

The Feast Day of Pentecost



*St. Alban's Episcopal Church
May 31, 2020*

Our Mission: *We are called by the Spirit to be transformed by God in heart and mind, to serve our community, UCLA, and the world as the Body of Christ. We will grow in faith, hope and love through the practices of worship, formation, compassion and hospitality.*

Opening Hymn "Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for
 ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the
 world with God's grace. *First time only* grace. *2*

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
 3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his —

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
 cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
 ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold —
 4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en —

Repeat Refrain

souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
 all, life that in all dost a - bide:

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People: *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Officiant: 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.

People: *Amen.*

The Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his 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 - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: 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.

People: *Amen.*

The First Reading

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.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to

another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Gospel Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (20:19-23).
 People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



The Sermon

The Rev. Robert Honeychurch

The Christ is throned as lord of all the worlds,
 the name above all names, at God's right hand,
 his praise the pulse that shakes the universe:
 the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

"Go out to all the world and tell my news.
 You are my witnesses, for you have seen;
 my heralds, for Yahweh will breathe on you!
 The gale of God, the singing fire of life.

He led his brethren to the mountaintop,
 and blessing them with lifted, nail-scarred hands,
 commanded them to wait his promised gift:
 the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

Above, around the hurricane unleashed
 bore down upon the roof, a storm of sound,
 vast beating wings of wind that rocked the house:
 the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

A wind that swelled and burst in trumpet call,
 a vocal flame that flowered on the air,
 and hung in garlands over ev'ry head:
 the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

The Nicene Creed

Reader: Let us join in affirming our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

People: *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 worshiped 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

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us raise our prayer to God for the Spirit sent to anoint us, saying:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of joy in the church, that our Eastertide Alleluia resounds throughout the year, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples, especially nations in conflict, may live in harmony, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of justice for the needy, that victims of prejudice, exploitation, and crime be set free, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of unity in our assembly, that our weaknesses make us strong and our differences make us rich, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our own needs and those of others; especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and for John and Diane, our bishops; for Bob, our Interim Rector, and for Yein, our Rector-Elect; we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick and the suffering, especially those we now name...; we pray for the deceased, especially those we now name...; we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Wipe away the fear between churches, nations, and families. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Anthem

Sing Praise to the Lord

Robert Hobby

Sing praise to the Lord; sing praise in the height;
rejoice in God's word, all angels of light.
Now worship your Maker by whom you were made;
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord reecho around;
loud organs God's glory forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp the story of what God has done.

Sing praise to the Lord; sing praise on the earth
in tuneful accord, you heirs of new birth;
praise God who has brought you rich grace from above;
praise God who has taught you with mercy and love.

Sing praise to the Lord, thanksgiving and song
to God be outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord!

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People: 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 Blessing

The Closing Hymn

“In Christ There is No East or West”

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for three voices (1, 2, and 3) and a bass line. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Choral Benediction *in honor of The Reverend Bob Honeychurch*

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the light of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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