

The Feast of Pentecost
10:30 a.m., Sunday, May 19, 2024
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Kennett Square

Welcome to the Church of the Advent! If you are a guest with us this morning, please know we are honored by your presence! We invite you to complete a guest card, which will allow us to remain in contact with you and provide you with additional information. You may place your completed card in the offering plate, or you may give it to our priest as you are leaving. On our website (www.adventks.org), you will find an up-to-date calendar of all church ministries and activities, and you may sign up to receive our weekly email. If you are interested in learning more about the Church of the Advent, the Episcopal Church, or the Christian faith, please contact our priest (Tim Johnson) at (610) 444-4624 or rector@adventks.org. **Again, welcome!**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Bethany's Blue Dragonfly* Somers

OPENING HYMN #225 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
Hail thee, Festival Day

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Everytime I Feel the Spirit*
Tara Lake, Soprano

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant & People

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your 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 Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

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 The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand for the sequence hymn and the reading of the Gospel.)

SEQUENCE HYMN

#178 (refrain only, sung 2 times) in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

#178 (refrain only, sung 2 times) in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks

HOMILY

The Reverend Timothy Johnson+, Rector

WE CELEBRATE HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Answer I present [*name*] to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer I will, with. God's help

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer I will, with. God's help

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are being baptized into Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for these candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues the prayer of thanksgiving over the water.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant baptizes and anoints each candidate.

Following the baptisms

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

A Clare Benediction
Advent Chancel Choir

Rutter

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(Please stand as you are able. Sung to hymn tune #400 in the Hymnal 1982 – the blue hymnal.)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...
...sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-130 (*sung by all*)

Schubert

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

(You may remain standing, kneel, or sit for the remainder of the prayer.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...
...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Celebrant and People:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...
...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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. 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.
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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us!

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

COMMUNION HYMNS

#832 in **Wonder Love and Praise** (green hymnal)

Veni Sancti Spiritus

#217 in **Lift Every Voice and Sing** (black & red hymnal)

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray

Celebrant & People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

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 every blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit forever.

Amen.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn brightly in your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of God's presence.

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.

Amen.

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

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #120 in **Lift Every Voice and Sing** (red & black hymnal)
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Mouret

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Lector/Sub Deacon: Barbara Thornton

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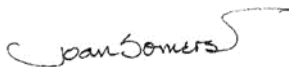
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Director of Family Ministries: Benjamin Miller

Guest Musicians: Stan Slotter, Trumpet/Flute;
Jeff Dombchik, Percussion

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Somers". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping flourish at the end.