



# Holy Nativity



**The Day of Pentecost**  
**Sunday, May 31, 2020**

## The Prelude

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*The Presider says.*

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.**

### A Reading from the New Testament, 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.'"

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

- 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!



## **A Reading from the New Testament, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and 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 – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
according to John 20:19-23.

*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 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.'

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



## The Prayers of the People

Let us unite our hearts and minds in prayer for our world, saying, Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

For the church throughout the world: Inspire the sons and daughters of your church for prophetic witness to your truth. Upon old and young give clarity of vision to acknowledge your saving power in the world. Give us grace and courage to do the work of justice and peace-making in our public and in our private lives.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

For nations of the world and its leaders: Overcome the babble of misunderstanding among the nations. Let all people hear in their own language and recognize in their own culture your unifying message of love. Help us to search out and respect, in each society, what finds its source in you.

For planet Earth, our home: By your Spirit, renew the earth. In our daily lives make us good stewards of its resources and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

For those in need of healing: Send your Spirit upon those who are sick in body or mind. Restore them to health, and to the joy of salvation. Let those who are alone, cut off from family and friends, find comfort in those who care for them and in you.

For our neighbors and members of our greater community: Teach us to be good neighbors, to live in peace with one another, and in friendship to share the joys and burdens of daily life. Help us to humbly and patiently wear masks, gloves, wash our hands, shelter in place, gather with 6 feet of distance, and in so many ways protect one another during this viral pandemic.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

For our children: Bless our children. Protect them from danger. Help parents and caregivers nurture them so they may mature in wisdom and grow in grace.

For our enemies: Bless our enemies. Teach us to forgive, to not take revenge in our hurt or anger. We turn them over to you and to your mercy.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

We pray for our Vestry as they interview the final three candidates, one of whom may become our new rector. Give them grace to listen with open hearts and to discern with your wisdom.

We pray for patience and wisdom in the prospect of reopening our churches. Give us the courage to act for the greater good that, in our yearning to be together, we not become a source of illness for ourselves and others. Lead us with your Holy Spirit to do your will.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

In your mercy, Almighty God, receive our prayers and, according to your wisdom, provide all that we truly need; through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Officiant:** Closing Prayer

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*People:* **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Presider says*

May God love you and have mercy upon you;  
Through the cross of Christ, pardon you and set you free.  
God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.  
In the name of the Source, the Word, and the Spirit. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **Welcome to Holy Nativity**



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Presentation Hymn

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace  
The Hymnal 1982, No. 593

### The Great Thanksgiving

*The Sursum Corda is a form of introduction to prayer.  
Here begins the Great Thanksgiving.*

*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.**

*The Presider continues.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

### Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Presider:* Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People:* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues.*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider:* And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*People:* **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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## The Invitation

*Presider:* Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

*People:* **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**



## The Post-Communion Prayer

**We praise you, O God, and give you thanks  
that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope  
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Let our lives be proof of that good news.**

**Let all our words and actions, our love and service  
bear witness to your resurrection power,  
for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory  
The Hymnal 1982, No. 594

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*Presider:* Go forward, knowing that you do not go this way alone. Nor do we have to be afraid, for the Word of God strengthens us and the Holy Spirit guides our path.

And may the peace that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son, Jesus Christ. May the blessing of God, our mother and father, and of Jesus, who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit, who sustains us, be with us this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

*Presider:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## The Postlude

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**We are a community of people who share our joy  
in the peace and love of God with our children and neighbors.  
We support each other as we celebrate God's blessings in our  
lives through worship, prayer, music, and service to others.**