



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Order for Morning Prayer

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

May 31, 2020

Opening Sentences

Officiant Alleluia. ✝ Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you;
and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,
and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Confession of Sin

¶ The Officiant says

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

¶ Officiant and People, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,

restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ *The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution ✠ and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

¶ *All say the Pascha nostrum together, as follows*

Alleluia;

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *
death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *
and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, *
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

¶ All are then seated for the Psalm appointed for the day

Psalm 104:25–35, 37

Quam magnificata

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! *
in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also; *
wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that leviathan, *
whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee, *
that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it them, they gather it; *
and when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.

When thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: *
when thou takest away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth, they shall be made; *
and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever; *
the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of him; *
if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

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

And so shall my words please him: *
my joy shall be in the Lord. Hallelujah!

¶ At the conclusion of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri is said by all

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

ACTS 2:1-21

WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST HAD COME, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Par'thians and Medes and E'lamites and residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado'cia, Pontus and Asia, Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre'ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And in the last days it shall 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; yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and manifest day. And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¶ *Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

Canticle

Cantemus Domino

EXODUS 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; *
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and song, *
and he is become my salvation:

He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; *
my father's God and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war: *
the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: *
his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

The depths have covered them: *
they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: *
thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, *
the earth swallowed them.

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: *
thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them *
in the mountain of thine inheritance,

In the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in; *
in the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

¶ All are seated

The Second Lesson

JOHN 20:19-23

ON THE EVENING OF THAT DAY, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And 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; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle

Canticle *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise thee, O God;
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
the Father, of an infinite majesty, thine adorable, true, and only Son,
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
in glory everlasting.

¶ All remain standing for the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed

¶ Said by the Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, †
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

¶ The Officiant and People say the following

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

¶ Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is said by all, kneeling

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.
Amen.

¶ *Then follow these Suffrages, said by the Officiant and People*

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

People And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

People And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People For only in thee can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;

People Thy saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

The Collects

O GOD, WHO ON THIS DAY didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy 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 the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. ¶ *People Amen.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

A LMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ¶ *People Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

¶ Said by the Officiant and People together

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants do give
thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to
us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

¶ Said by the Officiant

ALmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make
our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved
Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be
best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life
everlasting. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ All stand

Benedicamus Domino

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Grace

♩ Officiant

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. *♩ People Amen.* *Romans 15:13*

Hymn

Verse 1: Upper voices alone

Verse 2: All (parts)

Verse 3: All (unison)

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn long,
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896) *alt.*

Music: KINGSFOLD, *English Melody*; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

Closing Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

☩ *All kneel*

☩ *Then Prayers and Intercessions are offered*

The Pentecost 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. ☩ *People 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. ☩ *People 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. ☩ *People Amen.*

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

Liturgical Music

The music opening this morning's liturgy is a short meditation on the theme *Veni, Creator Spiritus* (Come, Holy Spirit – Hymn #504) written for chamber orchestra by Robert Lehman.

The 15th-century Italian hymn, *Come down, O Love divine*, is an example of a pre-Reformation hymn of praise and devotion. Many hymns of the time were written by penitents who, frightened by the devastation of wars and plagues which surrounded them, sought atonement for sins by a deeper life of devotion. Vaughan Williams' beautiful tune, named *Down Ampney* for the village in which he was born, is perfectly suited to the introspective character of the text.

The anthem *Alleluia* by Randall Thompson (1899-1994), sung following the Sermon, was recorded during a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut. Its sweeping lines conjure up images of the wind at the coming of the Spirit. The Christ Church Choir is conducted by Robert Lehman, Organist and Choirmaster.

The Organ Voluntary concluding this morning's liturgy is the Chorale Fugue on *Kyrie: Gott heiliger Geist* (Kyrie: God the Holy Ghost) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). It was recorded at Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut by Robert Lehman, Organist and Choirmaster.



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