**

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

Please greet your neighbors with the Peace of Christ.

Announcements & Offertory

Fill-a Me Up! by Pepper Choplin



*Your gifts support the ministry that happens through St. George's.
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<https://stgeorgesyh.breezechms.com/give/online>*

*The flowers on the altar are being given by Janie Sweeney
in celebration of Thomas Beecher*



The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand.

Bishop

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Bishop

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bishop

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

All



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bishop

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All

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

God our Creator, 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, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Deacon

Remember Thomas, our Bishop; Robert and Shannon, our Assisting Bishops; and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people and those who seek your truth.

Remember Coralyn, Jennifer, Timothy, Debbie, Suzanne, Meredith, Barbara, Jan, and Barbara who have renewed their baptismal promises today.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

Bishop

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Blessed Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, 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 Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

All

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop

As our Savior Christ has taught we are bold to say,

All

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 Bishop breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Bishop

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymn

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The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Bishop
All

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people, first saying

People
Bishop
People

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
The maker of heaven and earth.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
From this time forth for evermore.

Hymn

1 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.*

2 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."

Refrain

3 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.

Refrain

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Parish Prayer List

Parishioners: Charlie Smith, Barbara Kautz, Suzanne Thompson, John Howe, Carol Hollingsworth, Dick Santoro, Heidi, Donna Bacon, Barbara Machera, Sally Cocco, Ellen Joyce

Friends and Family: Erika Kraft-Crawford; Jimmy Toscano; Mary Grace Duffy; Bill Lavigne; Joseph Tooher; Ben, Sarah and Thomas; Dax; Scott; Joseph Kittel and the Kittel family; Todor Stefanov; Tasha Santoro; Debbie & Greg; Joy, Marilyn, Geri Pellegrino, Trevor Amergian, Teri Burch, Brian Kautz, Beverly Hart, Nancy Tabor, the family of Michael Major

In the Armed Forces: Jakob Folley, Jacob Brouker, Colby Gregory, Sarah Eck Gregory, Andrew Macomber, Shawn McCann, Michael McPhail, Todd MacCallum, Matt Poling, Michael Reagan, Andrew Smith, Ben Smith, Patrick Taylor

Rest in Peace: Charles Knowlton, Rick Ryther, Julie Steedman, Mike Cocco, Cathy Little, Joe Veno, Michael Major, Allison Marie Soule, Erica Taranto

If you would like to add someone to the Parish prayer list, or offer updates, contact Fr. Ryan or the Parish office

Announcements

Reflections Blog

You can spend prayerful time this week with new writing and photography by our Parish *Reflections* group, and find past offerings by following this link:
stgeorges-york-harbor.org/reflections/

Knitting Circle

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm

Bring your knitting, crocheting and needlework for some time spent together. If you have unfinished projects, have always wanted to start knitting or would enjoy some conversation this is a place for you!

Community Yard Sale, June 29

Contemplate the things in the attic and get ready to spread the word about the Community Yard Sale coming up at St. George's this summer! Please sign up before June 17, so that we can reserve the tables.

Night Prayers

It's a spiritual practice to set down our work and our worry, and entrust to God what we cannot hold onto. A community gathers online Monday through Friday to pray in that way, and to lift up one another and the needs around us to God.

Join these prayers online at 8:30 via the link on our parish website: stgeorges-york-harbor.org.

Inquirers Group

Inquirers' Group conversations are a chance to explore the foundations of Christian spirituality and our particular tradition as Episcopalians. We'll talk about the cycle of the Church Year, Scripture, Baptism, Eucharist, and Prayer, with history woven throughout. We'll continue on Wednesday 5/22 @ 7:00pm.

Simple Eucharist & Healing Prayer Thursdays at 10:00am

A simple service with a conversational reflection on the Scripture of the day and prayers for healing. You can also join and participate in the service via Zoom. *Join via the link on our website homepage.*

This Week

Monday Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Tuesday Rug Hookers / 10:00am
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Wednesday Book Group / 9:00am *online*
Knitting Circle / 5:30 - 7:00pm
Inquirers Group / 7:00pm
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Thursday Rug Hookers / 10:00am
Healing Service / 10:00am
Compline / 8:30pm, *online*

Friday Fr. Ryan's drop-in hours / 8-11:00am
Compline / 8:30pm *online*

Saturday AA / 12:00pm

Serving in Worship Today

Ushers: Lucy Kilgore
Davis Roberts

Readers: Bridgit Hozer
Julie Littlefield

Intercessor: Barbara Ryther

Chalice Bearers: Julie Littlefield
Linda Hus

Altar Guild: Carla Reveliotty
Nina Bisognani
Jane Goldstein



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