

The Feast of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Not here for high and holy things"

Hymn #9

**1. Not here for high and holy things
we render thanks to thee,
but for the common things of earth,
the purple pageantry
of dawning and of dying days,
the splendor of the sea.**

**4. Awake, awake to love and work!
The lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew,
the worlds awake to cry
their blessings on the Lord of life,
as he goes meekly by.**

**5. Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,
shout with their shout of praise;
see how the giant sun soars up,
great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come
and set thy soul ablaze,**

**6. to give and give, and give again,
what God hath given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost;
to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are,
and all that are to be.**

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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

READER A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

READER Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

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. 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, 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 oímos hablar de Dios, actos de poder.**

German: **In unserer 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!**

French: **Grâce à Dieu!**

Spanish: **Gracias a Dios!**

German: **Dank sei Gott!**

Homily

Helyn Luisi-Mills

The Prayers

Officiant We now continue in 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 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, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. **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 Blessings

Officiant Does anyone have any blessings or thanksgivings to share with the assembly?

The Peace

Officiant Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you. Alleluia!**

We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.

Announcements

The Blessing & Dismissal

Officiant May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in God's sight. And may the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon 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!**