



Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Day of Pentecost

May 28th 2023

The Gathering of God's People

Introduction

Pentecost (from the Greek pentekoste, 'fiftieth' of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it; and he inaugurates the messianic community of perfect communication. Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church. It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the medieval West, did it become a new festival season of its own.

After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ's disciples are born again of water and the spirit. There is some evidence that the ascension was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it was soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke's chronology. Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

Prelude.....Richard Joseph, Organist
"Veni Creator Spiritus" Richard M. Joseph

Processional.....#506 Praise the Spirit in creation

Greetings

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: 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.**

First Reading: An Interactive Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is an interactive reading. Please join in with any language you may choose.

Reader: When the day of Pentecost came the disciples were met in one room. Suddenly they heard a sound like a

Choose a language and
speak **loudly** together.

Repeat three times.

powerful wind filling the house in which they sat. And there appeared above them what seemed like tongues of fire. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. And by some miraculous act they began to speak to each other in foreign tongues, proclaiming the wonders of God in every language.

(English) The spirit is here! As Jesus promised!
Alleluia!

(Spanish) ¡El espíritu está aquí! ¡Como prometió
Jesús! ¡Aleluya!

(French) L'esprit est là, comme Jésus l'avait promis!
Alléluia!

(German) Der Heilige Geist ist da! Als Jesus
versprochen hat! Halleluja!

(Zulu) Umoya ongcwele ufikile! njengoba sithenjiswa
nguYesu! Alleluya!

(Dutch) De geest is hier! Zoals Jezus
beloofde! Halleluja!

(Welsh) Mae ysbryd yma! Fel yr addawyd
lesu! Haleliwia!

(Hindi) Aatma yahaan hai! Jaisa ki yeeshu ne vaada
kiya tha! Alleluiya!

(Swahili) Roho iko hapa! Kama Yesu alivyoahidi!
Aleluya!

(Tamil) Āvi iṅkē irukkiṇṇatu! Iyēcu vāṅkuṇṇuti aṇittapaṇi!
Allēlūyā!

Reader: Now in Jerusalem at that time were gathered people of devout faith from many corners of the earth. Witnessing the disciples, they were astonished saying,

Skeptic: Aren't these people simple folk from Galilee? How is it possible for them to be speaking to us all in our own language?

Reader: Some were dismissive,

Skeptic: These people are drunk, they are not full of new words, but new wine.

Reader: Hearing this, Peter came forward with the disciples,

Peter: People of Judea, listen to me. We are not drunk but filled with the Holy Spirit. Remember the words of the prophet Joel as he spoke the word of God.

Joel: "In the days to come I will pour out my spirit upon humankind. Your sons and your daughters shall

prophecy, your young shall see visions, your elders dream dreams and even the lowly will be filled with the spirit. Before the great day of the Lord's coming, the sun will be turned into darkness and the moon blood red. All who call on the Lord's name will be saved."

Peter: Alleluia! Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon us.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

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!

Second Reading

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The People stand for the hymn.

The Sequence Hymn.....#513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

The Gospel

John 20:19-23



Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Annette Joseph

Presider Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Water is poured into the font and the Presider leads the renewal of baptismal vows.

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

People I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

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

Presider 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.**

Presider May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Reader: We thank you for the beauty of the Earth and Heavens, for the generous warmth of the Sun, the purity of the waters, without which we could not live. We also thank you for (*allow silence for people to add their own petitions*) . . .

Creator of all, remind us of the miracle of life, that we may become reverent caretakers of Creation's gifts to us.

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for the Church throughout the world. Make of us One Body in Christ, that we may walk in love as Christ loved us, and serve the world in his Presence.

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for the sick, especially those known to us (*prayer list*) and others you would name. . . . May they be surrounded by the healing presence of Christ.

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for all who need guidance and strength, especially (*allow silence for people to add their own petitions*). Gracious God, shed light upon their path and show them the next step on the journey.

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for people in situations of suffering around the world, especially (*prayer list*). Be very near to all who suffer, Lord Jesus.

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: And we remember those who have died, especially

those known to us (*prayer list*) and others you would name . . . Lord Jesus Christ, may the saints and angels welcome them into Eternal Life.

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of the risen Christ. Stay standing for hymn.

