



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 24, 2026

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

The word *Pentecost* means “fiftieth day.” It is the presence of the Spirit in the Church that makes God’s action in the dying, rising, and glorification of Jesus of more than historical interest. It is the continued presence of the Holy Spirit that incorporates our lives into the risen life of Christ and makes us part of Christ’s Body. This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* (“WLP,” green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

MUSIC NOTE

This morning’s opening hymn, “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit,” was written and composed by Doris Akers (1923-1995) who composed over 500 gospel songs. She wrote her first piece of sacred music when she was only ten and devoted her entire career to leading and creating music for the church. In 1967 she was praying with her choir before a worship service with the words, “There’s a sweet , sweet Spirit in this place,” becoming the inspiration for the hymn we sing today.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Childcare: Available every Sunday at 10:00 am, including the summers & holidays.

Sunday School is held each week for children PK-5th grade upstairs from the Parish Hall.

Bible Study meets each week at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room. Join us as we study and discuss the week’s readings!

Please ask an usher for help in finding these locations.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S LITURGIES

Readers: John Currie, Susan Jones (8:00)

Angie Jones, Thomas Holiday, Dan Magee (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Ouellette (8:00)

Cynthia Miller, Kevin Frisch, Vicki Harrison (10:15)

Crucifer: Septimus Scott

Altar Guild: Erin Wright, Nancy Reale, Jackie Barnes, Carey Wilcox,
Jennifer Bleecker

Ushers: Abuk Mabut, Duane Swanson, Lila Kennedy, Sally Kittredge

ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Leif Johnson (10:15)

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*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.
After worship, speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY

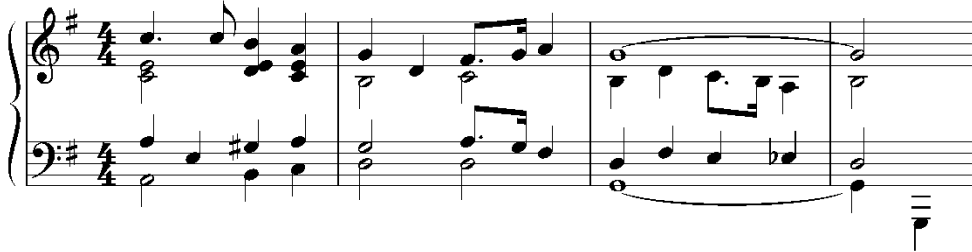
Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God

Dieterich Buxtehude

✠ indicates to stand as able.

✠ HYMN

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place




1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ Till you
(3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, _____ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. _____ There are
2. know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve. _____ You're the
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can



1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I
2. one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
3. make it right if you will yield; _____ You'll en -



1. know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. _____
2. going to walk with Je - sus all the way." _____
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel. _____



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.

And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in

praise; With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re-vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. 3. There are 3. If you place.

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider 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 IN EXCELSIS (*spoken at 8:00; S-278 sung at 10:15*)

William Mathias

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 OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST 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 Judeans 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 Judeans 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104: 25-32 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Congregation sings Antiphon at 10:15*)



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

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. (*sing antiphon*)

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. (*sing antiphon*)

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. (*sing antiphon*)

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. (*sing antiphon*)

