



**The Feast of Pentecost**  
**11:00 a.m., Sunday, May 24, 2026**  
**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](http://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](mailto:rector@adventks.org). **Again, welcome!**

**Our Parish Vision:**

To build and nurture a community where all people may encounter God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ and learn to live as his followers in the world.

**Our Parish Mission:**

We seek to grow as disciples of Christ –  
in community, prayer, learning, and service.

**Our Parish Prayer:**

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory  
and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.  
*(from the Book of Common Prayer)*

**Elementary Sunday School** is on summer break and will resume in the fall.

**Jr/Sr High Sunday School** is on summer break and will resume in the fall.

**Adult Formation** – No adult formation meeting today. Next Sunday, our parish chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King will lead a workshop on prayer in daily life, 9:45 – 10:45 am, in the St. Nicholas Room.

**Readings for Next Week (May 31):** Genesis 1:1-2, 4a; Psalm 8;  
II Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**

*Blessed Jesu*

Brahms

**OPENING HYMN**

*Hail The, Festival Day!*

#225 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Gloria*

#S-280 in the front of **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

*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.**

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

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
    in wisdom you have made them all;  
    the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
    with its living things too many to number, \*  
    creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,  
    and there is that Leviathan, \*  
    which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
    to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
    you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
    you take away their breath,  
    and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
    and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
    may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
    he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
    I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
    I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
    Hallelujah!

### **THE SECOND LESSON: I Corinthians 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.

*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** *Spirit of the Living God*

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

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

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

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord

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

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**HOMILY**

## WE RENEW OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

### RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (*Please kneel or remain seated for the prayers.*)

## WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

**THE OFFERTORY**

*If Ye Love Me*  
Advent Parish Choir

Thomas Tallis



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## 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,

<b>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,</b>	<b>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.</b>
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*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us!

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

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit)*

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

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray

**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 his blessing, that you may abound more and more in the Spirit for ever. **Amen!**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, make your hearts shine with the pure light of Spirit'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 Christ 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

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

#516 in **the Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

### 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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**SUGGESTED SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR THE SUMMER:  
DWELLING IN THE WORD**

*Dwelling in the Word* is a simple, easy way to reflect on a passage from Scripture. It is most easily done with a passage from one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John), and this practice may be done alone or with others. The bulletin insert contains a list of the appointed readings for next Sunday; try using *Dwelling on the Word* with next week's Gospel reading as a method for preparing for next week's worship service.

1. Read the passage aloud, slowly and intentionally. Read it with the goal of simply familiarizing yourself with the passage.
2. Read the passage aloud again. Pay particular attention to any word, phrase, or image that jumps out at you, catches your attention, or prompts a question. If you are doing this practice with others, share the word, phrase, or image that caught your attention.
3. Read the passage aloud for a third time. Ask: What might the Holy Spirit be saying to me as an individual or to our church community through this passage? If you are doing this practice with others, share your response to this question(s).