



Your weekly news & updates

Pentecost, commonly called Whitsunday

The term Pentecost means "the fiftieth day." Although used in both the Old and the New Testaments, in the New Testament, it refers specifically to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. Pentecost emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit.

The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, a corruption of "White Sunday." This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost.

Service Signup Reminder

El Paso County Commissioners are currently applying for a variance from the State of Colorado to allow area churches to begin making preparations for and resuming public worship.

Included in their application are all the practices commonly accepted to reduce the potential spread of Covid-19, all of which are in agreement with the procedures recently approved by our vestry.

Wisely required will be very specific cleaning and sanitizing procedures that will need to be negotiated and performed by an outside contractor even before we have our first worship service.

Of primary importance will be a required system of weekly reservations for seating at worship.

To begin to plan for what sort of attendance we can expect for each service, we have asked parishioners to indicate in general their plans for returning to worship given the options on the reserve seating form on the front page of our website (www.stgac.org).

The county request of a variance to the current limit of 10 people in the church at a time includes attendance limited to 25% of capacity, social distancing, and face masks. Fifty parishioners attending at each 8, 9, & 11 o'clock services should initially provide adequate seating opportunities, taking into account those who will choose our other options.

If you have already signed this form, thank you...there is no need to sign up again.

We will continue to live stream and make videos available of all our worship services. This option is encouraged for those who are among our more vulnerable members and is required for those who are sick or experiencing symptoms of Covid-19.

Another option is to participate in a home affinity group organized around a particular need. For example, if you are allergic to wearing masks or have children you would rather not have in a larger group. I will provide such gatherings with service leaflets and consecrated sacrament, so you will be able to participate with us online.

Nothing is as we would like it to be, and we hope you will be understanding of all the necessities thrust upon us. Our hope is that the county's proposed variance will be quickly approved, and we will be able to return to public worship very soon.

Please let us know if you plan to attend worship in the church when it resumes, continue to worship with us online, or host an affinity group of your own design. I look forward to our return to a vigorous, dignified, and reverent worship as has always been our tradition.

The Rev Don Armstrong

Sunday Service Information

Go to St. George's website
to watch livestream Morning Prayer

www.stgac.org

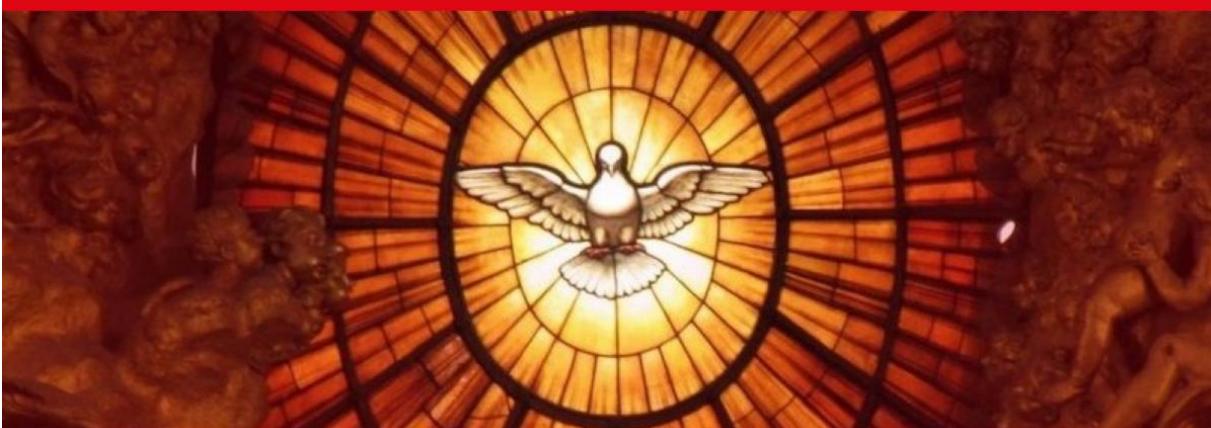
Click here to download Sunday's Order of Service

A link to the Order of Service can also be found directly below the
livestream window on our homepage.

Please see the bottom of this newsletter for an outline of the Order of Morning Prayer
(including page references in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, Hymns, Collects, etc.)

PENTECOST

05.31.20



Live stream Morning Prayer with sermon preached
by the Rev John Stonestreet at 9:00 a.m.



Hymns:

531 - O Spirit of the living God
503 - Come, Holy Ghost
556 - Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

In Celebration

Happy Anniversary

Richard & Maria Yates

Happy Birthday

Al Schaffer, Zion Eaton, Robert Balink, Chris Love, Betty Bauers

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the ability to work and worship in our great nation by Sue Ann and Tom Jennings.

The Order for Morning Prayer

1928 Book of Common Prayer

Opening Hymn 531 - O Spirit of the living God

O Spirit of the living God, in all thy plenitude of grace, where'er the foot of man hath trod, descend on our apostate race.

*Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to preach the reconciling word;
give power and unction from above, whene'er the joyful sound is heard.*

*Be darkness, at thy coming, light; confusion, order in thy path;
souls without strength in spire with might, bid mercy triumph over wrath.*

*Convert the nations! far and nigh the triumphs of the cross record;
the Name of Jesus glorify, till every people call him Lord.*

Opening Sentences (Page 3)

Invitation to Confession (Page 5)

Confession (Page 6)

Absolution (Page 7)

Lord's Prayer (Page 7)

Responsory

O Lord, open thou our lips.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer: *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer: *The Lord's Name be praised.*

Venite (Page 9)

Psalm 18:1-20

I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength. *

The Lord is my stony rock, and my defence;

My Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust; *
my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised; *
so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me, *
and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.

The pains of hell came about me; *
the snares of death overtook me.

In my trouble I called upon the Lord, *
and complained unto my God:

So he heard my voice out of his holy temple, *
and my complaint came before him; it entered even into his ears.

The earth trembled and quaked, *
the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth.

There went a smoke out in his presence, *
and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down, *
and it was dark under his feet.

He rode upon the Cherubim, and did fly; *
he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place, *
his pavilion round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.

At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed; *
hailstones and coals of fire.

The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder; *
hailstones and coals of fire.

He sent out his arrows, and scattered them; *
he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered, *
at thy chiding, O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

He sent down from on high to fetch me, *
and took me out of many waters.

He delivered me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me; *
for they were too mighty for me.

They came upon me in the day of my trouble; *
but the Lord was my upholder.

He brought me forth also into a place of liberty; *
he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson

Here beginneth the First Verse of the Second Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

WHEN the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilæans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Jubilate Deo (Page 15)

The Second Lesson

Here beginneth the Fifteenth Verse of the Fourteenth Chapter of the Gospel According to St. John.

JESUS said unto his disciples, If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass,

that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Gospel Hymn 503 - Come, Holy Ghost

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.*

*Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.*

*Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.*

*Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.*

*Anoint and cheer our souled face
with the abundance of thy grace.*

*Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.*

*Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One,*

*that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:*

*praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Sermon

Apostles' Creed (Page 15)

Responsary

The Lord be with you.

Answer. *And with thy spirit.*

Minster. Let us pray.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. *And grant us thy salvation.*

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

The Collect of the Day.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Prayers (Pages 17-20)

Closing Hymn 556 - Rejoice, ye pure in heart

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.*

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

*With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth.*

Refrain

*Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float,*

like wreaths of incense cloud.

Refrain

*Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day
in gladness and in woe.*

Refrain

*Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array,
as warriors through the darkness toil,
till dawns the golden day.*

Refrain

*At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.*

Refrain

*Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
the cross of Christ your King.*

Refrain

Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.