

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*9:30 A.M.*

PENTECOST SEASON

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II



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Prelude

Organ

Processional Hymn

See Hymn Board/Insert

### Welcome & Greetings

The Opening Sentence

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria - sung

BCP 356/S-280

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

The Collect

BCP 231-236

The First Lesson

See Insert

A Reading from the Book of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

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

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE, SNACKS, AND CONVERSATION**

**IN THE PARISH HALL, AFTER THE SERVICE.**



### WHAT IS PENTECOST?

The word itself means “fiftieth”. Pentecost is 50 days after Easter and ten days after the Ascension of our Lord into heaven.

Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost .

The season after Pentecost, according to the calendar of the church year (BCP, p. 32). It begins on the Monday following Pentecost, and continues through most of the summer and autumn. It may include as many as twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 364**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymns** *(please join in the singing)* **See Hymn Board/Insert**

**The Post Communion Prayer** **BCP 366**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.  
*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**The Blessing**

**Officiant:**  
May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13 (or another suitable blessing)*  
**Officiant and people:** *Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn** **See Hymn Board/Insert**

**The Dismissal**

**Officiant:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**People:** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Postlude** **Organ**

**The Psalm** **See Insert**

**The Second Lesson** **See Insert**  
**A Reading from the Book of \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

**Sequence Hymn** **See Hymn Board or Insert**  
*(Children may go to Children's Church at this time)*

**The Gospel** **See Insert**

*At the Gospel reading:*  
**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*After the Gospel is read:*  
**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sequence Hymn** **See Hymn Board or Insert**

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed** **BCP 358**  
*All stand (as you are able) and say:*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People - Form VI**

**BCP 392**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

**Leader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

**Leader:** For all people in their daily life and work;

**People:** ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

**Leader:** For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People:** ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

**Leader:** For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People:** ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

**Leader:** For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People:** ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

**Leader:** For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People:** ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

**Leader:** For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People:** ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

**Leader:** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

*(Leader will read names of those who need special prayers)*

*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,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

Officiant and People together:

***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 Sanctus (sung)

Hymnal S-130

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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.

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.**

**Leader:** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence may be kept or the People may add their needs and concerns aloud.*

**Leader:** Hear us, Lord;

**People:** ***For your mercy is great.***

**Leader:** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence may be kept or the People may add their thanksgivings aloud.*

**Leader:** We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People:** ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

**Leader:** We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence may be kept or the People may add their own petitions aloud.*

**Leader:** Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People:** ***Who put their trust in you.***

### **Collect for Guidance**

**BCP 832**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayer for Peace**

**BCP 815**

*(Especially for those in The Ukraine)*

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Prayer for Those in the Armed Forces****BCP 823**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**BCP 395**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin****BCP 360**

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Celebrant and People:**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *(All stand)*

**Officiant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the Lord's name by shaking hands, waving, etc.*

**Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries****Offertory Sentence****BCP 376**

**Officiant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Musical Offering****Organ****Doxology (sung)****Hymnal 380, v.3**

**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 Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A****BCP 361**

**Celebrant:** 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.**

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 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: