# ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Everyone is Welcome Here!



# The Day of Pentecost

May 19th, 2024 10:00 am

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# The Word of God

**PRELUDE** 

What Wondrous Love is This

by Mac and Beth Lynch

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All hail the power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal (1982) #450

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** 

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

The Celebrant may say

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*.



### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

*The people sit.* 

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>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: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Please join in reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

<sup>25</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>26</sup>Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \* **creatures both small and great.** 

<sup>27</sup>There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*

which you have made for the sport of it.

<sup>28</sup>All of them look to you \*

to give them their food in due season.

<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; \*

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>30</sup>You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*

you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*

and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>32</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*

may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>34</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*

I will praise my God while I have my being.

35May these words of mine please him; \*

I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>37</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*

Hallelujah!

#### **SECOND READING:**

Romans 8:22-27

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.

**SEQUENCE HYMN** Praise the Lord through every nation **Hymnal (1982) #484** 

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>26</sup>"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. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

#### THE 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief, sickness, or trouble, especially any we now name; (pause)

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We celebrate those having birthdays this week, especially any we now name: (pause)

We also celebrate those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially any we now name: (pause)

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence)

**Celebrant:** 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.* 

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14* 

**OFFERTORY HYMN** These Words Music by Tom Lowenthal and Text by Hub Oosteruis

DOXOLOGY Blue Hymnal (1982) 380 v3

Celebrant All things come of thee, O lord;

**People** And of Thine own we have given Thee.

# The Great Thanksgiving

#### SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

#### PROPER PREFACE

#### Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## The People stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### **EPICLESIS**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

And for those of who are joining online we pray; in union O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your church where the holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer You praise always be united to you. And since we cannot not receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to some spiritually into our hearts.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

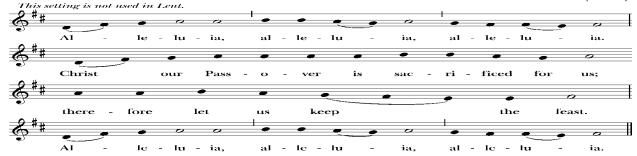
## People and Celebrant

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 154 Christ our Passover (Hurd)



#### INVITATION

Celebrant Behold what you are:

**People** May we become what we receive.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

For the bread which you have broken

Hymnal (1982) #341

### THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS (The Prayer of St. Francis)

Make me a Channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred,

let me bring your love.
Where there is injury your

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

All stand if able.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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**

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.



## **DISMISSAL**

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** 

Shine Jesus Shine

by Graham Kendrick

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## **Parish Staff**

The Reverend Ayden J. Petrone, LCSW Priest-in-Charge

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## **Church Office Hours:**

Mondays & Thursdays 10am-2pm

# **Rev. Ayden's In-Office Hours:**

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays 8:30 am- 1:30 pm

Work from Home: Thursdays Sabbath: Fridays

If you would like a pastoral visit at home, please reach out to Ayden on their cell phone, by email, or call the church office.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS: IN LOVING MEMORY OF GEORGIANNA DANA FROM AMY MYZIE

TODAY'S SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN LOVING MEMORY OF GEORGIANNA DANA FROM AMY MYZIE

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TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR: HOSTED BY HEATHER, CARLINE & CYNTHIA

## PRAYER & SERVICES:

CENTERING PRAYER

Tuesdays, 3 pm, St. Francis' Zoom

**COMPLINE PRAYER:** 

Wednesdays, 7 pm, St. Francis' Zoom

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** 

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:15 pm, St. Francis' Zoom

## **FELLOWSHIP:**

**COFFEE WITH A CLERIC:** 

Monday's at 8:30/8:45 am at DaLuca's Coffee Shop, on North Ave., Dunellen

**COFFEE HOUR:** 

Sunday's after 10 am service in Milbank Hall

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

BETTER WORLD CHANGERS FOOD DISTRIBUTION @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNELLEN 218 DUNELLEN AVE.

May 22, 2024 11:00am

**DUNELLEN GARAGE SALE** 

Saturday, June 1, 2024 (Rain date June 8, 2024)

PISCATAWAY STREET FAIR

Saturday, June 8, 2024

MASS ON THE GRASS

Sunday, June 9, 2024