



Grace Episcopal Church

Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021 | 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

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Music | Ann Strickland

Tribe | Snowberry

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

When the broken hearted spirit arrives, no one knows
how it enters the room, what to call the groaning ghost.

It could be flame, could be wind, could be song, or syllables
arching on lips like sparks, arching tongues
to unfamiliar diction, speech so inarticulate and pure.

Wind, flame, words rush over us,
out of us, in a humiliating gush,
until the air bears the sounds of wings.

A dove hovers, trapped in our room,
its rounded, translucent blue head
dazed against the windows.

God is a small, brown-grey, beautiful bird
beating wings against unbreachable glass?

The comforter's voice vibrates in the spirit-drunk:
Shut up and listen. Lift up the sash.

Let the dove loose, a flame to singe the streets and sky.

Let untamed language fall on a thousand unsuspecting tongues.

~ David Wright, *A Liturgy for Stones* (Cascadia Publishing House, 2003)

Announcements

A bell rings. We listen to the longing in our hearts.

Gathering Song | Bless the Lord My Soul

Words: from Psalm 103; Music: Jacques Berthier



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the opening song, the Officiant invites us to stand and says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant God of power and love, breathe your peace upon us.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Celebrant Open our ears to hear your voice.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Celebrant Pour out upon us the gifts of prophecy, wisdom, discernment, healing, and reconciliation.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Celebrant Fill us with fire, power, wonder, and joy.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Opening Song | Heavenly Day

Words and music: *Patty Griffin*; offered by *Diane McGrew*

Oh heavenly day, all the clouds blew away
Got no trouble today with anyone
The smile on your face I live only to see
It's enough for me, baby, it's enough for me
Oh, heavenly day, heavenly day, heavenly day

Tomorrow may rain with sorrow
Here's a little time we can borrow
Forget all our troubles in these moments so few
All we've got right now, the only thing that
All we really have to do
Is have ourselves a heavenly day
Lay here and watch the trees sway
Oh, can't see no other way, no way, no way
Heavenly day, heavenly day, heavenly day

No one at my shoulder bringing me fears
Got no clouds up above me bringing me tears
Got nothing to tell you, I've got nothing much to say
Only I'm glad to be here with you
On this heavenly, heavenly, heavenly, heavenly
Heavenly day, all the trouble's gone away
Oh, for a while anyway, for a while anyway
Heavenly day, heavenly day, heavenly day

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

○ God, who on this day sent your Holy Spirit to illumine the hearts and minds of your people: fill us with the fire of your Spirit, and send us into a world that longs for your good news of faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

We are seated for the reading.

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.' "

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 104:25-35, 37

○ Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.**

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.

**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

The Gospel is introduced by saying

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

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

The Gospel | John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

After the Gospel the Officiant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

The Homily

Affirmation of Faith

We stand and say

**We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all humanity.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor,
he was tortured and nailed to a tree.
Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his Kingdom will one day be known.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church.
She is the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Words: Taizé Community; Music: Jacques Berthier

Ostinato Refrain

The musical score is presented in three staves. The top staff is labeled 'Melody' and contains the vocal line with lyrics 'Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' The middle staff is labeled 'Harmony' and contains a piano accompaniment. The bottom staff is a bass line. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 6/8. The music is an ostinato refrain, repeating the same melodic and harmonic pattern.

Please add your intentions to our prayers by including your concerns or thanksgivings in the chat window at each bidding.

Leader The Holy Spirit intercedes for us, giving us the words we need for prayer, and even helping us praise God in longings beyond words. Trusting in the power of the Spirit, let us pray for the world.

That we might love and serve all people, rejoicing in the wondrous diversity of all created life, we pray,

All come, Holy Spirit.

Additional prayers are offered, silently or aloud.

Leader That we might proclaim your Easter message of hope beyond this passing season, in a world riven with conflict and groaning for peace, we pray,

All come, Holy Spirit.

Additional prayers are offered, silently or aloud.

Leader That we might find your Spirit moving in green and growing things, and be good stewards of the flourishing vineyard you have made, we pray,

All come, Holy Spirit.

Additional prayers are offered, silently or aloud.

Leader That we might breathe your peace upon all who suffer, and draw closer to them with your Spirit's power and comfort, we pray,

All come, Holy Spirit.

We pray for those on our prayer list. Additional prayers are offered, silently or aloud.

Leader That we might remember with thanksgiving those who have died, until that day when we rush to embrace them with joy, we pray,

All come, Holy Spirit.

