



**The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday ☩ May 19, 2024**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ☩ 10 a.m.**

PRELUDE "Rushing Mighty Wind" (based on Acts 2:1-4)

Tammy Waldrop

ENTRANCE HYMN 225 Hail thee, festival day!

*Salva festa dies*

*The people's responses are in bold.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

THE ACCLAMATION

*Please remain standing.*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMNAL S 236 Canticle 13, A Song of Praise *Benedictus et Domine*

John Rutter

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

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. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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.'"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

*Read responsively by whole verse. Please remain seated.*

O Lord, 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 their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!**

**HYMN 531**

O Spirit of the living God (stanza 1)

*Melcombe*

*Please stand and face the reader of the Gospel.*

**THE GOSPEL** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*Please stand.*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord 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."

The Gospel of our Savior.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

*Please be seated at the conclusion of the prayer.*

Mary Margaret Murdock

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

**PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES** *The congregation remains seated.*

*The parents' and godparents' responses are in italics.*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
*I present [Name] to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?  
*I will, with God's help.*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?  
*I will, with God's help.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?  
*I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?  
*I renounce them.*

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?  
*I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?  
*I do.*

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
*I do.*

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
*I do.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
**We will.**

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT** *Please stand.*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**I will, with God's help.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES**      *During the prayers, the baptismal parties proceed to the baptismal font.*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**      *Please remain standing.*  
*Children are invited to gather around the baptismal font.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE BAPTISM**

*[Name]*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[Name], you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant presents a candle and a Bible to the newly baptized and says the following:*

Receive the light of Christ that when the bridegroom comes you may go out with all the saints to meet him; and see that you keep the Grace of your Baptism.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.  
After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RECOGNITION OF ACOLYTES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give toward the continuing work of Ascension as the Body of Christ in the world.*

*In addition to giving in the offering plate, you can make a gift by texting "AscensionDenver" to 73256 or visiting [www.ascensiondenver.org/give](http://www.ascensiondenver.org/give). Thank you for your generosity!*

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Pentecost"

Mark Schweizer

#### PRESENTATION HYMN 380 From all that dwell below the skies (stanza 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**



After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Bells are rung.*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Bells are rung.*

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

#### **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Silence is kept.*

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM S164**

**Lamb of God** *Agnus Dei*

Franz Peter Schubert; arr. Richard Proulx

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

#### **THE INVITATION**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. When you come forward to the altar rail, you may kneel or stand.*

*You will receive the consecrated bread, followed by the consecrated wine if you choose to receive it. **At this time, we offer wine for sipping from the chalice only.** Please remember that you may choose to receive Communion in one kind, which is full communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. **Please indicate if you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer.***



*Please be seated.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Sung by all, seated.*

HYMN 513

Like the murmur of the dove's song

*Bridegroom*

HYMN 516

Come down, O Love divine

*Down Ampney*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel.*

Let us pray.

**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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

PENTECOST BLESSING

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 48

O day of radiant gladness

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein*

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Hail Thee Festival Day"*

Charles Callahan

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*



**Participants in this morning's service**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Canon Lucy S. L. Amerman; **Assisting Priest:** The Rev Amy M. Feins; **Preacher:** Mary Margaret Murdock; **Crucifer:** Knox Dougan; **Torch bearers:** Foster Nichols and Adair Shannon; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Stephanie Johnson and Cora Neslin; **Lector:** Lucy Miller; **Intercessor:** Finely Brown; **Music:** Dr. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, *Organist and Director of Music*; the Parish Choir, and Ascension Singers; **Livestream Assistant:** Seth Wiggins; **Ushers:** Ben Stapleton, Tate Tulp, and Jack Wold  
**Altar Guild:** Stephanie Johnson, Jedeane Macdonald, Sherry McGinnis, and Marilyn Smith

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## THE PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, remembering especially Diane Anderson, Natalie Blumenthal, Reiniertje Boule, Jean Brown, Julia Brown, Agostino Burzio, Lynne Chmelar, Michael Curry, Elinor Davis, Courtney Echerd, RJ Graham, Helen Gsheidle, Barry Hansen, David Johnson, John Klockentager, Nancy Lamont, Gregory Lemos, Celeste Lythgoe, Jim Macdonald, Jim Menne, Lisa Mikolajchak, Don Morrison, Helen Morrison, Mark Nachtigal, Mark Nealon, Foster Nichols, Meg Nichols, Jamie Ross, Buzz Schaumberg, James Sullivan, James Terrell, Bow Urbana, Michel Vallée, Betsy Wahlberg, Maura Walsh, Brian Ward, George Weaver, Peter Westwood, Bert, Juan, Nancy, and the victims of the turmoil in Haiti and the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine. We pray for those who are expecting children, remembering especially Kelly and Charlie Blanchard, Kirsten and Misha Calkins, Carey Leigh and Dutch Crews, Morgan and Monet Duval, Amy and Mike Gentile, Catherine and Schuyler Grey, and Georgia and Paul Troy. We pray for those being baptized today: *Chase, Fisher, and Grace Cox, children of Gretchen and Hadley Cox; and James Sullivan, son of Brett and Kelly Sullivan.* We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Paula Christopoulos and Bill Dorn.

In the Parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those celebrating birthdays in May, remembering especially Henrietta Thompson and Stephanie Stapleton (May 1); Mia Melano (May 2); Jamie Fitzgerald, Heather MacKinnon, Kelly Monroe, and Tyler Ray (May 4); Peter Howard (May 5); Kellie Shopneck (May 6); Anna Scott Arnold, Ella Kundts, and Ann Wilschke (May 7); Scarlett Banks and Scarlett Wiedenmayor (May 9); Joe Elliott (May 11); Cynthia Shannon (May 13); Fisher Cox and Dusty Healey (May 15); Eliza Perkins (May 16); Ellie Caulkins (May 17); Scottie Fitzgerald (May 18); Kenna Healey, Kate Horle, Hugh Treadway and Louise Treadway (May 22); Lily Freeman (May 23); Suzy Whittemore (May 24); Henry Caulkins (May 26); Tom Mahoney (May 27); Kane Turner (May 28); Julia Brown and Mary Ruth Schaumberg (May 29); Patrick Cowan, Jim Macdonald, and Emily Sims (May 31); *for our worship ministries: our Acolytes, Altar Guild, Crucifers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Livestream Assistants, and Ushers; and for all who work to end hunger, especially for the work of our mission partner Metro Caring.*

In the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer, we pray for *The Anglican Church of Canada; Church of the Ascension and Holy Trinity, Pueblo; Cranmer Memorial Chapel, Winter Park; Parish Church of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, Estes Park; St. Francis Chapel, Denver; Good Samaritan Center, Cortez; and Pentecost Ember Days (May 22, 24, 25).*

*Names in italics are new to the prayer list this week. Names which have appeared on the prayer list for three months will be removed unless otherwise requested. You are most welcome and encouraged to contact the Parish Office to request new prayers and earlier removal or extension of existing prayers.*





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