

Christ Church Trumbull
The Day of Pentecost
May 23, 2021

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn “Loving Spirit, Loving Spirit”

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

The First Lesson..... 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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

**There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;

**When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

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

May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

**Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!

The Epistle Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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The Gospel John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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

‘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. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘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 judgement: 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 judgement, 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon..... Patrick Foster

The Nicene Creed

**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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

The Prayers of the People

One year ago on May 25th then officer Derek Chauvin killed George Floyd by pinning him down for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. This morning we will take 8 minutes and 46 seconds to offer our prayers both silently and aloud.

At minute 1 ~

We pray for churches across America and the world. God, bring an end to the sin of racism in the church. Move the hearts and minds of Christians everywhere to love and serve the Lord and seek justice and the dignity of all human person.

All Help us O Lord.

At minute 2:15 ~

We pray for our nation, this United States and for all leaders in America. God, bring an end to the sin of racism in our nation. Transform our nation into a model of equality, peace, and true freedom for all peoples.

All Help us O Lord.

At minute 3:30 ~

We pray for the world. God, bring an end to the sin of racism in our world. Break down structures that support racism and build up structures that value each child of God.

All Help us O Lord.

At minute 4:45 ~

We pray for our local community. God, bring an end to the sin of racism in our local community. Bring us together to love and serve one another in the midst of difficult conversation and differing opinions.

All Help us O Lord.

At minute 6 ~

We pray for all who suffer in body mind and spirit as a result of racism. *Pause.*
We pray for all who suffer for any reason especially Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, David, Joanne, Tom, Stephen, Theresa, Sebastian, Leslie and Diane.

At minute 7:15 ~

We pray for all those who have been killed by a violent act of racism especially George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, God be with their families and all those who still wait for justice to be served. *Pause.*

We pray for all those who have died, especially Henry, LeRoy, MaryAnn, Stanley, Emil, Polly, Eloisa, Richard, Isaac, Jane, Nathaniel, Anna, Willard, Martha, Hobart, William, Charlie, John, and Ruthie.

At 8 minutes 46 seconds ~

Here ends the 8 minutes and 46 seconds.

These 8 minutes and 46 seconds did not define George Floyd. The best way we can honor his life and the countless lives of those who have been killed by racism is to stand up and take action to improve the world and that is what our graduates have done this year. We praise you and we thank you God for all the graduates in our congregation, for Alexandra, Sadie, Paige, Marala, Louisa, and Vanessa.

In particular on this Pentecost day, as we honor George Floyd and the work of the anti-racism alliance over this past year, we thank you God for Paige, Marala, Louisa, and Vanessa. Even in the midst of a pandemic, even in the midst of papers

and assignments and the busyness of life, these four graduates, together with Eliane and Margaret, have sacrificed their time and talent to research, read, write, present, craft, create, and network to break down the sin of racism and build up a more just, peaceful, and equitable society, church, and community. They have inspired so many people in our church and our community not only in the work of anti-racism, but in their many efforts to make our world a better place.

When many of us have felt so overwhelmed by all the tragedy that we disengaged, these four women engaged. When many of us have felt challenged and confused, these four women have spoken with compassion, purpose, and conviction. God, we thank you for their courage, their wisdom, and their creativity.

And now parents, who helped them with papers, driven them to practice, nurtured their talents, encouraged them when they were afraid... parents who have stood with them their whole lives, I invite you to stand with them now.

And I invite you parents and the whole congregation to speak words of blessing, hope, and encouragement for them now and for their future.

Celebrant I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries.

Celebrant prays for all prayer requests.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Announcements

May 23rd Wandering Church at 11:30am-1pm
Join us in front of the Church steps for a walk around the neighborhood and informal outdoor Eucharist.

July 4th Music Update
Matthew will return to play music and sing in person on July 4th. As we prepare for Matthew's return, please send in your favorite hymns and songs. Please note that parishioners will not be permitted to sing.

Sundays 10:30am **PJ Church**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85933053985?pwd=SmhFMTdueXVBbUNKMWpZM3Z3MIJaUT09>

1st/3rd Mondays **Meditation Group at 12pm**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89413310842?pwd=cmc0en-ROMEVI1NmlDellXdCtzN3NLUT09>

Wednesdays 12:30pm **Prayer Group**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89413310842?pwd=cmc0en-ROMEVI1NmlDellXdCtzN3NLUT09>

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

Solo by Matthew Johnson “Fullness” Elevation Worship

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All We celebrate his death and resurrection,
 as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All Amen.

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

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music Selection "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

As you listen to the music selections, we invite you to pray silently the prayer of spiritual communion if you are virtually joining us or the post-communion prayer if you are in person and have received communion.

Prayer of Spiritual Reception *(silently)*

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I receive this bread and this wine in my heart, mind, and spirit. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer *(silently)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We encourage you in this time to reflect on what has stood out for you in our worship together. What is God inviting you to in the week ahead?

Blessing

Celebrant May God bless you and keep you. May God make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you now and always.

Closing Hymn “Holy Spirit, Ever Living”

Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ;
thee we praise with endless worship
for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry;
quicken, strengthening and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age, and soul to soul,
in a fellowship unending
thee we worship and extol.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**