

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
*9:30 A.M.*  
PENTECOST SEASON  
MORNING PRAYER RITE I



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Prelude

Organ

Processional Hymn

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### Welcome & Greetings

Opening Acclamation

(Book of Common Prayer) BCP 40

*Officiant says to the people,*

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

Confession of Sin

BCP 41

*The Officiant says to the people,*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

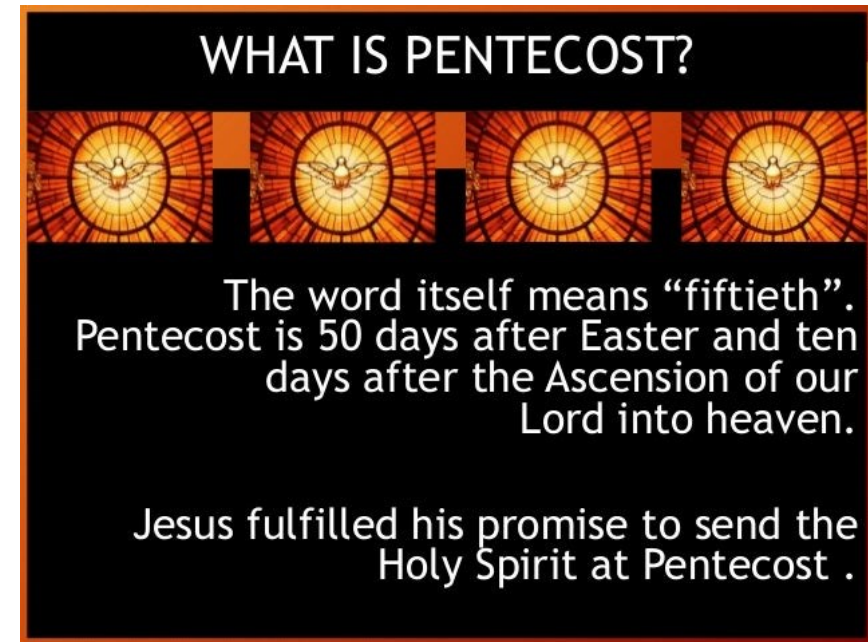
*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together,*

***Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.***

*The Officiant says,*

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



## Pentecost (Season)

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. This includes Trinity Sunday which is the First Sunday after Pentecost. The BCP provides proper collects and readings for the other Sundays of the season. These propers are numbered and designated for use on the Sundays which are closest to specific days in the monthly calendar, whether before or after. For example, Proper 3 is designated for use, if needed, on the Sunday closest to May 25. Proper 29 is designated for use on the Sunday closest to Nov. 23. Prior to the 1979 BCP, Sundays in this long period of the church year were identified and counted in terms of the number of Sundays after Trinity Sunday instead of the number of Sundays after Pentecost. This period is also understood by some as “ordinary time,” a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or observance, as in the Roman Rite adapted after Vatican II. The liturgical color for this period is typically green or red.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 59

**Officiant:** Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

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

## The Blessing

**Officiant:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

*Officiant and People:* **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

[See Hymn board/Insert](#)

## The Dismissal

**Officiant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

## Postlude

[Organ](#)

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Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish  
Hall after the service.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 42

**Officiant:** O Lord, open thou our lips.

**People:** **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant and People,*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Officiant:**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: O come, let us adore him.

*All saying together:*

**Venite** Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9,13

BCP 44

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \***

**let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \***

**and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his, and he made it, \***

**and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God, \***

**and we are the people of his pasture**

**and the sheep of his hand.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \***

**let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

**For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \***

**and with righteousness to judge the world**

**and the peoples with his truth.**

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
 serve the Lord with gladness  
 and come before his presence with a song.  
 Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
 he himself has made us, and we are his;  
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
 go into his courts with praise; \*  
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
 For the Lord is good;  
 his mercy is everlasting; \*  
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**The Psalm**

**See Insert**

**The Lessons**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** *And with thy spirit.*  
**Officiant:** Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day—Traditional**

**See Insert**

**The First Lesson**

**See Insert**

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Canticle 6—Glory be to God—*Gloria in excelsis***

**BCP 52/ Hymnal S-204**

**The Second Lesson**

**See Insert**

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

**Prayer for Those in the Armed Forces**

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.**

*Officiant and People together*

**BCP 57**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Prayer Hymn**

**See Hymn board/Insert**

**The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People together*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.****

**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:** 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.*

*Prayer for a new Rector (all together)*

*O God, giver of every good gift, who knows our needs, even before we ask,  
look graciously upon your whole church and upon St. Christopher's. Guide us to  
use the diverse gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us that we  
may increase our commitment to one another and to the mission of Christ. Give  
us an open spirit and discerning hearts that we may trust Your will for us. Raise  
up for us a rector who will lead us to love, serve and grow in our congregation, in  
our community and in the wider church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

### Sequence Hymn

[See Hymn board/Insert](#)

### The Third Lesson

Officiant: **A Reading from the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

### 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*

### 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

**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 Apostles' Creed

BCP 53

*The Officiant invites the People to say together,*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth;  
 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.  
 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.*

## Prayer Hymn

[See Hymn Board/Insert](#)

## The Prayers

BCP 54

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** *And with thy spirit.*  
**Officiant:** Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 54

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.*

## Suffrage B

BCP 55

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;  
**R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.**  
 V. Day by day we magnify thee;  
**R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**  
 V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
**R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**  
 V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;  
**R. As our trust is in thee.**  
 V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
**R. Let me never be confounded.**

The Officiant then says the following Collect

## A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## 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.*