

The Feast of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "How can I keep from singing?"

**1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentations,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

*Some people like to sing
"Since Love is Lord..." This
could be a good time to try
that out, or any other way
of naming Jesus/God!*

**2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Officiant If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed; Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

A Song of Holy Wisdom

Wisdom of Solomon ch. 7

Wisdom is a breath of the power of God,
and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty.

She is a reflection of eternal light,
and an image of divine goodness.

In every generation she passes into holy souls
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;

for God loves nothing so much
as the person who lives with Wisdom.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
and she orders all things well.

The First Lesson: Numbers 11, selected verses

READER

A reading from the Book of Numbers. The Israelites were traveling through the wilderness after God brought them out of bondage in Egypt. The Israelites complained and cried out, and said,

VOICE 1

Who will give us meat to eat? We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for free, and the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic!

VOICE 2

Now our lives are wasting away. There is nothing to eat but this manna!

READER

The manna was like coriander seed and its color was like resin. The people would roam around and collect it and grind it with millstones or pound it in a mortar. Then they would boil it in pots and make it into cakes. It tasted like cakes baked in olive oil. Moses heard the people crying throughout their clans, each at his tent's entrance. The Lord was outraged, and Moses was upset. Moses said to the Lord,

VOICE 1

Why have you treated your servant so badly? And why haven't I found favor in your eyes? You have placed the burden of all these people on me! Did I conceive all these people? Did I give birth to them, that you would say to me, 'Carry them at your breast like a baby for this whole long journey'? Where am I supposed to get meat for all these people? I can't carry this people on my own. They're too heavy for me. If you're going to treat me like this, just kill me now!

READER

The Lord God answered Moses, saying,

VOICE 2

Gather before me seventy people whom you know to be leaders among the Israelites. Take them to the Tent of Meeting and have them stand there with you. Then I'll take some of the spirit of holy leadership that is upon you, and place it on them. Then they will carry the burden of the people with you, and you won't bear it alone.

READER

So Moses went out and told the people the Lord's words. He assembled seventy leaders from among the people and placed them around the tent. The Lord descended in a cloud, spoke to Moses, and took some of the spirit that was on him and placed it on the seventy others. And when the spirit rested on them, they prophesied, shouting and dancing with holy joy. But two men had stayed in the camp. Their names were Eldad and Medad. Although they weren't with the seventy leaders who Moses had gathered, God's holy spirit came to them as well. And they started to prophesy and shout and dance with holy joy, right there in the middle of the camp. People rushed to tell Moses what was happening.

VOICE 2

Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp! Master Moses, stop them!

VOICE 1

Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all God's people might be prophets, with God sending God's holy spirit upon them!

READER

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading: John 7:37-39

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Story of Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21

All members of the congregation are invited to join in the reading, by choosing one of the languages in bold and reading along with the words of the Crowd.

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

[The Congregation is invited to make the sound of wind.]

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

[The Congregation is invited to make a gesture for Fire.]

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.

[The Congregation is invited to look bewildered.]

Amazed and astonished, the people asked one another:

The Crowd, speaking all together:

English: **Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?**

French: **Ne sont pas tous ces gens qui parlent des Galiléens? Et comment est-il que nous entendons, chacun de nous, dans notre langue maternelle?**

Spanish: **¿No son todos estos que están hablando galileos? Y ¿cómo es que se oye, cada uno de nosotros, en nuestra lengua nativa?**

German: **Sind das nicht alles Galiläer, die hier reden? Und wie kommt es, dass wir hören, jeder von uns, in unsere eigene Muttersprache?**

Italian: **Non tutti questi che parlano Galilei? E com'è che li sentiamo ciascuno di noi, nella nostra lingua nativa?**

Latin: **Nonne ecce omnes isti, qui loquuntur, Galilæi sunt? Et quomodo nos audivimus unusquisque nostrum linguam nostram in qua nati?**

Swahili: **Je, hawa wote wanaozungumza si Wagalilaya? Imekuwaje basi kila mmoja wetu anawasikia wakinena kwa lugha yake ya kuzaliwa?**

Reader

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—

The Crowd, speaking all together:

English: **In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.**

French: **Dans nos propres langues et nous les entendons parler des actes de Dieu de pouvoir.**

Spanish: **En nuestras propias lenguas las oimos hablar de Dios, actos de poder.**

German: **In enserer eigenen Sprachen wir hören sie über Gottes Taten der Macht.**

Italian: **Nelle nostre lingue li sentiamo parlare di opere di Dio di potere.**

Latin: **Audivimus eos loquentes nostris linguis virtutes Dei.**

Swahili: **Sisi sote tunasikia wakisema kwa lugha zetu wenyewe mambo makuu ya Mungu.**

Reader All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

The Crowd, speaking all together:

English: **What does this mean?**

French: **Qu'est-ce que ça signifie?**

Spanish: **¿Qué significa esto?**

German: **Was soll das heißen?**

Italian: **Che cosa significa?**

Latin: **Quid hoc sibi vult?**

Swahili: **Hii ina maana gani?**

Reader

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 ones shall see visions, and your old ones 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.

The People respond together:

English: **Thanks be to God!**

Italian: **Grazie a Dio!**

French: **Grâce à Dieu!**

Latin: **Deo gratias!**

Spanish: **Gracias a Dios!**

Swahili: **Shukrani kwa Mungu!**

German: **Dank sei Gott!**

Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

The Prayers

Officiant We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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 Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.

Officiant Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

Officiant Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for our local communities.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant

Let us pray. Holy God, you spoke the world into being. Pour out your Spirit to the ends of the earth, that your children may return from exile as citizens of your Kingdom, and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness. **Amen.**

The Officiant may read one of the following Collects as well:

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting One, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Blessing

Announcements

The Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant

O Christ our Savior, so dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes and the fire of inspiration on our lips, your word on our tongues and your love in our hearts. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator God, Redeeming Christ, and Sanctifying Spirit,

be among us and remain with us always! **Amen!**

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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