



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 31, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.

The Day of Pentecost

Blessing of High School Seniors

Prelude: Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 651

Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn 225: *Salve festa dies*, "Hail thee, festival day!"

Refrain: Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed forever;
day when the Holy Ghost,
shone in the world with his grace.

Lo! in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing,
he whom the Lord foretold, suddenly, swiftly descends. *Refrain*

Forth from the Father he comes with sevenfold mystical offering,
pouring on all human souls infinite riches of God. *Refrain*

Hark! For in myriad tongues Christ's own, his chosen apostles,
preach to the ends of the earth Christ and his wonderful works. *Refrain*

Praise to the Spirit of Life, all praise to the fount of our being,
light that dost lighten all, life that in all dost abide: *Refrain*

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, page 77

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea*

Reader: Cora Lewis

The Psalm is read in unison.

- 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 Lessons

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Reader: Robbie Siegfried

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: John 20:19-23

Reader: Carrington Bowles

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."

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People Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Blessing for Graduating High School Seniors & Their Parents

Mary Beth: Good morning and welcome to our Senior Blessing Milestone. My name is Mary Beth Abplanalp and I am privileged to direct the youth ministry at St. James's. Today we recognize our graduating high school seniors and their parents as they approach a new season of life. As members of the Body of Christ we are all so interconnected by the Holy Spirit that a transition for one member's life affects the whole Christian community. For that reason, I've invited past and present members of the St. James's community to join me today as we lift you up in prayer.

Chris and Whitney: Throughout life's journey we encounter moments of change that call us to grow. In the lives of Jesus and his followers, we note major life transitions that made prophets out of carpenters, disciples out of fisherman, and evangelists out of broken people. In most cases, these events were witnessed by and celebrated in the company of seekers, revelers, clerics, and skeptics. Many of these people were then drawn into an ever-widening community of companionship.

Becky: When Jesus was 12, he and his parents travelled to Jerusalem for Passover with a big group of their relatives. During this trip, Jesus became separated from his parents. His parents found him three days later teaching the elders in the Temple.

Alex: The gospel of Luke tells the story like this: "Jesus said to his parents, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor."

Hilary: Jesus's passage from childhood dependency into a new independence was witnessed and supported by the community he was with. Class of 2020, you have blessed St. James's by your presence among us and through your gifts of ministry. It has been such an honor to watch you grow and discover your gifts for ministry. The pandemic has helped many of us remember that the church is not just a building. You are the church. We send you forth today to be God's church in the world.

Dana: Let's revisit the story of Jesus teaching in the temple. It mentions how Mary and Joseph were worried about Jesus while he was missing. But they found him exactly where he needed to be, "In his Father's house." Even at a young age, Jesus knew who he was and was preparing himself for his earthly ministry. As a child prepares to spread his or her wings, it is a significant moment for the entire family.

Bob: Parents of graduates, we lift you up in prayer as your child enters a new season of life. This too is a new beginning for you that comes with loss and joy. We celebrate you for raising your children well and teaching them the faith. Throughout this transition, and as you discover new ways of understanding one another, we trust God remains faithful and his love is ever constant.

Mark Cooper: As children of God, we are constantly being called to new life, to be reborn in the image of a God whose love for us is eternal. Change, then, is inevitable in the lives of God's people. Often, though, we resist those changes and fall back on the safety of the familiar. Or, as is the case this year, everything which is familiar and anticipated has been taken away. The pandemic has dismantled so much of your senior year and leaves so much of the future yet unknown.

Ann: And yet, as Christians, we know the story does not end on Good Friday. Even amid the brokenness, loss, and tragedy in the world, unexpected grace and hope arrive on Easter. As Christians, we are Easter People. Through faith and trust in Christ, we can embrace the joy and the pain of change, and testify to God's redeeming love.

Fontaine: Although your senior year does not look like you had expected, nonetheless, you stand on the threshold of adulthood. As you prepare for the next phase of your journey, St. James's want to equip you with some gifts to accompany you along the way.

Darryl: Some of you chose to be <air quotes> "adopted" as part of our Adopt-a-Senior project. Those folks will be receiving a gift soon from a member of St. James's. We hope this kind gesture, from someone who may be a total stranger to you, helps you feel celebrated and recognized for all your accomplishments and perseverance throughout your education.

Pim: All members of the class of 2020 will be receiving a small book of prayers from the youth ministry at St. James's. This book of prayers is specifically designed for young people and they types of things this season of life entails. We hope you'll take this book with you to college along with the Book of Common Prayer you received at your confirmation.

Kent: Keep these with you and use them often to remain grounded in your faith. Let them be a reminder that your church family loves you, we will be praying for you, and we look forward to your visits home.

Lauren: Where ever you are headed next, be it college, the workforce, or perhaps a gap year, we encourage you to find a community of faith. Jesus promises that when two or three are gathered, he will be with them. We are called to worship and experience God through community, even during a pandemic.

Clare: But before you go anywhere just yet, we want to thank you for the laughter, the fellowship, and the ministry you have shared with us. As you venture into adulthood, we pray you make decisions that honor your body, your spirit, and your relationships, because God made you in God's image.

Russell: We thank you for the opportunity to walk beside you in witness of your journey into maturity. It has been our honor and delight to swing hammers beside you on mission trips, and watch you develop compassion for all your neighbors.

Mark & Virginia: We want to especially thank our youth choristers and acolytes for the ministry you've shared with all of us at St. James's. What a joy to sing hymns together in worship and to serve together at God's altar. Remember the gifts God has given all of you and use them to bless others.

Randy: Be gentle, kind, and patient with yourselves and with each other as you discover new boundaries in your relationship between parent and child. We pray that God will give you the determination and wisdom to foster new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith. Remember your baptismal vow to respect the dignity of every human being, including yourself.

Carmen: Just as Jesus commissioned the disciples to go forth and spread the love of God throughout the world, so do we commission you to do the same through the way you live your life. We pray that you will be generous and compassionate as you serve Christ in this world.

John: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of every blessing: We thank you for the beauty and mystery of growing up, the transformation of body, mind, and spirit that brings children to adulthood. Give these parents and young people grace and courage, patience and good humor, respect and compassion, hope and love. Help them remember that life is short, so be quick to be kind, make haste to love, and may the blessing of God Almighty: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today, tomorrow, and for evermore. Amen.

Members of the Class of 2020

Adaire Adams	Liza Hopper	Anne Heaton Noble
Dave Andrews	Will Horsley	Henry Paulson
Christian Andrews	Laurence Innes	Sam Riley
Virginia Angle	Anne Gamble Jennings	Parrish Roberts
Joseph Ascoli	Bradley Joel	Robbie Siegfried
Eli Bemiss	Andrew Kauders III	Cappy Slocum
Taylor Bernard	Grace Kinder	Compton Sprinkle
Sydney Bernard	John Larus III	Will Tazwell
Carrington Bowles	Cora Lewis	Ian Townsend
Sarah Echols	Will McDermott	Emily Tyler
Greer Foster	Sheppard McVey	Hank Valentine IV
Archer Gurkin	Walker Miller	Mary Lib Warner
Walker Hill	Sunny Miller	Izzy Whitaker
Carter Hogan	Cate Moffatt	Clair Willett
Gabi Holloway	Virginia Nelson	

Liturgy Speakers and Their Role

Mary Beth Abplanalp (Director of Youth Ministry)
Chris Edwards (Former Director of Youth Ministry)
Whitney Edwards (Former Associate Rector)
Becky Page (Director of Children's Ministry)
Alex Riffée (Former Director of Youth Ministry & Associate Rector)
Hilary Streever (Associate Rector)
Dana Corsello (Former Associate Rector)
Bob Friend (Priest Associate)
Mark Cooper (Priest Associate)
Ann Dieterle (Former Associate Rector)
Fontaine Williamson (Confirmation Leader)
Darryl Ricard (SYF Youth Group Leader)
Pim Jager (Former Confirmation Leader)
Kent Duffey (Former Youth Mini-Mission Leader & Children's Ministry Director)
Lauren Richardson (SYF Youth Group Leader)
Clare Trow (SYF Youth Group Leader)
Russell Lawson (Former Youth Mission Leader)
Mark Whitmire (Director of Music)
Virginia Whitmire (Organist)
Randy Hollerith (Former Rector)
Carmen Germino (Former Associate Rector)
John McCard (Rector)

Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing as able.
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
He was conceived by 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.
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. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together
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.

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let the people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain in us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

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.*

Other Collects

Prayers for the Parish

Officiant

Please join me in lifting up to God those who have asked for our prayers.

Officiant and People together

Cheri Harrell Anthony, Elizabeth Austin, Mark Cooper, Matt Curtis, Kate DeJarnette, Carsten deWolff, Craig Ellifson, Cameron Flippen, Charlie Gamble, Susan Goff, Nancy Guedri, Mary Harrison, Bernadette Howard, Dave Johnson, Palmer Johnson, Frances Jones, Rosalyn McCard, Eve McCray, Keith McMullin, Bunky Miller, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore, Chuck Murphy, Christina Navarrete, Luke Newcomb, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Jim Richter, Sherley Richter, Bill Royall, Geoff Sisk, Kathi Stalnaker, Alan Stone, Chamie Valentine, DJ, Anna and Lily Birdie Wayne, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Jennifer, Kelly and Woody

The Officiant continues with the prayers, found in the back of the bulletin.

Prayer for Mission

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Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those that do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

Greeting and Announcements

Anthem: I'm gonna sing 'til the Spirit moves in my heart

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

I'm gonna sing 'til the spirit moves in my heart.
I'm gonna sing 'til Jesus comes.

It was grace that brought me
It was grace that taught me
It was grace that kept me
And it's grace that will lead me home.

I'm gonna pray 'til the spirit moves in my heart.
I'm gonna pray 'til Jesus comes.

Can't you feel the spirit movin'?

I'm gonna shout 'til the spirit moves in my heart.
I'm gonna shout 'til Jesus comes.

General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Versicle and Response

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Closing Sentences

Hymn 594: *Cwm Rhondda*, “God of grace and God of glory”

God of grace and God of glory on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil 'round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise;
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Postlude: Postlude in D

C. Armstrong Gibbs

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Officiant: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Videographer: W. R. L. Simms

Musicians: Parish Choir

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially Robert Crutcher, Clare and Beirne Hutcheson, John Nance and Wilson Nance

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers: especially Chris Abplanalp, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Lauren Dickinson, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks and Margaret Williams

For populations most vulnerable to the COVID virus: especially the Navajoland Indian Reservation.

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Jennifer Barbee, Adeline Clark, Mason Jordan, Lauren Marple, Lisa Niemeier, Richard Rhoads, Beckett Thorp and Taffy Williams who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Bill Crawford, Jenny Cross and Shayna Heeter