

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Mills River, North Carolina

The Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

Sacred Place +++ Sacred Space

Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit



PRELUDE *A Time for All Things*

by Douglas E. Wagner

A bell rings three times; the people stand.

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN #225 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 God's 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 ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 S 280 Glory to God

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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: Numbers 11: 24-30

So 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104: 25, 31-35, 37

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *

in wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

**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: Acts 2:1-21.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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,

***People* “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—

***People* “In our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”**

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

***People* “What does this mean?”**

But others sneered and said,

***People* “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 shall see visions, and your old shall dream

dreams. Even upon my servants, 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.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #507 Praise the Spirit in Creation, Vs. 1-3

Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit moving on the waters, quickening worlds to life within,
source of breath to all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin.

Praise the Spirit, close companion of our inmost thoughts and ways:
who, in showing us God's wonders, is himself the power to gaze;
and God's will, to those who listen, by a still small voice conveys.

Praise the Spirit, who enlightened priests and prophets with the word;
his the truth behind the wisdoms which as yet know not our Lord;
by whose love and power in Jesus God himself was seen and heard.

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-23

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Jewish authorities, 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Deacon Paulette Remppel

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

Celebrant May God Almighty, 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.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Friends, do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. Our God is with us, and in us; therefore, let us pray saying: "Come, Spirit of Truth; ***Come, Holy Spirit.***"

Celebrant Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those men and women who have laid down their lives in service to this country. We commend these fallen to your care and ask that you give them eternal rest. We pray too for those who returned from battle forever changed by what they have seen, for those who bore, and still bear, wounds of body and soul. Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief upon you, they may know the consolation of your love. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

GATHERING Halle Halle Halle

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY *A Jubilant Song* *by Mary Lynn Lightfoot*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels

and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125 Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

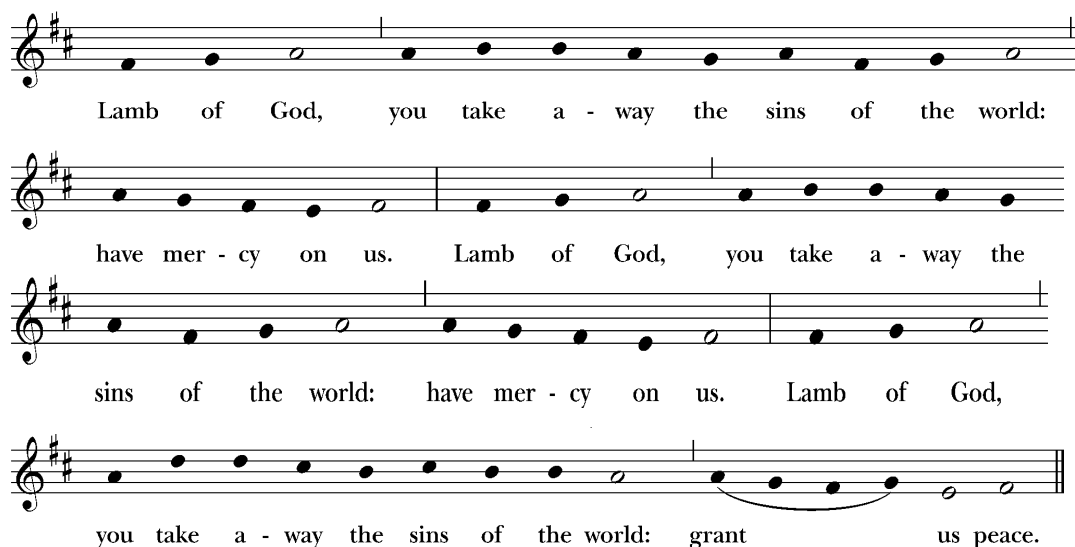
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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, forever and
ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM S 161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(The bread and wine are given to the people. All are welcome at our table. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please indicate that you would prefer a gluten-free wafer by placing your hands with palms together when you come up to receive Communion.)

COMMUNION HYMN #508 *Breathe on me Breath of God*

Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do or to endure.

Breathe on me breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me breath of God, so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN GTG# 289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled with all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Tuesday of the month- Outreach Committee, 1:30 pm
Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am (1st and 3rd Sat. of the month)
2nd Saturday of the month- Women's Group, 10:00 am at the Church
Every Wed., 6:30 pm, Choir Practice (exception May 31, will be held 2:30 pm)
June 4, Hospitality Planning following the worship service
June 7, 10:00 am, Safeguard Training Workshop

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