

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
ROSEVILLE, MN



**PENTECOST**  
Year A  
**May 31, 2020**

## Welcome to Worship with St. Christopher's!

**Next Sunday's readings:** Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8 (or Canticle 2 or 13); 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20. (*Trinity, Year A.*)

**Audio recordings of sermons** and videos of Sunday worship are available online at our website. Please click on ACT, then Worship, and then Sermons.

### The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God

*Prelude*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

### The Lessons

#### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [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:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

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!

## **A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth [12:3b-13]**

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

## **The Gospel—John 20:19-23**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Randy W. Johnson*

*The people stand.*

## **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**

*Form 6, Book of Common Prayer p. 392*

*The Deacon bids the prayers:*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Brian our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Presider*

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.  
**Amen.**

*The Confession is omitted through Pentecost.*

*The people stand*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The people sit.*

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Recognition of Graduates**

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1*

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People*

**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*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Christopher and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

### ***Fraction Anthem***

*All say:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **The Invitation**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him  
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

*The Deacon says the dismissal.*

*The People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*

***Please pray for our Members and Friends who are in Acute need:  
Barbara Danley, Betty Davies, Gene Hitchcock***

***Please pray for our Shut Ins and Members with ongoing needs:***

Mary Barkley	Pamela Case	Ken Ives	Evelynne
Jerry Baxter	Bob Curtis	Ebie Richards	Thompson
Jean Brandt	Barbara Danley	Mary Richards	Barb Wilkinson
Dan Brown	Betty Davies	Dave Stewart	Roberta Williams
Dennis Buechler	Gene Hitchcock	Barb Swanson	Lois Zwieg
Ruth Buechler	Don Horton	Jean Swesey	

***Please pray for our family and friends with ongoing needs:***

Dan B., David Trescott, Tim & Sue Newman, Bonnie, Lois Purrington, Gretchen Glueck, Savannah Rausch, Marie Skilling, Geri & Bud Julkowski, Jerry, Marie Durbin, Renee Forest, Jack Cork, Bev Singleton, Olivia McLoughlin, Elizabeth Bergum, Steve & Pam, Wanda Alexander, Parker Bergum, Mary Jane LaPlant, Ruth Engdahl, Susan, Kirk Ingram, Paula Mitchell, Amy, Marmie, Ann, Russ Amling, Virginia L. Nymeyer, Diane Ferry, Sue Hitchcock, Willy Klingenberg, ViAnn Arneson, Jim VonDeLinde, Brenda Beard Conley, Conner Eischens, Sally Herrmann, Merle Anderson, Jan Holte, Dave Waring, Sydney Eischens, Judie Cason, Kit Corti, Russell Hitchcock, Tim & Nancy Kersten, Missy Peterson.

**Pray for all who have died.**

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer,** please pray for the Dioceses of Litoral Ecuador, St. Albans (England) and Gombe (Nigeria).

**In the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of prayer,** please pray for all academic graduates, for all educational institutions, and for the specialized chaplaincies in those institutions. Remember especially ECMN's School for Formation; Breck School and Shattuck-St. Mary's, and their chaplains; University Episcopal Community; and all those who work with campus ministries. Please pray also for Holy Apostles faith community in St. Paul.

**Please pray** for peace; and for children caught in crisis at our borders. Please pray for our neighbors who are refugees and immigrants. Please pray for Syria. Please pray for the President and Congress of the United States. Please pray for the victims of the Coronavirus, and for the caregivers and first responders who care for them.

**Please pray** also for our enemies and for those who wish us harm.

**In Thanksgiving:** we give thanks for the ministries of our members as they continue to live as the Church away from our building.

**We remember** those who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

*Karla Cole*

*Chad O'Leary & Troy Strand*

*Michael & Sandra Wittmann*