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# St. James' Episcopal Church

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# The Day of Pentecost

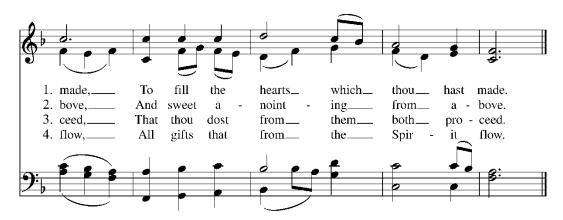
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at this table.

#### The Gathering of the Community

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead.

People Alleluia! Love is come again!





Presider

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

## **People**

Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.

Presider *Gloria* 

Let us praise God.

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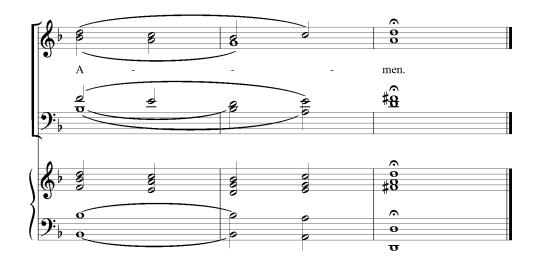












# The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you. **People** And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Please be seated for the readings.

## The First Reading

Acts 2: 1-21

Lector

A reading from the Book of Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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.

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm** 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!

## The Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

Lector

A reading from a letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Spirit of the Living God





The Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Presider

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

# People Praise and Glory to God.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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.

"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 judgment: 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 judgment, 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.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to Christ, the Word.

**The Sermon** The Rev. Steven Tomlinson

Please stand as you are able.

#### The Celebration of Faith

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus

Christ?

People I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father? **People I believe in God the Father almighty,** 

creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Commitment to Christian Service**

Presider Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God. From the beginning,

believers have continued in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you forgive others, as you are forgiven?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek to love your neighbor as yourself, and strive for peace and justice?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ in your daily life and work?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider With the whole Church will you proclaim by word and action the Good News of God

in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

## The Prayers of the People

Intercessor We pray for God to fill us with the Spirit.

Intercessor Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.

May we be strengthened to serve you even in our powerlessness and vulnerability.

Lord, bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.

Make us wise to discern you at work in the world so that the Church might

participate in the mission of your saving love.

Lord, bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.

Help us to trust in your love wherever you call us.

Lord, bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.

Bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and

sorrow. We pray for those who seek your healing in their suffering. For whom shall

we pray?

(pause to hear the prayers of the community)

Lord, bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

Reveal in our lives the love of Jesus and fill us with gratitude for your goodness. For

what shall we give thanks today? (pause to hear the prayers of the community)

Lord, bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord.

Keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. We pray for those who have entered greater life in you. Whom shall we remember and not

forget? (pause to hear the prayers of the community)

Lord, bless us

People and fill us with your Spirit.

Presider Creating God, who even now is making all things new, hear the prayers of your

people, and transform our world through your grace and love. Bless the work of our

hands and the yearnings of our hearts, that we might be ambassadors of your

reconciling love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Presider Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace.

People Who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you.

People Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

Please be mindful of each other's varied boundaries, while passing the peace.

## **Announcements and Blessings**

Offertory We offer our gifts to God: our lives, our abilities, our resources.



Instead of passing the plates during the offertory, we invite you to make an offering through Offering Box in the Narthex/lobby or by using the QR code.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **Holy Communion**

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of

salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

Therefore, with people of every nation, tribe, and language, joyfully we give you thanks and sing:

Sanctus LEVAS 253







As you are able, please remain standing.

Presider

All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.



Presider

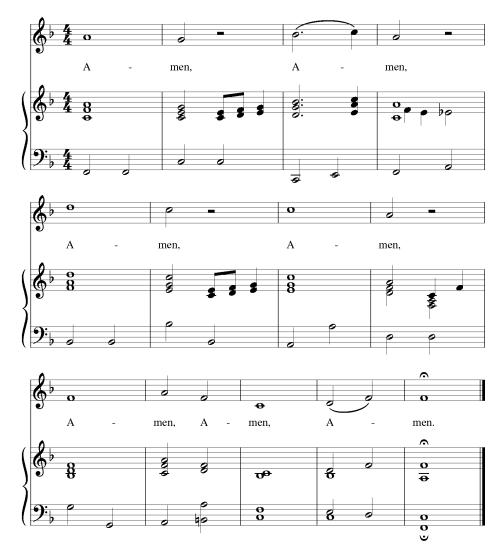
Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us with Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.

O the depths and the riches of your wisdom, O God: how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

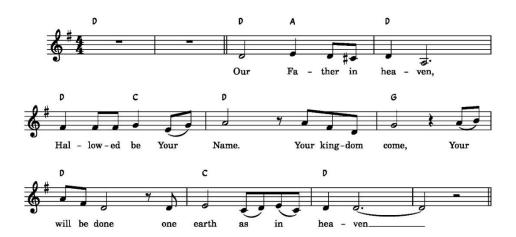
**People** 

From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory forever.

The Great Amen LEVAS 261



Presider As Christ has taught us to pray, we are bold to sing:





# The Breaking of the Bread





Presider Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

People May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

Presider Wherever you are on your journey of faith,

People You are welcome at this table.

Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available.

Spirit Song LEVAS 118





Please stand as you are able.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.

PeoplePraise to God who makes us one people.PresiderBlessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

PeoplePraise to God who gives hope and freedom.PresiderBlessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.PeoplePraise to God who is revealed as love.

Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.

People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

People Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done. Our hands were empty, and

you filled them.

## The Blessing

Presider

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it and may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life. be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.** 



Presider Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### **Prayer List**

The Prayer List is prayed on a regular basis by our Monday night Intercessory Prayer Group. We invite you to incorporate praying the list into your own prayer practices. To add or remove a name to the prayer list, email <a href="mailto:prayerbox@stjamesaustin.org">prayer requests from the website will be auto-forwarded to the pastoral care ministry and the office.</a>

We pray for (3 weeks list): Gina Houston, Gina Hall, Albert Black, Sharon Bennett, and Roy Pearce.

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Jeremy Alexander, Clarence, Lorenza, Donna Plowman, Johann and Susanna, Judy Jenkins, Nancy Gabin, Wiley Williams, Michael Hughes, Anget, Marcia Ellison, Susan Gunn, BJ Taylor, Russel Taulli, Pedro E., Robin Fuller, Kisa Niewenhuis, Frank Weir and his family, Candice Brown, Jacob Schumacher and his family, Shirley Gordon, Bowen W., Vanessa Williams, Jim Burgess, Cindy, Jason and Jalen Castillo, Niesha Jones, Truitt Ray, Jerry. Marty. Emma McPherson, Pat, Kamilah Myrie, Tom and Dee Esquivel, Sammie A. Eppright, David Batty, Samuel Carothers, Anna Pecorino, Philip and family, John White, Brigitte Rhedin, Dan Shaw, Kirk Richter, Raymond Coleman, Cecilia Harris, Lily Thomas, Sandra Gilkey, Leslie Rose, Sean Calloway, Miles Calloway, Carrie Eppright-Givens, Clayton Givens, Roland Brown, Joy Roswell, Gaye Evans, Rose Watley, Carolyn Caffrey, Joseph Naranjo, Margaret Ann Bledsoe, Brandy, Andrea, Vanessa, Lorenza, Mrs. Lakeyshia Brown, Pam Beachley, Stephanie Smith, Elizabeth Sherar Gammon and Steven Sherar, Rebecca Kary, Sherry Ward, Carrie Schumacher, William Collier, Adrian Spears, Mark Werner, Myrna, Evelyn Marie Taylor, Nellie White, Gail Jackson, James Gibson, Richard Ezell, Mary Glennie, Edith Conde and family, Jacob Blake, John Paul Guajardo, Richard White, Andre Watkins, Jana Murphy, Justin Howell and his family, Bruce Blackwell, Doug Lawrie, Tara Turner, Gertrude Fowler, Claudette Milne, Frankie Scott, Mark McCrary, Kési Anderson, Rev. James Palmore, Cleo B. . Jason A., Reed B., Angelina, Mike C., Diane Hoffman, Brian M, Joyce, Ganelle, Noah, Thor, Troy, Allissa, Charlene Moore, Eugenia Hayes, Tim and Shalmah, Carol Daughtry, Rachel and Daniel, Rebekah, Diane Neill, Cecile, Mildred Grimble, Margie Lawson, Melvin Alfred, Natrice Harding, Anne Osbourne, Richelle Easley, Patricia Harding, Brandon Williams, Joey Ramirez, Marvin Sykes, Max and his mother, Paul Gill, Samuel Kraemer-Dahlin, Jacquelyn Ferrell Mccadden, Ursula Ferrell Jackson, Ronnie Yarmuck, Bertha Malone, Samah Al Adawi, Hazel Livingston, Arthur Shelton, Caren Bradshaw; and for all who are incarcerated and for their families, and all the refugees throughout the world. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

We pray for all who have died.

#### **Announcements**

#### May 26: Trinity Sunday/Milestone Sunday

We want to celebrate your milestones. Did you graduate? Did you retire? Fill out the form at <a href="https://stjamesaustin.breezechms.com/form/milestone-sunday-20226560">https://stjamesaustin.breezechms.com/form/milestone-sunday-20226560</a>. You may also email your milestone with a picture to the <a href="mailto:office@stjameaustin.org">office@stjameaustin.org</a>. Deadline is May 23. Thank you.

#### **May 26: EfM Commissioning**

Congratulations to the newest EFM (Education for Ministry) Christine Attoun, Lucy Bergin, Bill Manahan, Catharina Reyes and Nikkie Shubitz will be honored at the 10:30 service. EfM is a four-year course of study that includes Biblical study and readings across a wide variety of theological topics, with weekly group meetings for participants to share their thoughts with each other. It is a faith-strengthening and life-changing experience open to anyone who would like to join.

#### Volunteers needed!

Welcome Table needs volunteers for Neighbor 2 Neighbor in May and June. This is a time when a lot of our regular volunteers travel, so jump in where you can! Did you know that we have been distributing almost as many bags of food on Tuesdays as we did during the height of the pandemic? The need is great! Small teams of work colleagues are welcome. Contact Emily at <a href="mailto:emily@welcometable.org">emily@welcometable.org</a> for more information.

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