



Window: Pentecost

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

The Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

Morning Prayer Rite II † 8:00 AM

Welcome

The Invitatory and Psalter

RCL 80

Celebrant Lord, open our lips

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All 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. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: Come let us adore him. Alleluia

Christ our Passover

BCP 83

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the 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 also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Psalms 104:25-35, 37 *spoken in unison*

BCP 735

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!

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.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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 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.' "

Canticle 21 You are God

BCP 95

You are God: we praise you;
 You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
 You are the eternal Father:
 All creation worships you.
 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
 Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.

Gospel John 20:19-23

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."

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

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.

Offering

St. Thomas welcomes your gifts to both the General Budget and to the St. Thomas Renewal Fund. You may mail a check to 2100 Hilton Avenue, Columbus, GA 39106, donate online at our website (<https://www.stthomascolumbus.org/give/>), or use your mobile device by texting **STTCOLUMBUS** to **73256**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

The Collect of the Day

BCP 227

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.*

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.*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

St. Thomas parishioners: The family of Marge Henly, Lori Kent, Carlene Pawlowicz, the Pistorio family, Anita Godwin, Penny Wise & family, the Ward family, Charlene Moore, Freeman McCluskey, Oliver Griffin, Sandra Wood, Gerald Boyd, Esther Thomas, Norma Jergens, Mandy Ochoa, Darius Slusher

Homebound members: Marianne Baxter, Carolyn Billings, Murray Craig, Charlotte DuPriest, Judy Harding, Harvey Hisaw, Connie McEwen, Jan Pittman, Bill Thomas.

Those working in healthcare: Maggie Krawczyk, Alex Erickson, Lizzie Venable-Lyashevskiy, Hayley Walker, Nora Ngo, Henry Ngo, Elizabeth McCann Rickerson, Hannah Davenport, Maryann Rahm, Laura Perkins, Michael Dempsey, Monica Fortson, Tom Fortson, April Jacobs, Deborah Scribner, Andrea Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), James Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), LeighEllen Johnson (*Meg Olive-Allison*), Ellen Richter (*Marianne Richter*), Mary Jane Burton (*Grace Burton-Edwards*), Michael Chamberlain (*Patty Chamberlain*), Jordan (*Patty Chamberlain*), Colette Daniel (*Mike Edmondson*)

Friends of the parish: Lexy McRae (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Bee Till (*Nicole Ceccato*), Baby Lanius (*Meg Olive-Allison*), Sue Holt (*Jenny Holder*), Edna Collins (*Darlene Everritt*), Marion Young (*Steve Scott*), Bebe Bingen (*Margo Easterbrook*), the McMonagle family (*Sherry Wade*), the Foley family (*Paul Hostetter*)

Those with continuing concerns: April Jacobs, Jana Speer, Amy Nurnberg, Chuck Bentfeld, Carlene Pawlowicz, Sandra Wood, Gene Wells, Debbie & Max Anderson, Art France, Mark Jones (*Tanya Edwards-Jones*), Greg & Bonnie Feagle (*Pam Feagle*), Mike & Jill Venable (*Marquette McKnight*), Angela Tulloh (*Louise Tulloh*), Andrew Meyers (*Carole Hill*), Jeanne Schomburg (*Nelia Partain*), Mike Kent (*Nelia Partain*), Alex Watford (*Martha Robert*)

Those celebrating birthdays: Lisa Herring 5/31, Kristy Godfrey 5/31, Sammy Hatfield 6/5

Those celebrating anniversaries: Matt & Patti Landreau 6/1, Skip & Peggy Williams 6/1, Tom Jones & Tanya Edwards-Jones 6/5, Spencer & Cynthia Garrard 6/6, Dan & Linda Van Kley 6/6

Those who have died: Roger Free 12/13/19, Julie Barbaree 12/23/19, Frank Eslinger 1/9/20, Marge Henly 5/28/20

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

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.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**The arrangements on the altar are dedicated to the Flower Guild in thanksgiving for their ministry by
Ralph Wimberly**

Announcements

Stay in touch with St. Thomas. While we are worshipping and learning from our homes, we are sending a daily newsletter via email. Contact office@stthomasolumbus.org to sign up.

St. Thomas Renewal Fund: St. Thomas Vestry is pleased to announce the St. Thomas Renewal Fund. The fund was launched with a gift of \$50,000 with the hope that donations from the congregation will match or exceed that amount. The fund will be used to care for our neighbors, prepare our facility for reopening, enhance worship, and support our staff. We are delighted to share that we have received gifts and pledges of \$15,750 so far. In addition, others people have promised to pray for St. Thomas in this time of renewal. Please consider how you can support the renewal of St. Thomas. [To learn more or to give or pledge online click here.](#) Thanks to all who are leading the renewal of St. Thomas!

Daily Spiritual Adventures next week: Next week, in honor of the Day of Pentecost, we will feature updates from the church throughout the world. We'd like to hear how the church is adapting and serving in this season and how we can pray for one another. If you have an update you can share, email Rev. Grace at grace@stthomasolumbus.org

El Refugio Update next week: Watch for information about online gatherings led by El Refugio to share updates about current conditions at Stewart Detention Center. A general overview for those who have not visited before will take place on Saturday, June 6 at 10 am. A more specific update about conditions at Stewart and ways to be involved with El Refugio's work from home will take place on June 6 at 1 pm.

As a reminder, the church office is closed, and most staff are working from home during this time. Email is the best way to communicate with staff. Email addresses are –

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