



the  
**Church of  
Our Redeemer**

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The Second – Seventh Sundays in Easter**  
**Sunday, May 23, 2021 | 9:30<sub>AM</sub>**

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Thank you for participating in our virtual worship. Tune in from either our

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*You may wish to have candles ready to light, and a cross to place in your home worship area.  
We are glad to be worshipping with you today.*

**Prelude**

*Minuet in C Minor*

J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

**Candle Lighting**

**Liturgy of the Word**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Opening Hymn**

*We are the Church (v. 1-5)*

UMH 558

*Refrain:*

*I am the church!*

*You are the church!*

*We are the church together!*

*All who follow Jesus,*

*all around the world!*

*Yes, we're the church together!*

*The church is not a building,*

*the church is not a steeple,*

*the church is not a resting place,*

*the church is a people.*

*Refrain*

*We're many kinds of people,*

*with many kinds of faces,*

*all colors and all ages, too,*

*from all times and places.*

*Refrain*

*Sometimes the church is marching,*

*sometimes it's bravely burning,*

*sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding,*

*always it's learning.*

*Refrain*

*And when the people gather,*

*there's singing and there's praying,*

*there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,*

*all of it saying:*

*Refrain*

*At Pentecost some people*

*received the Holy Spirit*

*and told the Good News through the world*

*to all who would hear it.*

*Refrain*

## Opening Sentences

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Collect for Purity

**All** 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.

**Hymn of Praise** *Rejoice in the Lord Always*  
Atrium Singers and Congregation

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice! (2X)*  
*Rejoice!, Rejoice! And again I say Rejoice!! (2X)*

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; 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.

***The People respond* Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## 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.' "

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

**Book of Common Prayer, p. 736**

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!

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Gospel Hymn

Holy Spirit Ever Living

Blue Hymnal 511

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.

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of our Savior.  
*People*            **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Kate Ekrem

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Nicene Creed**

from *Enriching Our Worship*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*A Prayer Book for New Zealand*

*Leader* *Leader* Christ has gathered the church in unity through the Spirit. With sure hope,  
let us pray:

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

*Leader* Maker of all things in the beginning, you created heaven and earth. In the fullness of time, you restored all things in Christ. Renew our world, in this day, with your grace and mercy.

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

*Leader* Lover of concord, you desire the unity of all Christians. Set aflame the whole church with the fire of your Spirit. Unite us to stand in the world as a sign of your love.

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

*Leader* God of compassion, through your Spirit you supply every human need. Heal the sick, and comfort the distressed. Befriend the friendless, and help the helpless. We pray for Bonnie, Joel, Charles, Susan, Susie, Charley, Sam, Royce, Patricia, Enid, Bill, Jayne, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Joan, John, Jack, June, Darryll, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, and John. We also pray for those who have died Lucille, Mary Adele, Joan, Fred, Grayson, Mary, Sarah, Darlene, Maureen, Dorothy, Jim, Sven, and John.

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

*Leader* Source of peace, your Spirit restores our anxious spirits. In our labor, give us rest; in our temptation, strength; in our sadness, consolation.

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

*Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:*

**Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.**

*Presider adds a concluding collect*

*Presider* God eternal, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your church and open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of God be always with you.

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

## Holy Eucharist

### Offertory Sentence

With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

*Gifts can be offered online at <https://www.our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2/>*

*How like a gentle spirit deep within  
God reins our fervent passions day by day,  
And gives us strength to challenge and to win  
Despite the perils of our chosen way.*

*Let God be God wherever life may be;  
Let every tongue bear witness to the call;  
All humankind is one by God's decree;  
Let God be God, let God be God for all.*

*God like a mother eagle hovers near  
On mighty wings of power manifest;  
God like a gentle shepherd stills our fear,  
And comforts us against a peaceful breast.*

*When in our vain pretensions we conspire  
To shape God's image as we see our own,  
Hark to the voice above our base desire;  
God is the sculptor, we the fashioned stone.*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Blessing of the Gifts**

*Presider:*        All things come of you, O God

*People:*         **Of your own we have given you.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer 1, *Enriching Our Worship*

*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.**

*Presider*        It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

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in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All**            **Christ has died.**  
                  **Christ has risen.**  
                  **Christ will come again.**

*Presider*        Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (contemporary)

BCP p. 364

*Presider*        As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say:

**All**            **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 for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider*        Allelulia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People**        **Therefore let us keep the feast. Allelulia!**

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

**In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

**Blessing**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

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.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Announcements

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Closing Hymn**      *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

LEVAS 120

*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.*

Refrain:

*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.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know Him in His fullness, and believe.  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
'I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.'*

Refrain

*If you say He saved you from your sin,  
Now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in,  
you can make it right if you will yield;  
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.*

Refrain

## Dismissal

*Presider*      Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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