

# GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

## ORDER OF SERVICE THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

### PRELUDE

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### GREETING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.  
There is one Body and one Spirit.  
There is one hope in God's call to us;  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
One God and Father of all.

Hymn CP #645      *Come Down, O Love Divine*

DOWN AMPNEY

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 heat  
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  
illumining.

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 they  
become the place wherein the Holy Spirit  
finds a dwelling.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Priest: Almighty God,  
People: To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON

### THE CONFESSİON

"As we come before God in worship on this Sunday of the Ascension, let us confess our sins, things done and left undone: (silence) God of grace and mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of all that enslaves us, the wrong we have done, and the wrong done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our risen and ascended Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

### THE ABSOLUTİON

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

CANTICLE

*Gloria*

NATHAN HILTZ

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everliving God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal,  
keep us in the unity of your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

READ BY CATHERINE BARRECA

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.'"

PSALM 104

SARAH HICKS

**EPISTLE**      *1 Corinthians 12:3-13*      **READ BY ELAINE ROWE**

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.

ANTHEM

*Veni Creator*

## SUNG 'ALLELUIA AND VERSE'

GOSPEL      *John 20:19-23*      READ BY MARY MASON

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."

## HOMILY

THE REV'D CANON PETER WALKER

### APOSTLES' CREED

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

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LED BY MARIA LING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen.

### THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn CP #649

*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, breath of God;  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou dost do.

Breath on me, breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until my will is one with thine  
To do and to endure.

Breath on me, breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God:  
So I shall never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.

CLOSING PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

HYMN CP #655

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realm of light.  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:  
You we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry,  
Quickening, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

POSTLUDE

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