



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

*A World Music Celebration for Pentecost
and Holy Baptism*

June 4, 2017: The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Welcome! Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Holy Communion.



Entrance Hymn

Salva Festa Dies

Hymnal 225

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

1st Lesson *Please be seated.*

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.' "

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Psalm

Vencerá el amor

Carlos Colón

*Vencerá el amor, aunque acechen tempestades,
Y aunque hay dolor, pasarán las maldades.
Vencerá el amor, aunque tristes extrañemos
a quienes hoy no están, más sin embargo viven.*

*Vencerá el amor, sobre tantas vejaciones.
Vencerán también nuestras oraciones.
Y estas lágrimas que juntos deramamos
unigirán con paz nuestros corazones.*

*Love shall overcome even when the storm is raging,
Though the night is long, still God's power is unchanging.
Love shall overcome. After nights of bitter weeping
there comes a brighter dawn for saints of God's own keeping.*

*Love shall overcome. From these chains our God will free us.
When we pray as one, Jesus will redeem us.
And the tears we cried will be a precious offering
And the peace of Christ shall reign forever.*

2nd Lesson

Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *Please stand.*

John 14:8-17

Children are invited to follow Heidi Olliff to the Children's Chapel. They will rejoin their parents for the baptism. The congregation is invited to sing Heleluyan before the Gospel reading.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia;

he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The congregation is invited to sing Heleluyan after the Gospel reading.

The Sermon *Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher*

The Rev. Mike Angell

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Candidate, parents and Godparents stand and face the Celebrant. The congregation remains seated.

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Dorothy Ellis Midden 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 the child you present is 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 this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child

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.

Please stand. After the Candidate has been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

We will.

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

The Baptismal Covenant

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 Candidate

During the Prayers, the Baptismal party makes its way to the font. Children from Children's Chapel also join the procession to the font.
Let us now pray for Dorothy who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

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

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses or pours water upon the candidate, saying
Dorothy Ellis, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying
Dorothy Ellis, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over her, saying
Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

Baptismal Hymn

Houston

Hymnal 490

Receiving the Newly Baptized

Dorothy, receive the light of Christ.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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 *standing*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements *seated*

Birthday Blessing

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer - Prayer A, p. 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ. In response all sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Optional text:*

Bless - ed is the one

The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The presider then concludes with prayer for the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread, the wine, and the gathered congregation. The Eucharistic prayer concludes with prayer for the coming of God's reign.

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

The congregation sings the "Great AMEN" to the tune of "Helehayan" (see p. 4).

The Lord's Prayer *Please stand.*

**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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Administration of the Sacrament

You are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Gluten Free wafers are available, on request, from the minister. On the left (West) side of the altar rail, the chalice is filled with white grape juice, as a sign of welcome for those who choose not to consume wine. On the right (East) side of the altar rail, the chalice is traditional red wine. Please feel free to cross the aisle for your preferred chalice. Additional instructions about how to receive Eucharist or a blessing are available on the red cards hanging on the ends of the pew racks.

Communion Anthem

Thankful

Carole Bayer Sager, David Foster,
and Richard James Page

*Somedays, we forget to look around us,
Somedays, we can't see the joy that surrounds us,
So caught up inside ourselves, we take when we should give,
So for tonight we pray for what we know can be,
And on this day we hope for what we still can't see,
It's up to us, to be the change, and even though we all can still do more,
There's so much to be thankful for.
Look beyond ourselves, there's so much sorrow,
It's way to late to say, I'll cry tomorrow
Each of us must find our truth, it's so long overdue,
Even with our differences, there is a place we're all connected,
Each of us can find each other's light.*

Hymns During Communion *Sung by all, please stand.*

*Spirit of the Living God
Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Come Holy Ghost*

**LEVAS 115
LEVAS 120
Hymnal 503**

Post Communion Prayer *please stand or kneel*

Book of Common Prayer, p.365

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

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

LEVAS 114

*During the closing hymn, please follow the choir
out to the front patio, weather permitting.*

The Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
“Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.”

Chorale Postlude

Hlobonolofatsa (trad. South African)

arr. Daniel Jackson

*Hlonolofatsa, i yo, blonolofatsa, ka lebitso la ntate
Bless everything in the name of the Father*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kelly and Dan Midden
in thanksgiving for the baptism of their daughter, Dorothy Ellis Midden.*

Worship Leaders

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Marc Smith |
| Preacher | The Rev. Mike Angell |
| Lector | Matthew Chapman, Alisa Williams |
| Crucifer & Chalice | Joe Adams |
| Intercessor & Chalice | Meg Goldstein |
| Acolyte | Ben Rose, Edie & Maya Zerazion |
| Ushers/Greeters | Bill Scoopmire, Susan Norris, Gavin Rose |
| Altar Guild | Barbara Robinson |

About Today's Music

The term “world music” is usually associated with Indian or Native American or South American music, but the term simply means music from across the globe.

That was my goal for today's festival: Music from across the globe which represented and celebrated the diversity of our congregation. Our combined backgrounds create a beautiful tapestry – from heritage to philosophies, education, musical tastes, and religious upbringing. As I reflected upon the music I had chosen, another theme emerged -- have faith, and continue your good work.

Today we welcome home the pilgrims who traveled to El Salvador this past week, where they took part in Cristosal's “Global School.” The Global School is a seminar process which generates new ideas, proposals, and actions to address universal human rights issues by engaging individuals from different cultures and backgrounds in dialogue, shared learning, and capacity-building.

