



# Divine Worship

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018 • 10:45 am

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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*The people's spoken responses are in **bold**; sung responses are in **bold**. For those worshipers who desire it, concurrent nursery care for children through 4 years of age is available at all of our regularly scheduled services. Should you be led to worship through giving, brass offering boxes are located in the wall on the narthex side of the center aisle doors.*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*The entrance tower bell and carillon bells are rung.*

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*"Holy Ghost, with Light Divine"*

arr. Robert Noehren (1910-2002)

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people stand.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 337

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*Cwm Rhondda*

*The people are seated.*

### THE PRAYER OF APPROACH FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid, in Thy mercy, hear this, our prayer:

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; O Lord, our heavenly Father, we, Thy humble servants, desire Thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses.**

We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord, by Whom, and with Whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, [the disciples of Jesus] were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GLORIA PATRI • 615

*Meineke*

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.***

## HYMN • 231

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

*Bread of Life*

*The people are seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Randall K. Green

*“The Significance of Pentecost” (part 1)*

*The people stand.*

## THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell. The third day He rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 DOXOLOGY • 621

*Old 100th*

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*The people are seated.*

## THE COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

*"Send Forth a Dove"*

arr. Joseph M. Martin (2017)

Send forth a dove from the ark of God's loving arms reaching out to a dying world with the Spirit of love. Over the tempest, to all who are seeking, send the peace of the Father's heart. Send forth a dove. Spirit of God, come and fill us with Thy presence. Be Thou our vision. Help us be like Thee. Give us wings to rise above. Help us ride the storm. Let our voice carry words of hope. Let our strength be reborn. Send forth a dove from the ark of God's loving arms, reaching out to a dying world with the Spirit of love. . . . (*Joseph M. Martin, 1992*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*The minister offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people say:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The minister offers thanks to God for Christ's passion and resurrection and for the sacramental gifts of bread and wine.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*After a time of silence for personal reflection, the minister invites the people to pray:*

**We do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of Thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into His likeness, and may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.**

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Beginning with the choir, the minister invites to the Table all those who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Please come forward as directed by the ushers and receive the elements. The outer rings of the communion trays contain fermented wine, while the center ring alone contains unfermented juice. Please choose according to your preference and remain standing/kneeling before the communion rail until all in your group have communed, at which time the minister will pronounce the dismissal:*

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

*The minister offers the concluding prayer, and the people respond,*

**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, forever. Amen.**

## THE CLOSING RITE

### A BLESSING FOR GRADUATES

*At this time, we wish to recognize the impending graduation of Christ Church member and acolyte, Lauren Summers, as the minister prays that the Lord might bless her and all graduates.*

*The people stand.*

### RECESSIONAL HYMN • 338

*Revive Us Again*

*Revive Us Again*

### BENEDICTION

*The minister pronounces the benediction, and the people respond, **Amen.***

### POSTLUDE

*“Come, Holy Ghost, in Love”*

arr. Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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**WORSHIP LEADERS** The Reverend Randall K. Green, *minister*; Mr. M. Todd Stracener, *lector*; Mr. David Lawson, *organist*; *The Christ Church Chorale*; Lauren Summers, Parker Winthrop and Emma Gallagher, *acolytes*.

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