

Sunday, May 31, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral  
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR  
THE FEAST OF PENTECOST



*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing, and with the cathedral closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.*

**Officiant:** Dan Tatarnic; **Homilist:** Terry Deforest;  
**Cantor:** Sarah McPherson; **Keyboard:** Michael Bloss

**Virtual Choir:** Soprano I and II: Sarah McPherson; Alto I and II: Richard Cunningham;  
Tenor: Mark Russom; Bass I and II: Jeremy Ludwig

## Words of Welcome

**Sentence** – Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

**Music** – If Ye Love Me (Thomas Tallis)

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever;  
Even the spirit of truth;*

## Introductory responses

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

All

A - - - - - men.

Holy God, pour out your Spirit to the ends of the earth,  
 so that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth  
 and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness;  
 for with the same Spirit and the Word incarnate you are one God,  
 now and for ever. **Amen**

## Hymn – Come Holy Ghost, our Souls inspire

*Sung by the assembly*

O Ho - ly Spi - rit, by whose breath  
 You are the seek - er's sure re - source,  
 Flood our dull sen - ses with your light;  
 In you God's en - er - gy is shown,  
 Praise to the Fa - ther, Christ, his Word,

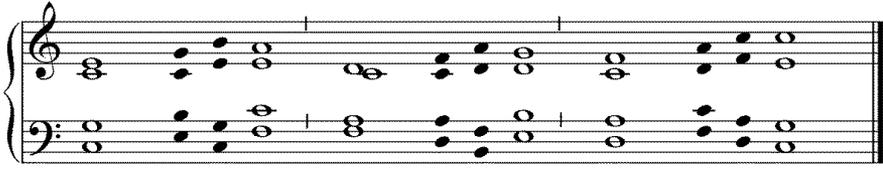
life ri - ses vi - brant out of death;  
 of burn - ing love the liv - ing source,  
 in mu - tual love our hearts u - nite.  
 and to us your var - ied gifts make known.  
 the Spi - rit: God the Lord,

come to cre - ate, re - new, in - spire;  
 pro - tec - tor in the midst of strife,  
 Your pow'r the whole cre - a - tion fills;  
 Teach us to speak, teach us to hear;  
 to whom all ho - nour, glo - ry be

come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire.  
 the giv - er and the Lord of life.  
 con - firm our weak, un - cer - tain wills.  
 yours is the tongue and yours the ear.  
 both now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

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

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all.*



O God, 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** the dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created:

and so you renew the **face of** the earth.

May your glory endure forever, may you rejoice in **all** your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles:

you touch the mountains **and** they smoke.

I will sing to you as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I **have** my being.

May these words of mine please you;

I will rejoice in **you**, O God.

Ha-le-lu-jah!

## Gradual Alleluia

*(assembly joins in the **Refrain**, cantor sings the verse.)*



*Send forth your Spirit,  
O Lord,  
and renew the face  
of the earth.*

## Word (Acts 2: 1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.'

## **Words of Reflection: Rev. Canon Terry DeForest**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Hear, O Israel,  
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart,  
With all your soul,  
With all your mind,  
And with all your strength  
This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it: love your neighbour as yourself  
There is no commandment greater than these.

# The Song of Mary

*(sung by all)*



My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;  
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour  
For you Lord have looked with **favour**  
on your **lowly** servant.

From this day all generations will call me **blest**  
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy **is** your name  
You have mercy on those who **fear** you:  
From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**  
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.

Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**  
And lifting **up** the lowly.  
You have filled the hungry with good **things**  
And sent the rich **away** empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**  
To remember the **promise** of mercy  
The promise you made to our **forebears**  
To Abraham, Sarah and their **children** for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the **Son**; and to the **Holy** Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is **now**, and will be for ever. Amen.

## Collect

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

God of wind and flame, send your life-giving Spirit upon your people: give fire to our words, strength to our witness and boldness to our proclamation of your wondrous work in Christ; who, with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

## The Litany

**Refrain** *(All sing the **Refrain** after the introduction and between each intercession).*



Keep us, O Lord, as the ap - ple of your  
eye. Hide us un - der the sha-dow of your wings.

God, by your Holy Spirit you equip us to make known your grace and goodness.  
Freed from haste which compromises safety and quality,  
Freed from needless hesitance which delays desired progress,

### Refrain

Freed for exercising self-discipline toward the best we can be and do,  
Freed for rejoicing in the accomplishments of others,

### Refrain

Freed for honoring faithful standards of ethics and excellence,  
Freed for creative pursuits which minister to ever present needs,

### Refrain

Freed for careful research which grounds medical advances,  
Freed for measured diplomacy which seeks enduring commitments  
to peaceful resolution of conflict,

### Refrain

Freed for sharing our faith with friend, foe, and stranger,  
Freed for bridging generations and centuries with our enduring love,

### Refrain

Freed for recognizing and valuing people as your children,  
not merely for what they produce and the services they provide;  
Freed for contributing ourselves and our resources,

### Refrain

Freed for exemplifying the enduring worth of faithful convictions without apology,  
Freed for celebrating the resurrection and reign of Jesus Christ,

### **Refrain**

**Holy Spirit, instill in us  
Christ's peace which passes all understanding,  
God's love which encourages and equips  
and joy in the Lord which knows no end.  
Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,  
and pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

## Hymn – Come Down O Love Divine



Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul\_ of  
O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions  
Let ho - ly cha - ri - ty mine out - ward vest - ure  
And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul\_ will  
mine, and vis - it it with thine own ar - dour glow - ing;  
turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
be and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner\_ cloth - ing;  
long, shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;  
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap -  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my  
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler  
for none can guess its grace, till they be - come the  
pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
sight, and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
part, and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
place where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit finds a\_ dwell - ing.

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

## Music – Loquebantur variis linguis (Thomas Tallis)

*Loquebantur variis linguis apostoli, alleluia, magnolia Dei. Alleluia. Repleti sunt omnes Spiritu Sancto, et ceperunt loqui. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.*

*The apostles spoke in many languages, alleluia, of the great works of God. Alleluia. All were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

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NEXT SUNDAY: EVENING PRAYER FOR  
TRINITY SUNDAY

Rt. Rev. Ralph Spence, homilist

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