

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Waretown, NJ  
Saturday Holy Eucharist – Rite Two  
Sunday, May 23, 2021  
Day of Pentecost

**The Word of God**

*Celebrant*     **Alleluia. Christ is Risen.**  
*People*         The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**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**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

**Collect**

*Celebrant*     **The LORD be with you.**  
*People*         And also with you.  
*Celebrant*     **Let us pray.**

**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**

**The 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 will 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, 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”

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

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

#### ***Benedic, anima mea***

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 Epistle**

#### **Romans 8:22-27**

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 the 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.

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

### **The Gospel**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **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 will 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.

### **The Sermon**

#### **The Nicene Creed** (*all stand*)

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and**

was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends and neighbors and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, William our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you Lord for all the blessing of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

### **We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:**

*Celebrant and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

**Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.**

**The Peace** (*all stand*)

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

*People* And also with you.

**Celebrant** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### Preparation of the Bread and Wine

#### The Great Thanksgiving -- Eucharistic Prayer C

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

**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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

**God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.**

*People: Glory to you for ever and ever.*

**At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.**

*People: By your will they were created and have their being.*

**From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You**

**made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.**

*People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

**Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.**

*People: By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

**And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in unending hymn:**

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

**The Celebrant continues:**

**And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, and gave it to his friends, and said:**

**“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

**After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said:**

**“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

**Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,**

*People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

**Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Delivers us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.**

*People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

**Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.**

*People: 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.  
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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Silence*

*Celebrant* [Alleluia.] **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

**The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.**

*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*

**Let us pray.**

*Celebrant and 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.**

**Blessing & Prayers**

**Announcements**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* **Let us go forth in the name of Christ [Allelulia Allelulia!]**

*People* Thanks be to God, [*Allelulia, Allelulia!*]