



*Let us therefore follow
after the things which
make for **peace.***

ROMANS 14:19 (KJV)

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May 24, 2026

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COLLECT

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Traditional

ALMIGHTY GOD, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

or

Traditional

O GOD, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy 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 the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Contemporary

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.*

or

Contemporary

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.*

FIRST READING: Acts 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.'"

or

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:24-30

MOSES WENT OUT and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on

them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Refrain

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 from the Book of Common Prayer

- 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!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

(or Acts: 2:1-21; see First Reading)

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.

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.”

or

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39

ON THE LAST DAY of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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SERMONS THAT WORK

Pentecost (A)

[RCL] Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35 & 37; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

The Prophetic Imagination

On Valentine’s Day 2018, 17 people died tragically at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The event grabbed headlines around the world: another senseless act of violence carried out in one of the places where kids should feel most protected and secure.

But it was what came in the weeks and months after that Wednesday in February that made this tragedy different from all the others that had preceded it. A group of 28 students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas decided that they had had enough. They pooled their resources and used their voices to call on their peers to show up and to speak out against gun violence. Five weeks later, almost half a million people—students, teachers, parents, and concerned citizens— answered the call of those 28 students and gathered in Washington, D.C. for the first ever March for Our Lives. NPR reported that the D.C. march was one of 800 such events that took place that day in the United States.

This might seem like an unusual way to begin a sermon for Pentecost, but there is a lingering question worthy of our consideration: What if the work those 28 students started in 2018 was more than just a righteous reaction? What if it was the work of the Spirit, moving in a new way in the hearts and minds of young and old alike?

This is, after all, where Peter begins his Pentecost sermon: “In the last days, God declares, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your and daughters will prophesy.” These words, spoken just 50 days after the tragedy of Good Friday and the bewilderment of Easter Sunday, changed the tone for the earliest followers of the Jesus Movement. For weeks, they had been waiting and praying, perhaps somewhat nervously, wondering what might come next. And it was into this uncertain and chaotic situation that the Spirit brought new hope, a new life for all followers of Jesus.

What happens next seems surprising, jarring almost, but it shouldn’t be. This has been the Spirit’s work since the very beginning. At the beginning of creation, over the waters of the deep—*tehom* (teh-home’) in the Hebrew scriptures—Spirit was there, hovering, waiting, participating in new life against the backdrop of chaos and disorder.

During the times of the prophet Joel—the figure whom Peter used as inspiration for his Pentecost sermon—the people looked in anticipation for the Spirit’s arrival in their own moment of chaos and uncertainty. In the days of Joel, drought, wildfire, and swarms of locusts had led to severe famine across the land. People were losing hope. Despair and death were everywhere. And in the midst of that tragedy, the prophet received a promise: The suffering would not last forever. The rains would fall, the fields would again be green, the livestock would be healthy. But the restoration of Israel and Judah went well beyond streams and pastures; it included the heart too. Because in those days when everything was set right again, God’s Spirit would be poured out on everyone, young and old alike.

In our own chaotic and uncertain present, we are invited to consider how the words of the prophet Joel, echoed centuries later by the apostle Peter, are reflected in the daily lives of young people. Results from the 2025 edition of the annual Harvard Youth Poll show that young Americans have some serious concerns about the state of our country and our world. Their concerns include the rash of political violence we face, the lack of civility and productivity within the public sphere, the decline in accessibility of healthcare, the rapid increase in overall cost of a living—including their own grim prospects for future employment—and the impact of a world shaped by artificial intelligence. They are aware of what is happening in our country and around the world, and they are concerned. And if 28 students from Parkland, Florida, can teach us anything about this generation, it is this: Young people don’t linger with discontent. Instead, they dream about the world as it could be, and then they show up to try to make that world a reality.

Dissatisfaction with the present, coupled with the willingness to work for a different and better future, is the work of the Spirit—what the late Walter Brueggemann called “the prophetic imagination.” In his classic book *The Prophetic Imagination*, Brueggemann writes that the job of the prophet is to cultivate an alternative consciousness, one that “dismantles the dominant consciousness” of its own day while simultaneously engaging the “promise of another time and situation toward which the community of faith may move.” Can you, today, imagine a world in which gun violence no longer exists? What about a future where poverty is history? A future where everyone has enough to eat, access to clean water, and adequate healthcare? If you struggle to picture that kind of future, there is probably someone in your life right now who can imagine it. Go and ask someone in their teens or twenties—and prepare to be surprised.

