

Day of Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church | Waco, TX | May 28, 2023 | 10:00 AM

The Prelude: *Voluntary in A*

William Selby
(1738-1798)

The Word of God

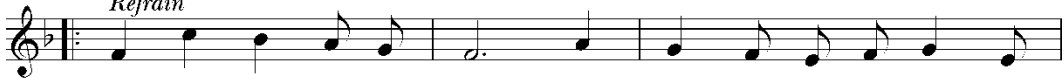
BCP 355

The people stand.


The Opening Hymn: *Hail thee, festival day!*

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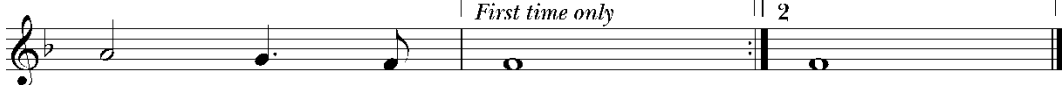
Refrain




Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for




ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the



world with God's grace. grace.




1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his



wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the



Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:



my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

Repeat Refrain
souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People ***One God and Father of all.***

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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

The people sit.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Lector A Reading from Acts.

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.' "

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Response: Psalm 104:25-35, 37 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

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!

The Second Lesson: *1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

Lector A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

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.

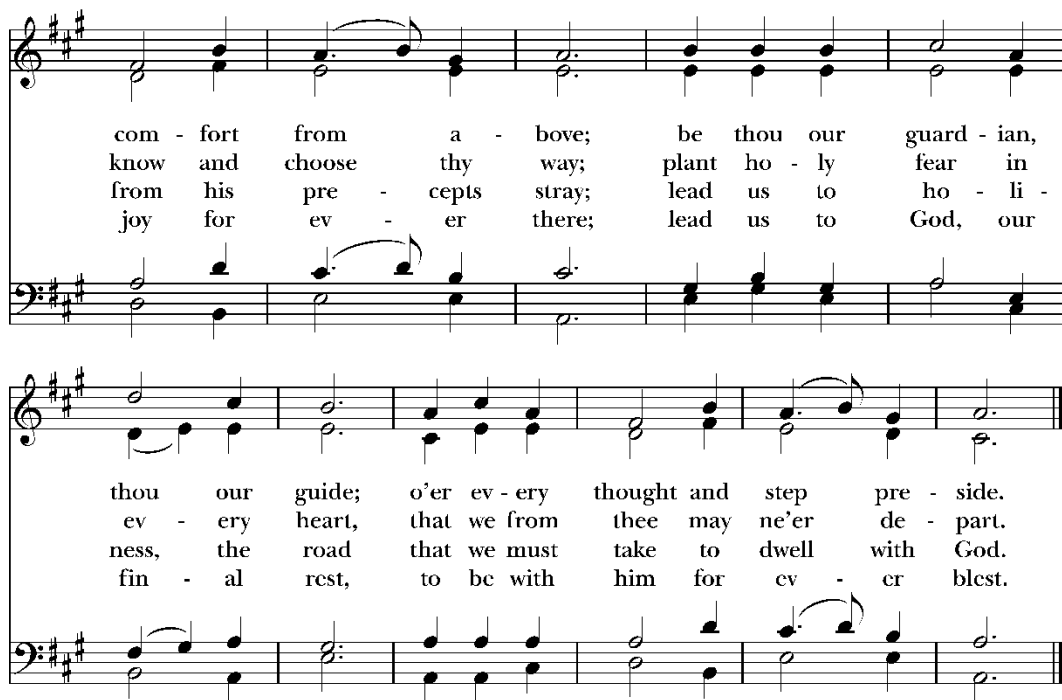
Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

The Sequence: *Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove*

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1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: Mendon, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1981; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Gospel: John 20:19-23

Then, all standing, the minister appointed reads the Gospel.

Gospeler 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 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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher, the Rev. Patrick J. Miller.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP 301

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents

I present Samantha Jane Appel to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents and Godparents

I present Bram Lyde Smith to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents and Godparents

I present Eden Bradford Truitt and Hayes Roane Truitt to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving Your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, And respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP 305

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ you Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP 306

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

BCP 307

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate saying

Samantha Jane Appel
Bram Lyde Smith
Eden Bradford Truitt
Hayes Roane Truitt

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

When this action has been completed, the Priest prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using chrism and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

BCP 360

All stand for the exchange of the peace.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

People may offer the fruit of their time and labor by placing a financial gift in the offering plate as it is passed through the pews, or by securely giving online at saintpaulswaco.org/give.

Offertory Music: *Come, Holy Spirit, Come*

arr. S. Drummond Wolff

*Come, Holy Spirit, come, Oh hear my humble prayer!
Stoop down and make my heart thy home, and shed thy blessing there.
Thy light, Thy love impart, and let it ever be,
A holy, humble, happy heart, a dwelling place for Thee.
Let thy rich grace increase, Through all my earthly days,
The fruits of righteousness and peace
To Thine eternal praise.*

June Shipper, soprano
Daniel Scott, bass

Standing

The Doxology: *From all that dwell below the skies (verse 3)*

H 380

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

BCP 367

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift 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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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. 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.

The Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy*

S125

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

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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.

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 Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*

S164

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:" "give us your peace, give us your peace."

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
 The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the usher's or acolyte's direction. If you would prefer to receive communion from your pew, you may remain seated during altar rail distribution. A priest will come down to the congregation for anyone wishing to remain in the pew. You may raise your hand to get their attention.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Chalice is shared with those wishing to intinct

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn: Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

H 343

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

H 334

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - cry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*, melody att. Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758), alt.; harm. Johann Löhner (1645-1705), after chorale ver. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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.

The Blessing

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The people kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: *Creator Spirit, by whose aid*

H 500

1 Cre - a - tor Spi - rit, by whose aid the world's foun -
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, the Fa - ther's
3 Plen - teous of grace, come from on high, rich in thy

da - tions first were laid, come, vis - it ev - ery hum - ble
prom - ised Par - a - clete, thrice ho - ly Fount, thrice ho - ly
seven - fold en - er - gy; make us e - ter - nal truth re -

mind; come, pour thy joys on hu - man - kind; from sin and
Fire, our hearts with heaven - ly love in - spire; come, and thy
ccive, and prac - tice all that we be - lieve; give us thy -

sor - row set us free, and make thy tem - ples wor - thy thee.
sa - cred unc - tion bring to sanc - ti - fy us while we sing.
self, that we may see the Fa - ther and the Son by thee.

Words: John Dryden (1631-1700); tr. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Music: *Surrey*, melody Henry Carey (1690?-1743).

The Dismissal

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Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude: *Festive March*

Daniel Pinkham
(1923-2006)

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The Worship Leadership 10:00 AM

Celebrant	The Rev. Samantha R.E. Smith, Rector
Preacher	The Rev. Patrick Miller
Lector and Intercessor	Piers Bateman
Musicians	Jeffrey Peterson
Vestry Host	Mike Indergard and Felicia Goodman
Altar Guild	Team V: Sandra Callan, Kristi Carlile, Jackie Dove, Susan Duncan, Amy Grigsby, Carol Horner, Karen Johnson, Carolyn Turner, Frankye Oliver, Nancy Reid, Betty Young, Carl Ballew

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Nancy Callan to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Woody Callan, Jr.

Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Anniversaries

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**