

# Day of Pentecost

23 May 2020

9:30am



**Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

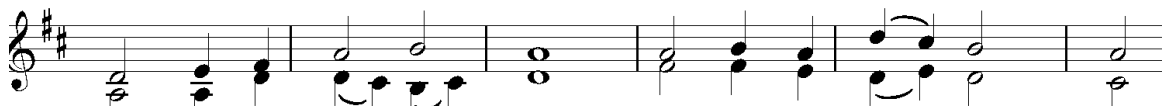
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

### OPENING HYMN #516

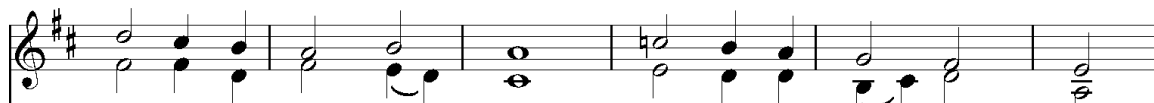
*Come down, O love divine*



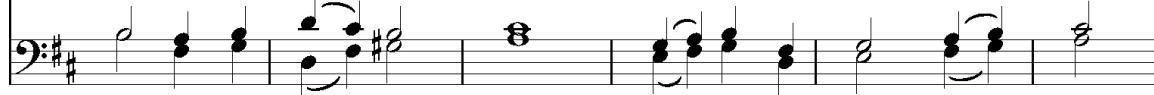
1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.



## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*  
Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People There is one hope in God's call to us;*  
Officiant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People One God and Father of all.*

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

## COLLECT FOR PENTECOST

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.**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL 37:1-14

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, "Prophesy 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, "Prophesy 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.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 104: 25-35, 37**

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 your glory, O Lord, endure for ever; \*  
may you rejoice in all your works;  
33 you look at the earth and it trembles; \*  
you touch 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 you; \*

I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

## **A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-21**

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.' "

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*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4B-15

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."

*Deacon:*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People:*           **Thanks be to God.**

### HOMILY

**The Rev Mary B. Gregorius**

### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Officiant*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

***People***       ***I do.***

Officiant       Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Officiant 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 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.***

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.***

Officiant 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.***

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as yourself?  
**People** ***I will, with God's help.***

Officiant 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.***

Officiant 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.***

## TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father;  
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all powers of heaven  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
Your true and only Son, worthy of worship,  
And the Holy Spirit, Advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
The eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
You did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers  
You are seated at the right hand in glory  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
Bought with the price of your own blood,  
And bring us with your saints  
To glory everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

Officiant

*People*

Officiant

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.



*Officiant & People*

O God, who made this most holy day to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III**

- Officiant                      Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People*                         *That we all may be one.*
- Officiant                      Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve  
you;  
*People*                         *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*
- Officiant                      We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People*                         *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.*
- Officiant                      We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;  
*People*                         *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*
- Officiant                      Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People*                         *That our works may find favor in your sight.*
- Officiant                      Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People*                         *That they may be delivered from their distress.*
- Officiant                      Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People*                         *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*
- Officiant                      We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People*                         *That we all may be one.*
- Officiant                      Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

**PRAYER LIST**

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19.  
We pray for all those struggling to find the light of Christ in this skeptical world  
We pray for peace and unity in our Nation, may we seek justice and work to build  
harmony.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Bob** Gowen, **Yumi, Linda** Hill, **Ronald** Garvey, **Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Hudson** Beauregard; **Ellie** Ruvo, **Steven** Schubert, **Martha** Thornley, and **Warren** Blyden.

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda** Hastings, **Margaret** Vaccaro, **John & Lee** Williams, **Dorothy** Dushin, **Jim, Marge, Joe** Smith, **Carolyn** Damiano, **Deanna** Ammirato, **Roberta** Darrigrand and **Bill & Dorothy** D'Amato.

We pray for those struggling with chronic illness, especially: **Liz & Jeff** Daniele, **Andrew** Tom, **Rebecca, Vince** Servio, **Sarah** Paruolo, **Annaliese** Haag, **Gerald, Marilyn** Griffin, **Joyce, Paul** Ruvo, **Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore,** and **Jeff**.

We pray for **Edwin Sanchez** and the students at **El Hogar School**, and the **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**, may peace prevail in Israel.

We pray for those who have died, in the violence enslaving the world and the over 580,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19

## **CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*All:* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

May the peace of the Lord be always with you  
And also with you

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN #513

### *Like the murmur of the doves song*



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
sign: come, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
pare: come, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

*Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.*

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### *The Officiant*

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose mighty hand and holy arm have won victory (*PS 98:1*) In the Name of the One true & Living God; Creator, Redeemer, & Sustainer. Amen.

*Live stream ends. In person Service continues with Holy Eucharist*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**—The Thrift Store is asking those previous and interested volunteers to contact Linda or Joan with their availability. We are currently open on Saturdays from 10am-2pm. We need help as follows: 1) Outside of the store to assist with the inflow of customers 2) Inside the stores to assist with customers. The Thrift Store operates within NYS guidelines for PPE precautions. Please email Linda Spione at [spionelinda@gmail.com](mailto:spionelinda@gmail.com) or Joan Scire at [joanscire@aol.com](mailto:joanscire@aol.com) with your availability.

**TUESDAY NOON ZOOM PRAYERS:** Join us via ZOOM for a brief moment of calm in your all to hectic day.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY:** at 11am; ZOOM link sent out in This Week @ St. John's. We are working our way through Paul's Letter to the Romans. You are welcome to join us.

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