

MORNING PRAYER

THE DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

PRELUDE: "COME, CREATOR GOD, HOLY GHOST" (*VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS*) – J. S. BACH

OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.
R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Alleluia.

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

VENITE PSALM 95:1-7

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.
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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.*

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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THE PSALM APPOINTED:

PSALM 118 *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 ***Let Israel now proclaim, ****
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 4 ***Let those who fear the LORD now proclaim, ****
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 5 I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.
- 6 ***The LORD is at my side, therefore I will not fear; ****
what can anyone do to me?
- 7 The LORD is at my side to help me; *
I will triumph over those who hate me.
- 8 ***It is better to rely on the LORD ****
than to put any trust in flesh.
- 9 It is better to rely on the LORD *
than to put any trust in rulers.
- 10 ***All the ungodly encompass me; ****
in the Name of the LORD I will repel them.
- 11 They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; *
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.
- 12 ***They swarm about me like bees; they blaze like a fire of thorns; ****
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.
- 13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, *
but the LORD came to my help.
- 14 ***The LORD is my strength and my song, ****
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 ***The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! ****
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 ***The LORD has punished me sorely, ****
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 ***This is the gate of the LORD; ****
he who is righteous may enter.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

- 22 ***The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.***
- 23 This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 ***On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.***
- 25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 ***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.***
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 ***You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.***
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

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

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ASCENSIONTIDE RESPONSORY FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

***Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.***

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

A READING FROM 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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #516: COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

A READING FROM JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4-15

"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. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. "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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 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.
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

V: The Lord be with you.

R: ***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

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***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for parishes in our Diocese, especially St. David's, Laurinburg and Grace Church, Lexington. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME and for the Hillsborough Clergy Coalition, especially for Rev. Tony Boss of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our President, our Congress, and our State Government.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for the work of Anathoth Community Garden and Fairview Gardens in our community.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for all those in our parish who have worked with our children and youth this past year as teachers and mentors. We pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County and the world, especially those without access to the COVID vaccine. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry and their work in our state.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those in our parish family, especially: Mildred, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Laura, Sandra, Tricia & Don, Nell, Ludie, Robert, Marion, Nancy, Jim, Joseph, Mimi, Betty, David, Robin, and Carol; and for Benny Whitted. We pray for those at Brookshire, both residents and staff.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR 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.***

CLOSING HYMN #114 (LEVAS): EV'RY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,
moving in my heart, I will pray.*

- 1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain

2 Jordan river chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul.
There ain't but one train runs this track,
runs to heaven and runs right back.

Refrain

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***

This Week's Schedule

Sunday (5/23): The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Worship and Formation

- **In-Person Eucharist** (Church); 8:00am; **health screening form required**
- **Coffee Hour**
- **Zoom Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:30am: **Note the altered time**
- **Faith Formation for the St. Matthew's Family** (The Courtyard); 10:30am; **health screening form required**

Monday (5/24):

- **Archives & History**; 10:00am
- **Society of Junior Wardens** (Fellowship Hall); 5:00pm **health screening form required**
- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom); 6:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (5/25):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Staff Meeting** (Meeting Zoom); 11:00am
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (5/26):

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **In-Person Eucharist (Church)**; Noon; **health screening form required**
- **For Those Who Live Alone** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Thursday (5/27)

- **Adult Bible Study** (Formation Zoom); 7:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Friday (5/28)

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Sunday (5/30): Trinity Sunday**Worship and Formation**

- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Sunday Forum** (Worship Zoom); 10:15am Re-Opening St. Matthew's
- **Women's "Singing" Circle** (Worship Zoom); 7:00pm

Please mask up if you come into any of the buildings on the church property!!

In-Person Eucharist services are now being offered (health screening form required)

We are thrilled to be able to return to the church for some small services.

- A Special Pentecost Eucharist on Sunday, May 23, at 8:00am
- A Pentecost Family Faith Formation on Sunday, May 23, at 10:30am in the Courtyard outside the Fellowship Hall
- Eucharist on Wednesdays at Noon
- June 6: 8:00am in the church: Eucharist, Rite II, with music, followed by a simple "coffee hour."
- We will continue to offer in-person services in the church this summer. Because protocols are rapidly easing, we are waiting a little longer before making an announcement about what times they will be.

May 30 Sunday Forum:

Our Vestry is responding to the CDC's dropping of most requirements around gathering in crowds and masking. Come to Morning Prayer on Trinity Sunday, May 30, and to the Forum afterwards at 10:15 to have a discussion about how we will do this as a parish. The Vestry is keen to have us regather in a multiplicity of ways that allow for different needs, always with an eye to keeping safe the vulnerable — especially children who are unvaccinated.

Save the DATE for a Parish Picnic: Sunday, June 13!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Parish Life Committee is happy to announce plans for a parish picnic on Sunday, June 13. We ask everyone to bring their own picnic lunch and a blanket or chairs and we will supply bottled drinks, water and dessert. We will begin with a short service on the patio at 11:00am, then relax and eat before indulging in activities and games for all ages and energy levels. (Relaxing and getting reacquainted with fellow parishioners is also encouraged.) So save the date--June 13th-- and let's welcome the summer of 2021 with

the joy of being together again!

Habitat for Humanity

St. Matthew's will be helping to build another house in Hillsborough this summer. We currently are signed up for two dates in June (the 5th, 12th, and 26th). If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Ellen McRae at mcrake@aol.com or 919-630-0587.

About the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry (EFWM)

EFWM is a joint project of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina and the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, based in Dunn, NC. They work with agricultural workers (farmworkers, meat processing plant workers, and workers from nurseries, packing houses and poultry, swine, or livestock farms) and immigrant families in Eastern rural NC. Their ministry coordinates direct services, leadership programs, community education programs, and advocacy in support of the community. The majority of the people served live in Duplin, Harnett, Johnston, Lenoir, and Sampson counties. Since 1982, they have worked with farmworkers and their families to create a better world for the future generations. EFWM welcomes immigrants, a place for fellowship, and a place to serve others.

Faith and Arts has launched Season III of the St. Matthew's Podcast. This new season features interviews with six artists and creative folk from different mediums and practices in our community. It explores the imagination and creative presence among our own community as we continue to quarantine and discussing how each artist's particular faith experience informs and connects to their artistic work. Listen to Kim interview photographer Holden Richards, poet Jerry Eidenier, baker Mary Rocap, woodworker Domenic Tiani, painter Hunter Taylor, and iconographer, Mimi Games. <https://stmatthewshillsborough.org/podcast/>

Orange Congregations In Mission

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. Bring your donated cans to the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors. We have received 129 so far this month towards our monthly goal of 175 cans; 45 more needed.

Forward Day by Day Devotionals are available for purchase on the table in the Parish House foyer for \$1.00. These booklets, issued quarterly, offer opportunity for daily reflection on the Christian life. The current booklet runs for May, June, and July.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Mildred Pruessing, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Tricia & Don Hill, Nell Schrader, Ludie White, Robert Locke, Nancy Harris, Jim von St. Paul, Jean Bartholomew, Joseph Riddick, Mimi Games, Betty Wolfe, David Arcus, Robin Arcus, and Carol Parrent.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Harry Dula, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Bob, Laura Merrill,

Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, Mary Beth, Karl & Janice Eicher, Knox Efland, Coleman Sale, Boardman Lloyd, the family of Chris Knotts, Bill, Chris Graebner, Michael Thompson, Andy, Drew, Sean Turnell, Sally Weaver, Steve Thomas, Alex Thomas, Joe Barnes, Tony Boss, Millie Hinkle, Cyndi Martin, Joanna Huacani, the Wiley family: Amanda, Hayes, Julianna, and Jasper, Naomi Swainey, Maggie Malone, and Benny Whitted.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.