Offertory Hymn.....#516 Come down, O Love Divine

The Great Thanksgiving

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People remain standing

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

Presider: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Presider: Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say):

Sanctus.....Land of Rest

The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You

formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have

given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Presider then continues:

And now, as our Savior-Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**A//: 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn.....LEVAS #118 Spirit Song

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

Stand for the hymn and dismissal.

Recessional Hymn.....LEVAS #114 Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit

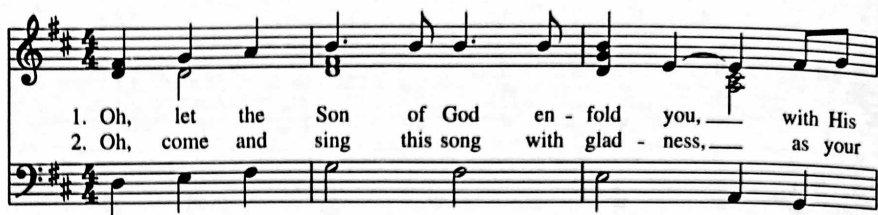
Dismissal

Postlude.....Richard Joseph, Organist
Westminster Abbey

This Service's Servers

<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Annette Joseph
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Bob Lowe
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev. Annette Joseph
<i>Verger</i>	Chris Masters
<i>Reader</i>	Sue Balsamo
<i>Greeter</i>	Donna Richardet
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Alice Regenhardt
<i>St. Isidore's Guild</i>	TBD
<i>Vestry Counter</i>	Julie Wittenborn-Sikorski
<i>Organist</i>	Richard Joseph

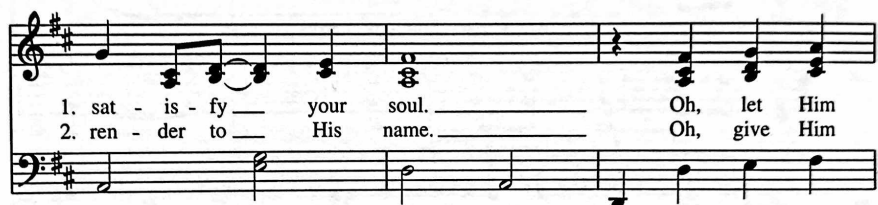
LEVAS #118 Spirit Song



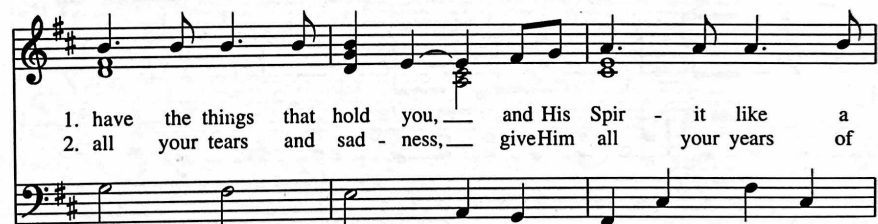
1. Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you, — with His
2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness, — as your



1. Spir - it and His love, Let Him fill your heart and
2. hearts are filled with joy, Lift your hands in sweet sur -



1. sat - is - fy — your soul. — Oh, let Him
2. ren - der to — His name. — Oh, give Him



1. have the things that hold you, — and His Spir - it like a
2. all your tears and sad - ness, — give Him all your years of




1. dove, Will de - scend up - on your life, and make you
2. pain, And you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus'

Words: John Wimber

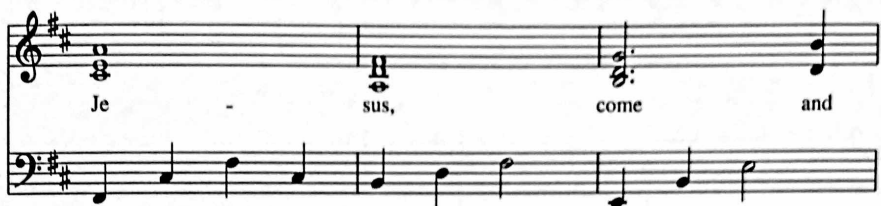
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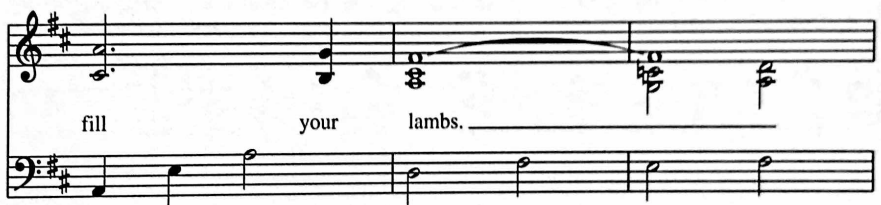


