

The Festival of Pentecost

with Renewal of Our Baptismal Covenant

*St. George's Episcopal Church
Glenn Dale, Maryland
Episcopal Diocese of Washington
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Prelude: *A Simple Song* from *MASS* Music by Leonard Bernstein
Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and Leonard Bernstein. Piano Dr. Joshua Fishbein

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #48 – *O Day of Radiant Gladness*



O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and
This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth; this day for our sal -
This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear; his liv - ing pres - ence
That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim way, at length our rest at -



sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright, this day the high and low - ly through
- va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic - to - rious the
greet - ing through Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, re -
- tain - ing our end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our prais - es, O



a - ges joined in time, sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.
Spi - rit sent from heaven, and thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
- newed with heaven - ly might, from grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

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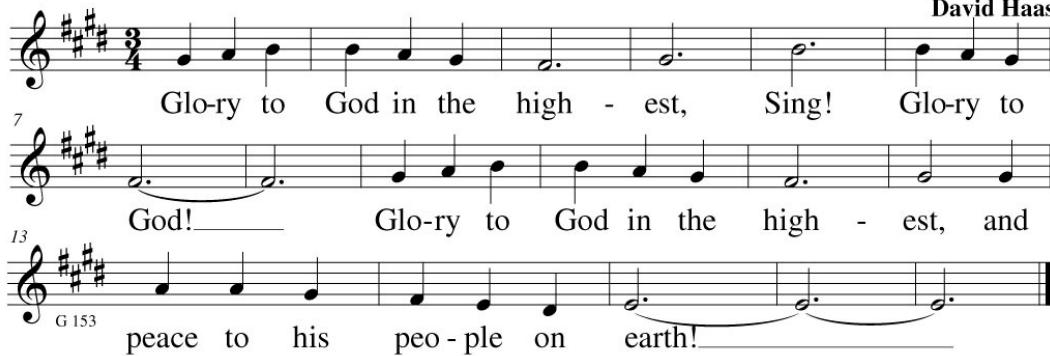
Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

People: The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

All pray together: 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.

Gloria

David Haas



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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

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 the Spirit's 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.

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.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew us.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew us.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew us.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew us.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may you rejoice in your works, O Lord— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew us.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing for I rejoice in you, O God. Bless the LORD, O my soul. **Praise the LORD!**

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, "People 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.'"

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Paula Clark, *Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Diocese of Washington*

Hymn: WLP #806 If You Believe and I Believe

Words & Music: Traditional Zimbabwe
Arr. by John Bell

If you be - lieve and I be - lieve and we to - geth - er
5 pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple
9 free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple
13 free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

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Introduction to the Renewal of our Baptismal Covenant

The Celebrant then says

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, on this festival of Pentecost, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy universal Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

***People:* I do.**

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 human being? ***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Almighty God, you have 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 your grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

God of wind and fire, you send the Holy Spirit to renew us to do your work in the world. Come to us now; comfort and inspire us, refresh us challenge us as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus. We pray saying **Come Holy Spirit.**

Come Holy Spirit and renew your church in this challenging time. May we be open to new ways of sharing Christ's message of love and hope, and may we walk always in the way of justice. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's, saying **Come Holy Spirit.**

Come Holy Spirit and be with those who lead, in our communities and in our state, in our country and in the world. May those who make decisions for others be guided by your wisdom and know their responsibility to care for those who are most vulnerable. We pray, saying **Come Holy Spirit.**

Come Holy Spirit and pour out your grace on those who are most in need: for those who are hungry; for those who are homeless; for those whose jobs risk their safety or health; for those who have lost their jobs and for those who struggle to get by. We pray, saying **Come Holy Spirit.**

Come Holy Spirit and give comfort and healing to those who are sick and those who suffer, to those in need and those in pain. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now. . . . saying **Come Holy Spirit.**

Come Holy Spirit and comfort those who mourn. We pray for those who have died, that you may bring them rest in your loving arms, saying **Come Holy Spirit.**

Come Holy Spirit and fill us with gratitude for all of our blessings, given freely by the God who made us and loves us. May we live each day in a spirit of thanksgiving. We pray saying **Come Holy Spirit.**

Holy One you promise never to leave us comfortless. Help us trust in your goodness and to know ourselves surrounded by your grace, now and always, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**



Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

Evening Prayer: Tuesday and Thursday Evenings at 6:00 PM
Compline: 8:00 Wednesday at 8:00 PM
Justice League Meeting: Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00 PM

Details for each of these can be found on the St. George's website – www.stgeorgesglendale.org/announcements. Go to the calendar for links to the Zoom space.

Offertory Anthem Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir: "Fill-a Me Up!" by Pepper Choplin

*Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit. Fill-a me up to the top of my soul.
Fill-a me up now and take control. Fill-a me up, come-a Spirit, come.
So many things try to fill me up. So many things weigh me down.
Fill-a my heart now until you stay and chase the other things away.*

*Now my heart is an open door. Here your spirit is welcome, Lord.
Fill-a my heart now, and let it grow and change my life so all will know.*

*Now come, O Spirit, come. Fill-a me up and take control.
Fill-a my heart, come Spirit. Fill-a me up. Fill-a me up!*

Prayers for Communion in Spirit

Celebrant: Though we are separated from one another spatially, we remain connected to each other in heart and spirit as we contemplate the real presence of Christ in our midst. We remember that Christ is truly present with us, not only in bread and wine, but in our daily lives. Through this period of our physical separation, we fast from a literal participation in the sharing of communion, while also knowing that we receive the presence of Christ through our desire to share the sacrament. In that spirit let us pray:

Jesus, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Though we cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Instrumental Meditation *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Anne Krentz Organ

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Spirit of Christ, we pray,

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. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord, who sends us the Holy Spirit to help us be the church in new ways for a new time. We offer to you our humble thanks and praise for the blessings we have received this day through our worship of you; we pray that the week to come may be spent in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Blessing

May God our Creator renew in you the creative Spirit that brings healing and life to our world.

Amen.

May Jesus the Christ, uphold you in grace and love. **Amen.**

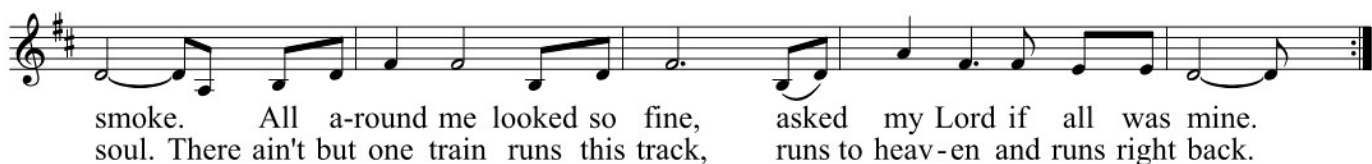
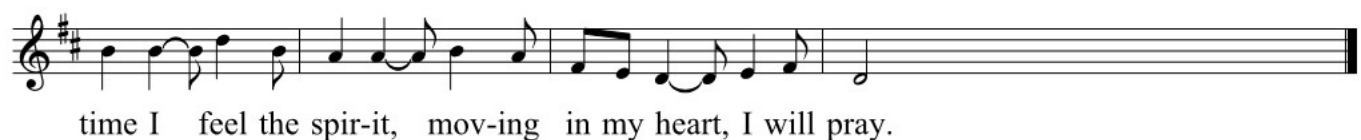
May the Holy Spirit fill you with courage to be bearers of God's song of hope in the world.

Amen.

And may the blessing of God be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #114 - *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*



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

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