Additional prayers are offered, silently or aloud.

Ostinato Refrain

Melody:
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Harmony:
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

Offertory

While we cannot gather in person, we make our weekly offerings online here: <https://www.gracehere.org/online-giving/>

The Blessing

The Officiant offers a blessing.

May the blessing of the Holy Spirit be the storm that shakes the foundations,
the leap of new fire which turns oppression to ash;
may her wildness seduce us with holy desire;
and the blessing of God, the one, holy, and undivided Trinity
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

-Steven Shakespeare

Closing Song | Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African-American Spiritual

Every time I
Feel the spirit
Moving in my heart
I will pray

Yes, Every time I
Feel the spirit
Moving in my heart
I will pray

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Using the Zoom chat window, please share a milestone that we can recognize together.

We will sing, "God Grant Them Many Years."

The Peace

We conclude with the sharing of God's peace.

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you!

All **And also with you. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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Languages

Silence is one part of speech, the war cry
of wind down a mountain pass another.
A stranger's voice echoing through lonely
valleys, a lover's voice rising so close
it's your own tongue: these are keys to cipher,
the way the high hawk's key unlocks the throat
of the sky and the coyote's yip knocks
it shut, the way the aspens' bells conform
to the breeze while the rapids' drum defines
resistance. Sage speaks with one voice, pinyon
with another. Rock, wind her hand, water
her brush, spells and then scatters her demands.
Some notes tear and pebble our paths. Some notes
gather: the bank we map our lives around.

~ Camille T. Dungy, *Black Nature: Four Centuries of African American Nature Poetry*
edited by Camille T. Dungy. © 2006

Pentecost

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings.
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays.
Today the church draws breath at last and sings.
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water,
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release.
Today the gospel crosses every border.
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.
Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

~ Malcolm Guite, *Sounding the Seasons; Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year*
(Canterbury Press, 2012)

News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

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Upcoming Events & Programs

May 16-23 | Youth Service Opportunity

Youth are helping to collect grocery staples for Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC), located in Bremerton; **5/23 is the deadline for drop offs**. Please leave preferred food items in the blue bins in front of Grace's doors: see the list on the following page.

May 24 | Men's Group Gathering | 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Every two weeks, the group gathers in a Zoom meeting. Please email Eric Matthews at eric@ericmatthews.com for more information.

May 26 | Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study | 10:30 am

Please find links to the Zoom login and worship bulletin on our website: gracehere.org/join-us-for-onlineworship-at-grace/

May 28 | Compassionate Caring Support Group | 9:30 – 11:00 am

Meets online every second and fourth Friday; newcomers welcome. Please contact Diane McGrew (dilmcgrew@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

June 3 | Mom's Morning Retreat | 9:00 – 10:00 am

First Thursdays on Zoom. To receive the link, email: morningretreat@gmail.com

June 4 | Open Mic for Caregivers | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Contact Florrie Munat (fmunat@aol.com) for more information or to suggest a topic.
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85114877280>

June 6 | Poetry as Prayer Practice | Directly after the 9:30 service

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday the group will gather in a separate Zoom session after the 9:30 service. Contact Jon Quitslund: jonquitslund@att.net. Zoom meeting link:
<https://zoom.us/j/96243490290?pwd=eGJua2YyNm1vT1k2QlpZeVFUUnFmQT09>
Meeting ID: 962 4349 0290; Passcode: 395554

June 6 | Baccalaureate | 3:00 pm | Bethany Lutheran Church

Email Stephen Crippen at stephen@gracehere.org with questions.

June 13 | High School Senior Sunday | During the 9:30 service

Graduating High School Seniors will be recognized and receive a blessing. Please RSVP with Faith Dougherty at youthgroup@gracehere.org

**Youth Supporting KIAC
Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center
Food and School Supply Drive**

Deadline today: May 23, 2021

Grace youth are helping to collect grocery staples and school supplies for Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC), located in Bremerton. If you are able, please leave the following items in the blue bins in front of Grace's doors:

- ♦ dried black beans (not cans)
- ♦ white rice
- ♦ Maseca (corn flour for tortillas)
- ♦ oil (canola or vegetable oil)
- ♦ instant coffee
- ♦ white sugar
- ♦ vermicelli pasta
- ♦ reusable grocery bags
- ♦ paper/cleaning products: paper towels, toilet paper, Clorox wipes, laundry soap
- ♦ school supplies

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