

The Day of Pentecost

Whitsunday



Holy Eucharist
Sunday, May 24, 2026
8:30 a.m.
At Christ UCC

TRINITY
Episcopal Church



Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for

ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the

world with God's grace. grace.

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his—

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold—
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en—

souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

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The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 667

J.S. Bach

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hail thee, festival day!

SALVE FESTA DIES

(see hymn on opposite page)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.***

EASTER CANTICLE

Christ Our Passover

WLP 880

Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant 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, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

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.”

THE PSALM

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.

ANTIPHON

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.

ANTIPHON

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.

ANTIPHON

You send forth your 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.

ANTIPHON

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!

ANTIPHON

THE EPISTLE

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 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.

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.

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 SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Dear People of God: on this Day of Pentecost, the Church calls us to celebrate the gifts of the Spirit, and as a sign of our baptism in the Spirit calls on us to renew our Baptismal Vows and reaffirm once again the promises which bind us to Christ and to each other.

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

People *I do.*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant 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.***

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

People ***I will, with God's help.***

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

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant 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. ***Amen.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns and hopes of the whole human family saying, ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For the Church: especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop and Audrey and Kevin our bishops, that God will pour out the Spirit in a new and abundant way to renew creation and strengthen us in the Way of Love. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For a flourishing of the gifts of the Spirit, that we may be signs of love, joy, peace, patience and all the fruits of the Spirit in our daily lives. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For the human family, that God will help us bridge the gulf that divides nations, races, genders and economic groups and restore our ability to work together against poverty, disease, famine, war and injustice. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For a Spirit of forgiveness, that God will break the bonds of anger, fear and revenge that freeze our hearts and free us to forgive as we have been forgiven by God. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For those for whom we ought to pray, remembering especially Joe, Lynn, and those we now name (*pause*), that they may be empowered and strengthened by God's life-giving Spirit. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially those we now name (*pause*), that they obtain the promises of God and rejoice forever with the angels and saints. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.***

Celebrant Blessed are you, O God, who sends us the Spirit of truth. Hear the prayers we offer this day and let your Holy Spirit kindle in us the welcome fire of your love, that we who are many may be one body, serving the world in your name, through Jesus Christ the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. ***AMEN.***

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Liturgy of the Table

OFFERTORY

Come down, O Love divine

William H. Harris

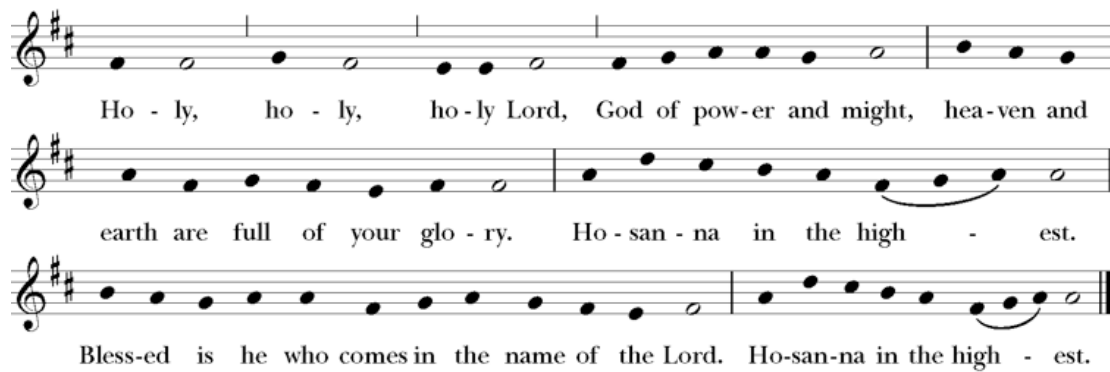
Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing: True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music is written on a single-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, 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.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with Mary the God-bearer and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
forever and ever. AMEN.

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

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 from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION SOLO

Veni Creator

Orlando Gibbons

Come, Holy Ghost, the Maker come; take in the souls of Thine Thy place; Thou whom our hearts had being from, O, fill them with Thy heavenly grace. Thou art that comfort from above, the Highest doth by gift impart; Thou spring of life, a fire of love, and the anointing Spirit art.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing. The common cup is received only by sipping. Gluten-free wafers are available.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
may we who have been fed at this table
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
that we may show forth his gifts to all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POSTLUDE

Toccata, from Suite Gothique

Leon Boëllmann



Service Participants

May 24, 2026

The Day of Pentecost

8:30 a.m.

Ann Szmania

Rick Weaver

Marcie Lightwood

Steve Filko

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Wayne Parr

Altar Guild

Eucharistic Minister

Reader

Intercessor

Usher

Usher

Acolyte

Choir

Garry Applegate

Jonathan Boksan

Bailey Fulginiti

Stacy Gabel

Hattye Magee

Joyce Meinke

Jody Miller

Christina Shoemaker

Mark Shoemaker

Stephan Taylor

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK
May 24, 2026

Our Partner-Parish:

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

In the Diocese of The Susquehanna:

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan, Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Kevin, Nichols, Assisting Bishop

St. Peter's Hazelton; Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Hawk Run;
and New Bethany Ministries, Bethlehem



In the Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Please pray for these friends in need:

Randy Alderman, Gary and Chris Battersby, Dorothy Brittain, Loretta Brobst, Joan Dawson, Jen Delp, Connie Evans, Ward Fanning, Linda Frey, Clare Filko, Jerry and Rosanne Foreman, Cole Hamel, Flex Illick, Sally MacIntosh, John Majczan, Rheta Matthews, Jody Miller, Andrew O'Connor, Bob Opdyke, Patti Pasda, Terri Sheldon, Bonnie Shuman, Judy and Barry Smith, Stefan Stanescu, Donna and Gary Thorne, Carol Vickrey, Mike Weaver

For the Search Committee: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Be with those called to seek a new Rector for our Parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor and priest who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Parish: Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:

prayerlist@trinitybeth.org - by noon on Wednesday.

Names will remain on the list for a month.

Announcements

May's SECOND SUNDAY Collection: Second Harvest Food Bank!

The following are the most needed items for donation. Second Harvest **accepts all nonperishable items** (*foods that do not need to be frozen or refrigerated*). We *prefer non-glass containers*. Please keep in mind that we need *nutritional food items that are low in sodium/salt and sugar*. It's important that those individuals with limited financial (and other) resources receive the most nutritious foods available.



FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: canned vegetables and fruits (dried fruits, fruit cups), vegetable or fruit juice (100%), Tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce without meat; **PROTEINS:** canned meat (tuna and chicken) Dried beans, lentils or peas, canned beans canned chili, peanut butter, nuts, trail mix, soups/stews (canned or dried); **GRAINS:** low-sugar/high-fiber cereal, oatmeal, whole-grain pasta, rice and crackers, whole-wheat flour; **MILK:** evaporated milk, dry milk; **COOKING OIL:** olive oil, canola oil, coconut oil; **NON-FOOD:** paper products, diapers, toiletries



Trinity's COFFEE HOUR is NEXT Sunday!

Please plan to join us next Sunday, May 31. We will meet after the service in the UCC's ALL PURPOSE room. There will be light refreshments (pastries, fruit, etc.) and of course coffee and tea will be available.

About Trinity Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B., Priest Associate

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Linda Cortis

Ken Grieshaber (Senior Warden)

Joanne Gulya (Junior Warden)

Ross Mangina

Ivan Martin

Sandy Mesics

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