

# PENTECOST 18/LECTIONARY 26

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**WE WELCOME YOU** to historic Trinity Church. We are blessed by your presence and pray God's richest blessing upon you. We invite you to receive the Risen Christ at the Lord's Table. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**P** Presiding Minister    **A** Assisting Minister    **C** Congregation

## CARILLON

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Gilbert M. Martin

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P**      Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♦ one God,  
          whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,  
          and whose love is endless.

**C**      Amen

**P**      Let us confess our sin to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God our comforter,

**C**      like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen

- P** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
By the gift of grace in  $\dagger$  Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
- C** Amen

## GATHERING HYMN

822 Oh, Sing to the Lord Peter Graf, guitar CANTAD AL SEÑOR

## GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the

right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-

alone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Glo-ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen**

*Be seated.*

## **FIRST READING:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

*What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 19:7-14**

*The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse. The Assisting Minister reads a verse and the congregation reads the next verse.*

**A** The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**C** **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;**  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

**A** The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**C** **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,**  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

**A** By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

- C** Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- A** Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- C** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable  
in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### **SECOND READING:** James 5:13-20

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

- A** Word of God, word of life.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### **TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in G major (one sharp) and the bottom staff is in A major (no sharps or flats). Both staves begin with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia," are repeated twice on each staff, with a fermata over the final "ia" of the first repetition and the first "al" of the second repetition. The notes are primarily eighth and sixteenth notes.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia,

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 9:38-50

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

- ¶ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
- ¶ Glory to you, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

- ¶ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ¶ Praise to you, O Christ.

*Be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

800 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

*Please kneel or be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- A** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence. Each petition concludes:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*After the final petition:*

- P** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** Amen

*Please stand as you are able and remain standing through the Eucharistic prayer.*

## **PEACE**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

*Please greet one another from a distance.*

## **PRAYER**

- A** Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics are integrated directly into the music staff.

**Stave 1:**  
P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

**Stave 2:**  
P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

**Stave 3:**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Stave 4:**  
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

## **EUCARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** Blessed are you, O God...power of the Most High, now and forever.

**C** Amen

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

- ¶ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- ¶ All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.
- ¶ **Amen**

*Be seated.*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*We invite all who wish to receive the Risen Christ in this meal to join us at the Lord's table. Coming to the altar, following the direction of the usher, be sure to maintain a safe distance between households. If you are in need of a gluten-free wafer or would prefer grape juice to wine, please ask your server. Returning to your seat, please deposit the used glass in the baskets provided. Those not receiving the sacrament may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, tell the usher and the sacrament can be brought to you. God bless you with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation!*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen

## **BLESSING**

**P** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

## **SENDING HYMN**

**631** Love Divine, All Love Excelling

HYFRYDOL

## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

## **POSTLUDE**

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Paul Manz

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## **Today's Leaders in Liturgy**

**Greeter:** Annie Harlin

**Altar Guild:** Janet Clemmer, Michael Faust, Linda Grim, Erica Hofmann, Allison Huyett, Darryl Jeffries and Doris Strobel

**Today's broadcast** is sponsored by Miles & Betty Dechant in loving memory of Betty's parents, Robert & Elma Younger.

## **Prepare for Worship October 3**

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; and Mark 10:2-16

*Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

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