

A SERVICE OF MORNING DEVOTION
ON
PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY



31 May 2020

10:30am

*Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
Dalton, Georgia
in
The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta*

Opening Hymn 506 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6) Praise the Spirit in creation

Finnian



1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's
 2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most
 3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets
 4 Tell of how the a - scend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple
 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives de -
 6 Praise, O praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit, praise the Fa - ther,



1 or - i - gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters,
 2 thoughts and ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders,
 3 with the word; his the truth be - hind the wis - doms
 4 for his own; how a hun - dred men and wo - men
 5 scend in might; let your flame break out with - in us,
 6 praise the Word, Source, and Truth, and In - spi - ra - tion,



1 quick - ening worlds to life with - in, source of breath to
 2 is him - self the power to gaze; and God's will, to
 3 which as yet know not our Lord; by whose love and
 4 turned the known world up - side down, to its dark and
 5 fire our hearts and clear our sight, till, white - hot in
 6 Trin - i - ty in deep ac - cord: through your voice which



1 all things breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.
 2 those who lis - ten by a still small voice con - veys.
 3 power, in Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.
 4 fur - thest cor - ners by the wind of hea - ven blown.
 5 your pos - ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.
 6 speaks with - in us we, your crea - tures, call you Lord.

Easter Greeting

The Officiant proclaims

†Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant

This is the day that the Lord has made;

People

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Welcome and Collect for the Feast of Pentecost

The Officiant welcomes the community and introduces the service.

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you,
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us Pray

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.**

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea*

- 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!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

The Lector first says

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

After the Lesson, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept.

Hymn 229 Spirit of mercy, truth, and love

Cornish

1 Spi - rit of mer - cy, truth, and love, O shed thine
2 In ev - ery clime, by ev - ery tongue, be God's a -
3 Un - fail - ing Com - fort, heaven - ly Guide, still o'er thy
in - fluence from a - bove; and still from age to
maz - ing glo - ry sung: let all the lis - tening
ho - ly Church pre - side; O shed thine in - fluence
age con - vey the won - ders of this sa - cred day.
earth be taught the deeds our great Re - deem - er wrought.
from a - bove, Spi - rit of mer - cy, truth, and love.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The Lector first says

A Reading from the First Corinthians

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.

After the Lesson, the Lector says
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept.

Hymn WLP 752 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit

Doris Aker

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.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
A Reading from the Gospel of John.

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."

After the Gospel, the Priest says
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing,

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

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.

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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

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.

Prayers of the People

Through the waters of baptism we have been joined together in the fellowship of Christ, and in the power of the Spirit we are sent forth to proclaim words and deeds of love, beginning with the offering of our prayers; responding, "Come, Holy Spirit."

Wisdom from on high, be with the leaders of the nations, giving them discernment and patience as they guide the people they serve; for this we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Mighty Wind and Holy Fire, unsettle the hearts and minds of this church and diocesan community, that we may be challenged anew to hear your word and boldly live its message; for this we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Blessed Advocate, may our ministries reflect your love for the poor in spirit, the needy, the sinner, those who are victims of injustice, oppression, violence and abuse, and for all whom the Son of God gave his life; for this we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Spirit of many tongues, may the peoples of the world find a common language of the heart where cultural and racial diversity find holy ground, and nations suffering under bonds of oppression discover the way to peace; for this we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Breath of Life, open our eyes to the crying needs of our environment, that we, and all the nations of the world, may prudently and tenderly nurture our fragile home; for this we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy Comforter, pour your grace into the souls of all who have died, that they may know your abiding presence; for this we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Spirit of thankfulness, we offer our gratitude to church school teachers and members of the choir whose devotion and creativity enrich the life of our community; for this we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit urging us to be people of passionate witness, let us continue our prayers.

We pray for health and healing for those known to our community who suffer:

Geneva, Joan, Walter, Max, Cathie, Jeri, Jane, Amanda, Carolyn, Brenda,
Brooks Jr. & Sr., Sandy, Tommy, Ethel, Doris, Carol, Celia, Walt,
Marcus & Rebecca, Linda, Janelle, Beverly, Colleen, Beverly, and Nikki.

We stand alongside them in their suffering,
and offer it to your transforming, healing love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

We pray for all those who find themselves on the frontlines of this coronavirus pandemic:

research scientists, physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, paramedics, firefighters,
police officers, chaplains, the cleaning staff;

we offer thanks for those essential workers who continue to provide for our essential needs:

agricultural and other food workers, retail workers, transportation workers,
and those who off load supplies and stock the shelves.

Come, Holy Spirit.

We pray for those who are supporting our country through military service:

Blane, Aaron, Ashlyn, Allison, Kevin, Ben, Mark D., Jordan, Jonathan, Matthew H.,
Matthew K., Michael, Rebekah, Todd, Chris, Lindsay, and Mark W.

defend them day by day with your heavenly grace,
strengthen them in their trials and temptations,
give them courage to face the perils which beset them,
grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Come, Holy Spirit.

We pray for those who have died remembering especially, George Floyd. May he and the all the departed rest in peace and rise in the glory of Christ and may his loved ones find comfort, peace, and strength.

Come, Holy Spirit.

The Officiant bids the Prayer for the Search for a Rector

We pray for the Nominating Committee in their faithful work:

GOD OF ALL OUR DAYS AND WAYS, grant us wisdom as we work to discern and seek a good shepherd for your people of St. Mark's. May we humbly and diligently complete each task set before us, turning to you in prayer and accepting guidance from the spirit, when the way forward is unclear. Trusting always in your grace and love, lead us on this journey. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit.

At the end of the Intercessions, the Officiant adds the following concluding Collect.

ALmighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies,
We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant says the following prayer:

ALmighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Benediction

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Grace

The Officiant concludes with the following

THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 511 Holy Spirit, ever living

(Hymnal 1982) *Abbot's Leigh*

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Assisting in Service Today

Rev. Susan J. Butler, Guest Clergy
Beth Nichols, Music Director
Debora Buckner, Lector
Jennifer Phinney, Choir Member
Alex Brown, Blake Bennett & Kate Phinney, Videographers



Thank you for worshipping with us today.