1. whole. _____
2. name. _____

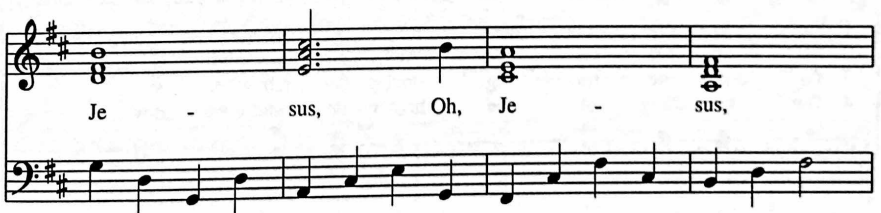
Je - sus. Oh,



Je - sus, come and



fill your lambs. _____



Je - sus, Oh, Je - sus,



come and fill _____ your lambs. _____

LEVAS #114 Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit

Notes on the Service

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 • Ps 104:25-35, 37b • I Cor 12:4-13 • Jn 20:19-23

The Jewish Feast of Weeks is also known as Pentecost because it falls fifty (Greek, pentekonta: fifty) days after Passover, a week of weeks. In earliest times, Weeks must have marked the winter wheat harvest. Later it commemorated the giving of the Torah. For the church, Weeks is important because on it, the Spirit came to the disciples. That descent occurred on a Feast of Weeks which fell on a Sunday in the early A.D. 30's. It was because on Sundays that God began creation, Christ rose, and the Spirit descended that Christians now honor Sunday more than we do the Sabbath, Saturday.

Church lore has seen Pentecost as the church's birth date. The nickname Whitsunday comes from the practice of baptizing at Pentecost whatever converts had not been baptized at Easter. Those newly-baptized wore white; hence, "Whit[e] Sunday." The Feast closes the Eastertide season, so after today the paschal candle will be put away, and special Easter features of the liturgy will be dropped. Red in vestments and hangings signifies the flames of the Spirit over disciples' heads.

Of the two collects provided for today, a "mission" one alludes to the Acts 2 account of the Spirit's coming to speak to all nations; the other, a "pas-toral" collect, refers to the Spirit's prompting right decisions.

Acts pictures the Spirit with Old Testament images of wind and fire. A crowd of Judeans and diaspora Jews and Gentile proselytes who speak different languages hears the in-spired followers of Jesus "each in his own tongue." This is not speaking in tongues, glossalalia; rather, it is more like instantaneous translation, reversing the confusion of the tower of Babel. Christ is "baptizing" his followers "with the Holy Spirit and with fire," as in Matthew 3, John the Baptist had said that the Messiah would.

Psalm 104 praises the Creator who by the Spirit or the breath (spirit and breath are the same word in Hebrew) makes all things. This creation psalm is similar to the first chapter of Genesis, to be read next Sunday.

Combating rivalries among church factions, Paul contends that the various gifts of the Spirit all come from one single Source, unifying many believers in one body.

For the Gospel, a church may read today either a reprise of John's account of Christ's giving the Spirit to his disciples, read on April 16 with the episode of doubting Thomas; or else may read a section of Jesus' speech at a previous Jewish feast, Tabernacles, in the autumn. Then he compared the Spirit which he will send with water for the soul.

Rev. Stephen Weissman
Asheville, North Carolina

Thank you for visiting Christ Episcopal Church!

Who are We?

We are a community, forgiven and loved by God, joyfully called to the work of reconciliation.

Known throughout Cape Girardeau as "the Red Door Church" by those we serve, our mission is to share God's love and grace.

When are our Services?

On Sundays, there are Morning Prayer services every Sunday at 8:00 AM.

Services are held 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. on Sundays and Evening Prayer is from 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays.

We are hosting a Bible study group before service at 9:00 A.M. on Sundays as well.

