



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NC

# The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Year A

## May 28, 2023

The Rev. Paul H. Castelli, AF, SCP - Celebrant & Preacher

Greeter: Elise Ross

Lay Reader: Renee Turner Eucharistic Minister: Renee Turner

Altar Guild: Jean Edmundson, Beth McKinney, Mary Helen Dempsey, Janet Chesson, Laura Leslie Crudup

Counters: Elisabeth Skinner, Melissa Rees

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 8:00 AM

### Welcome & Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

*After the Sacred Ministers process toward the altar, the people standing, the Celebrant says the Opening Acclamation*

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*Celebrant* + Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity*

BCP 355

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 is said*

BCP 356

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.**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

**The First Lesson**

**Acts 2:1-21**

*When the Holy Spirit comes upon the faithful, the effects are immediate, dramatic, and powerful.*

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.' "

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

*Benedic, anima mea*

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*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

<sup>25</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>26</sup> **Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.**

<sup>27</sup> There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

<sup>28</sup> **All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>29</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>30</sup> **You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>31</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>32</sup> **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

<sup>33</sup> He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>34</sup> **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>35</sup> May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*In God's wisdom, he provides for the needs of a community by endowing its members with gifts for various ministries.*

*Reader* A reading from First Corinthians.

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

**+++** For some it is customary at this time to use our thumbs to trace three small crosses upon our foreheads, lips, and chests to signify keeping the Gospel in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## \* The Gospel

John 7:37-39

*Jesus offers a puzzling prophecy, describing God's Holy Spirit, yet to come upon his followers, as living water.*

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

\* Nicene Creed

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*Please stand as you are able*

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 Form VI

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*Reader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence is kept for a moment.*

*Reader* For all people in their daily life and work;

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

*Reader* For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

*Reader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

*Reader* 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.**

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops; Paul, our Priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

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

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially those on our parish prayer list: Rudy Knight, Sharon Wethington, Andrew Edwards, Anna Blair Smith, Vernon Hodges, Harvey Ruffin, Kim Perry, Jean Bisette, Paige Quinn Barnhill, Hope Currie, Ezra Currie, George A. Ruff, Tracey Dawson Green, Suzanne Fleming, Peggy Jennette, Joanna Powell, Joe Noulles, Beth Holding, Jim Powers, Theresa Swain, Kreshaun Brewington, David Ballard, Phyllis Connor, Dwight Batts, Randolph Walston, Tyler Turner, Harrison Barnett, Stephanie Moore, Allison Parker, James Batts, Jimmy Thompson, Charlotte Bridgers, Cole Harvin, Linda Sheen, Henry Coleman, Lee Wilhelm, Bill Robinette, Betty Jean Gauss, Anna Jane Ruffin, April Lamm, Kayla Thomas, Kris Hing, Bobby Cunningham, Ginny Lou Ellis, Jean Webb, Lenore Smith, Nathan Toms, Mary Burns Ackerly, Al Harrison, Kathryn Harrison, Harris Holland, the people of Ukraine, Ethiopia, and all refugees, the people of Syria and Turkey, those affected by Covid-19, and those affected by the lack of respect for the dignity of every person that they may be delivered from their distress.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Reader Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

People **For your mercy is great.**

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

Reader We pray for all who have †died, especially William James Blair, Jr. and Marie Watson Cherry in whose memory the altar flowers are given, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

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

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect to which the People respond, Amen.*

Eternal God, who led your ancient people into freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we who walk in the light of your presence may rejoice in the liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says the following sentence of Scripture and bids the faithful to Confession.*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Minister 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.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory**

*The Offertory begins with the following words*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

*Celebrant* All things come of Thee, O Lord;

*People* **And of Thine own have we given Thee.**

\* **Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

**Sanctus**

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*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**+Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**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.**

*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**

**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.**

## Fraction

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread†. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

## Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

## Communion

*We believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the consecrated bread and wine.*

*Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians and they are invited at this time to the altar rail to receive Christ's Body and Blood. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please inform the Priest and one will be provided for you. Please let an usher know if you need Communion brought to your seat for any reason. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to signify that to the Priest.*

## Post Communion Prayer

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth by all, saying:* We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us one bread and one cup, the communion of Christ's body and blood.

## Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## \* Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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





## BULLETIN INSERTS

### Explore the Way of Love: TURN

There are so many voices in the world, telling us who we are, what we should do, and how we will be fulfilled. They tell us to focus on our desires, on our cravings, on being the best individual we can be. The world, we are told, revolves around each of us.