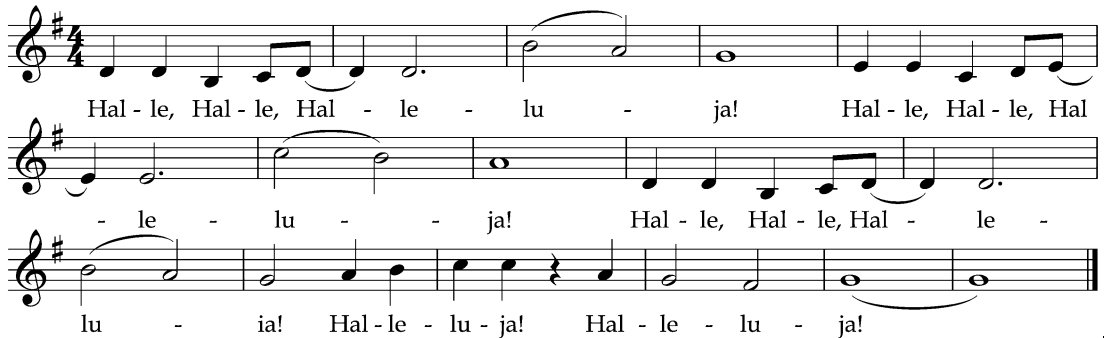
No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation 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-- Judeans 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.**

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung twice before Gospel and once following* *Caribbean*



Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - lu - ja! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal - le - lu - ja!

✠ HOLY 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 Judeans, 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.

SERMON

The Rev. Dan Burner

A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.

✠ NICENE CREED

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.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Deacon says: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (*Psalm 96:8*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; e'en the Spirit of truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

✠ SAID AT 8:00 **All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.**

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 48

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Hymnal S-128)

William Mathias

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

The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ's death,
 We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
 We await Christ's coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [_____, and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

PRAYER LIST

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and,
the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke's Church, Brockport

Barbara, Mary, Connie and John Palermo, Paul Achop, Betty Ann Conlon, Mary
Jane Thomas, David Miller, Marcia Stevens, Claudius Scott, Jack Worboys, Linda,
Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Shelia Eiss, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Donna Grear,
Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Amelia Smith, Ella
Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart.

Those who have died: Michael O'Brien

*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of Roger and Helen Staffeld, and Susan Wilcox Khan.

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them.
Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your
citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants
in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

9:00 am: Bible Study (Vestry Room)

10:00 am: Sunday School

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)

Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, May 27th

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, May 28th

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, May 30th

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ We congratulate this year's **St. Paul's Memorial Scholarship recipients**: Jessie Kelley, Martha Kelley, Thomas Welker, and Riley Werner!
- ❖ **TODAY's** loose plate offering will be dedicated to the Scholarship Fund. If offered by check, please note *Memorial Scholarship* in the memo. The scholarship fund was established following World War II to honor the men and women of the congregation who sacrificed their lives in defense of the freedoms we are privileged to enjoy, and awarding this scholarship is one way that we honor them and our students.
- ❖ We unfortunately had to have another of our copper beech trees taken down this week after attempts to treat and preserve the tree did not yield sufficient results. Plans are already underway for a new tree, likely sometime next year.
- ❖ **Town Hall Talks**: The Search Committee will have its next "Town Hall Talks" on Sunday, May 31st, after the 8:00 and 10:15 am services in the Cadigan Room.
- ❖ **Parish Picnic** will be held on June 7th, following the 10:15 am Eucharist. We are looking for volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. Contact Bob Potter (bpotter@stpaulsec.org) to help! Parishioners are encouraged to bring sides and/or desserts. St Paul's will provide everything else.
- ❖ **The East Avenue Music Festival** returns on Sunday, June 14th! There will be music, food, and festivity throughout the afternoon and a bagpiper leading us from church to church, so bring your friends to this popular event! You can learn more about the East Avenue Music Festival by going to our website: EastAvenueMusicFestival.com.
- ❖ **St. Joseph's House**: For May, we will collect all sizes of men's & women's underwear, men's & women's travel-size deodorant, razors, lotion, coffee & sugar. Please place all donations in the baskets in the back of the church.
- ❖ **2026 Bishop's Appeal: Sharing the Good News**: Bishop's Appeal 2026 will fund a diocesan campaign to create social media, welcome, and advertising templates that each parish can personalize. Donations will be collected throughout 2026 for work beginning mid-year. Options for giving may be found at episcopalrochester.org/give.
- ❖ **Reminder**: Clergy & staff will never text or email asking for gift cards.

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