The choral psalm for today, ***Vencerá el amor*** by **Carlos Colón**, was written to commemorate the martyrdom of six Jesuit priests and two women on the campus of Universidad Centroamericana in El Salvador in 1989. The words are simple, yet empowering: *“Love shall overcome... and the peace of Christ shall reign forever.”*

The joyful and sometimes complex piece, ***Norwegian Alleluia*** by **Kim André Arnesen** was written for Baylor A Cappella at Baylor University in Texas. Its lush harmonies and dance-like tempi underscore the joyous praise so prevalent during our worship services.

Some may recognize ***Thankful*** by **Carole Bayer Sager, David Foster, and Richard Page** as the song recently recorded by Josh Groban. I originally chose this piece as a thank you to the congregation, but the words, *“It's up to us to be the change/and even though we all can still do more/there's so much to be thankful for”* kept rolling through my mind as our pilgrims prepared for their journey to El Salvador. They have learned how to do more in our city, in our country, and I know that the people of Holy Communion will follow their lead.

While our music festival focuses on love, perseverance, and working to care for our friends and neighbors, we close with ***Hlohonolofatsa***, a South African greeting song which translates to *“Bless everything in the name of the Father.”* This festive song is the perfect way to end the choir year as we pray for blessings for every person and the work we do to better our community.

Mary Chapman, Music Director

Announcements

Celebrating the Life of the Church Join us in Mitchell Parish Hall following the service for a special reception to celebrate meeting or exceeding our mission goals and to mark the end of the program year. We'll have a sparkling toast, desserts, and give thanks for the hard work of the many volunteers who made our growth possible. Come celebrate!

Scarf Sale to Benefit Lock-it-for-Love Shop early for Christmas... or just indulge yourself! This morning we'll be selling beautiful cashmere scarfs, handwoven in Jerusalem, to support the purchase and distribution of gun locks free-of-charge throughout the region. The scarfs are \$30 each. You'll find us in the Lounge until 12:00pm. For more information, contact Bill Thomas (wmcct@icloud.com) or the Rev. Marc Smith (msmith@holychommunion.net).

Theology on Tap – Tuesday, June 6 (6:30pm) Our Rector, the Rev. Mike Angell, will lead us in a discussion about the intersections of Faith and Pride, how the LGBT community's growing visible presence is re-shaping our interpretation of tradition, scripture, and even the practice of faith. Theology on Tap meets the first Tuesday of each month for good food and good conversation at Dressel's Pub in the Central West End. We seek to create a "low pressure" environment to invite your non-churchy friends for conversations about faith, ethics, politics, and life today. Read more on the Theology on Tap page: www.pubtheologystl.org.

Wednesday Book Study – June 7 (11:00am) The Rev. Marc Smith will lead us as we take a closer look at the Book of Wisdom. The "wisdom" literature included in the Bible, especially the Hebrew Scriptures and Apocrypha, provides practical guidance for a life of faith. Join us on Wednesday June 7 and 21 from 11:00 - 11:45am in the Lounge as we explore this genre through the study of The Book of Wisdom.

El Salvador "First Impressions" Forum – June 11 Last Thursday our group of 13 pilgrims made it home. (12 of us to St. Louis and Brooklyn Payne, our young adult missionary to Panama). They had a fantastic trip and learned a great deal from, and with, our Salvadoran counterparts in Cristosal's "Global School." Thank you all who supported us, and who prayed for the trip. We are planning an informal "first impressions" forum after the 10:30am service on Sunday June 11. We hope to see you there! That Sunday we'll also welcome back Brooklyn Payne, who will return for good from Panama next week.

Sunday Book Club – Next Sunday, June 11 (11:45am) This month's title is My Antonia, by Willa Cather. Join us for an engaging discussion of this book on June 11 in the Vestry Room following the 10:30 service. On July 9, we discuss The Moonstone, by Wilkie Collins. All are invited! Questions? Contact Barbara Robinson (brobin313@aol.com).

Second Summer Sundays – June 11 (5:30pm) Join us on the second Sunday of each of the summer months (June 11, July 9 and August 13). At 5:30pm in Mitchell Fellowship Hall we will have a simple relaxed service of Eucharist around the dinner table, followed by an activity for all generations. Each month will feature a guest musician. We hope you can join us for this relaxed summer service. All are welcome – invite a friend!

June 11: The former rector of Holy Communion, The Rev. Brooke Myers, will lead the music. Our activity after dinner and the service will be a "song circle." Bring an instrument, a drum, or just your voice to sing along. Hope to see you there!

July 9: A board game extravaganza. Bring your favorite game to play, after the worship and dinner is cleared up, we'll play board games ranging from the serious to the silly. (Musicians TBA, stay tuned!)

August 13: We'll have a dance for all ages with a live band (band TBA, stay tuned!)

Remember to sign up to sponsor Altar Flowers! Our Flower Ministry volunteers do a fabulous job of creating arrangements each week, and their work makes it easy and affordable to sponsor altar flowers. The cost is \$55 and signing up and paying online is easy. Just go to our website's "Worship" page to find our online Altar Flower Donation form. You can also sign up on the sheet posted in the entryway



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Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, a welcoming and diverse community seeking to walk in the way of Jesus and to reveal Christ's reconciling love in our city, nation, and world. Children are especially welcome at Holy Communion, wiggles, noises, and all. There is a soft space at the back of the church, if your little one needs to play during the service. For the service today, "Hymns" are found in the blue Hymnal. LEVAS stands for Lift Every Voice and Sing, the red and black, African-American hymnal also in your pew. If you have any questions, feel free to ask a neighbor.

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