This Pentecost, perhaps it is time for those of us with a little more experience to practice humility and listen attentively to both the concerns and the dreams of the young people among us. Criticism comes easily for most of us, but when we rest in our criticism alone, we miss the creative capacity of the Spirit that is evident with the younger generations: The audacity to move beyond criticism into a creative imagination of a hopeful future. This is the life of the Spirit moving among us, doing what the Spirit has done since the beginning: calling forth new life out of the chaos of the present. Amen.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

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Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Friday, May 29, 2026

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Sunday, May 31, 2026

11 a.m. - Self-Guided Prayer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY!!

May 1 - Charles Gaillard
8 - Debra Gunn
15 - Thomasine Braye
15 - Darryl Seawright
19 - *George & Linda Bulls*
20 - Yolanda Seawright
23 - William Gunn Jr.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE EPISCOPAL & ANGLICAN DIOCESES

Congratulations to The Rev. Anita Braden, Interim Missioner for African Descent Ministries for The Episcopal Church. The Rev. Braden has served most recently as Canon to the Ordinary and Chief of Staff for the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona. Braden will help build and strengthen relationships with Black Episcopalians, seeking to connect diocese and support leaders of African Descent at every level of church life.

Come Together: Clergy and Lay Leaders of Color, Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 11am to 1:30pm at The Threshold Center, 3794 Crosshaven Drive., Vestavia Hills, AL 35223: This gathering is crafted specifically for clergy and lay leads of color within our diocese. Come as you are, and leave feeling heard, held and renewed. Registration is required, online

www.episcopal.org

The 2026 Jonathan Daniels and the Martyrs of the Alabama Pilgrimage is Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 11am-2pm, at 1 S. Washington St. Hayneville, AL 36040 (Lowndes County). The pilgrimage serves as a reminder that the equality for which this Episcopal Seminary Student and Civil Rights Activist fought and died for still eludes the poor and people of color.

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NEWS/EVENTS

T.U. (www.tu.org)

Summer recess

COMMUNITY EVENTS (Tuskegee, Macon County)

35th Annual T.U. Local Alumni Club Brag Luncheon, Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 1:30pm at Thompkins Hall. For tickets contact: Emma Brown at 251-263-1976 or Roberta Patrick at 317-289-6313.

The public is invited to **"Something from Nothing"** a special presentation to celebrate renowned folk artist James 'Buddy' Snipes, Saturday, May 23, 2026, from 1-3pm at the Historic Creek Stand AME Zion Church in Macon County.

PRAYER LIST

CHRISTINA ANDERSON
CAROLYN BLAND*
STEPHANIE BOSWELL

MARIAN GARMON*

THOMAS BRAYE*
JAMES BRAYE
REBECCA LYN CARTER
CURT CARTER, SR*

MARIO LIGHTFOOTE*
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JULIUS MYHAND, JR.
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DIANE KENNEY*

MARGARET 'KATIE' JONES
THERON JONES

*Local Parishioners

** Shut-In Parishioners

THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; Cursillo #240, pilgrims and staff; Parish and Diocesan Communications and their work to keep us connected to one another and the needs and hopes of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

- ARMED FORCES: Please pray for our service men and women stationed in the U.S. and overseas, especially, Elijah Barber, DeRitha Marbory B. Green (retiring), Sam and Margaret Gunn Bunton, and Shavon Marbory Hogan.
- PRAYERS: Continue to pray for those on the Prayer List, friends, family and all humankind afflicted by disease, war and famine. Pray for peace!
- REMINDER: Please continue to furnish our Food Basket with non-perishable food items (located on the ground floor of the Education Building).
- NEW: The link for the Sunday ZOOM Companion Service can be reached by dialing: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 882 671 9532, Passcode 008810 or click on your email invite. Mark your calendar for the next Holy Eucharist service on *Sunday, June 7, 2026*, with Bishop-Elect Lawson and Rev. H. Mawande Mzongwana. Save the date.
- NEW: Work will begin very soon repairing the church elevator. Thank you for your patience.
- NEW: Summer Vacation is here. Please keep up with your pledges and stay safe!

Memorial Day Prayer

Dear God, We thank you for the freedom You have given to us, and for the price that was paid by Christ so that we could live free. We remember today, the cost of it all. We thank You for the brave men and women who have fought and continue to fight for our nation. We ask that You would be their guiding force who leads the way, for You are the Truth, You are the Way, You are the Light. *Amen.*