For many, these pursuits of self-fulfillment can leave us feeling drained, empty, and alone. They can lead us away from our divine calling. Away from the creator in whose image we were made. But if we listen closely, there is a spirit calling us to come back to ourselves, back to our purpose, back to something more meaningful.

When we look to the example of Jesus, we see the way that he followed. This is the Way of Love.

One aspect of this Way and making it a practice in our own lives is remembering to simply to turn toward the voice that calls us. Intentionally choosing our direction, choosing to turn and face the light, is the fundamental shift that puts the Way of Love into action. As Jesus tells us in the Book of John: “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.”

Turning doesn't have to change who you are—you are loved as you were created. But it can change where you are going. It can shift you from selfishness to loving the other. It can shift you from hoarding to generosity. It can lead you from sin and distance from God into closer alignment with the One who made and loves you so much.

Obedying this call means recognizing the things we put first in our lives, the things we allow to have the most space in our minds, our fears and hopes and desires. And turning instead toward love.

It can be as freeing as the early followers putting down their fishing nets. It can be as missional as Jesus asking us to pick up our cross and follow him. It can be as simple as paying attention to which direction our feet are facing on our journey.

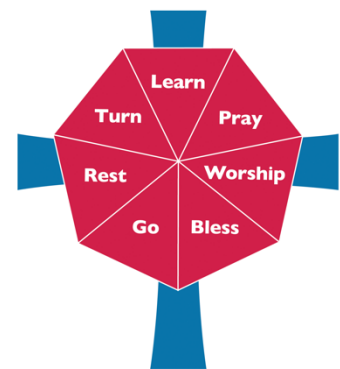
Turning is not just a one time event, but an ongoing discipline, re-directing our steps as often as we think to, always turning toward the light. And turning toward the light can also illuminate how many there are on the journey with you, emerging from the shadows to walk the same path.

The Way of Love can lead you to discover a community of fellow travelers with whom you share the journey. The Way of Love shows us who we are, it lights the path to where we should go, and it gives purpose to our desires for fulfillment. And it shows us that we are not alone. That like us, there are many who choosing to turn toward the Way of Love. Are you ready to commit to turning and following Jesus?

Learn more about the Way of Love at [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](https://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Turning at [iam.ec/enol](https://iam.ec/enol).

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**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Opportunities for Prayer and Worship This Week

5/29 - feria: Morning prayer, 8:30 AM (Chapel)

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5/31 - \*The Visitation (Feast Day): morning prayer, 8:30 AM (Chapel); Holy Eucharist 12:00 PM (Chapel)

6/01 - feria: Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM (Chapel);

6/02 - \*Ember Day (Traditional fast): Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM (Chapel); Holy Eucharist, 12:00 PM (Chapel)

6/03 - \*Ember Day (Traditional fast)

\*Days of Special Devotion are observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial, as per BCP p. 17. All Fridays of the year except Christmastide and Eastertide, or Feasts of the Lord whose fixed dates fall on a Friday, all weekdays of Lent except the Feast of the Annunciation. Either add a devotion, or do light fasting, or some other discipline (e.g. abstaining from meat, praying a Holy Hour, etc.).

The office is closed Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

The Ministry Bags are due today!

Bible study continues each Sunday between services (9:15 - 10:00).

Tim's Lunch Bunch will meet on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those attending should meet in the Common Room after the 10:30 service. The group will head to Brew Master's for food and fellowship. Hope you can join us!

Wednesday night bible study continues to meet each Wednesday night. We are currently watching The Chosen. Dinner begins at 5:15 pm and the program starts at 6:00 pm. FREE CHILDCARE is available.

The Altar Greenery are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of my parents,

William James Blair, Jr. and Marie Watson Cherry

By

Beth McKinney

### VESTRY 2023

Class of 2023: Jim Davis, Thomas Farmer, Elizabeth Skinner, Dante Pittman

Class of 2024: Evelyn Baskervill, Ginger Gliarmis, Donn Holt, Catherine Walston

Class of 2025: Ann Barnes, Melba Martin, Bob Putney, Melissa Rees

Welcome to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church! We are a welcoming, inclusive, and affirming church guided by scripture, tradition, and reason. We invite you to experience a relationship with Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, by participating in the liturgy, engaging with the scriptures, and abiding in this Christian community of faith. In baptism, we covenant with God and each other striving for justice and peace, seeking Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and respecting the dignity of every human being. We believe God loves you, just as you are, and so do we! So, whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you will be welcomed, loved, and affirmed at St. Timothy's. Everybody needs a place. We invite you to make this place yours!