

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 19, 2024 • 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.



*Welcome to worship at St. Christopher's. Greeters, ushers, and clergy are available should you have any questions or concerns. If this is your first time worshipping here, you are invited to complete a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Children of any age are always welcome at St. Christopher's liturgies. Hearing devices are available at the entrance.*

## SILENT PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

As we come today into the presence of the Lord, let us prepare our hearts and our minds for worship. With quiet reflection, let us invite the Lord to fill us with the Holy Spirit, guide us with grace and give us peace.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### VOLUNTARY

*Andante* from *Symphonie VI*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

*The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.*

### HYMN 225

Hail thee, festival day!

*Salve festa dies*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

### GLORIA

William Mathias (1934–1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. 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.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

**READING**

*Acts 2:1–21*

**W**HEN 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.’”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

*sung by the choir*

104:25–35, 37

*Benedic, anima mea*

Anglican Chant: Edward Bairstow (1896–1987)

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## READING

*Romans 8:22–27*

**W**E KNOW THAT THE WHOLE CREATION HAS BEEN GROANING IN LABOR PAINS UNTIL NOW; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

Gift of Christ from God Our Father

WORDS: David Mowbray (b. 1938)

MUSIC: *Ar Hyd y Nos*; Welsh melody; Descant: Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

*Descant*

4 Gift of Christ for our sal - va - tion, come, Spir - it, come!

*Capo 3* F(D) B $\flat$ (G) Gm(Em) C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G) C(A) F(D)

1 Gift of Christ from God our Fa - ther, come, Spir - it, come!  
2 Gift of Christ to guide and teach us, come, Spir - it, come!  
3 Gift of Christ to help us pray - ing, come, Spir - it, come!  
4 Gift of Christ for our sal - va - tion, come, Spir - it, come!

Bring to birth your new cre - a - tion, come, Spir - it, come! All the  
 F(D) Bb(G) Gm(Em) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) F(D)

Well of life and gen-erous giv - er, come, Spir - it, come! With your  
 Coun - sel - or so swift to reach us, come, Spir - it, come! Christ is  
 Ad - vo - cate be - side us stay - ing, come, Spir - it, come! In the  
 Bring to birth your new cre - a - tion, come, Spir - it, come! All the

de - vil's work un - do - ing, Christ a - lone pur - su - ing,  
 (G) (D) (G) (Am) (G) (D) (Em) (D) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Asus) (A)  
 Bb F Bb Cm Bb F Gm F Gm Dm Gm Csus C

light our minds en - light - en, with your grace our tal - ents height - en,  
 Lord, so may we name him, nev - er fear - ful - ly dis - claim him,  
 work of in - ter - ces - sion, in the heal - ing of con - fes - sion,  
 dev - il's work un - do - ing, Christ's own min - is - try pur - su - ing,

glo - ry in the Church re - new - ing! Come, Spir - it, come!  
 F(D) Bb(G) Gm(Em) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) C(A) F(D)

with your joy our wor - ship bright - en, come, Spir - it, come!  
 but to all the world pro - claim him. Come, Spir - it, come!  
 in suc - cess and in de - pres - sion, come, Spir - it, come!  
 glo - ry in the Church re - new - ing! Come, Spir - it, come!

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**ESUS 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

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 human.**

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

+ Intoxicate us with visions and dreams that will align us with you. Jolt us from our inertia into action. Come into our lives with power.

**Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.**

+ Transform our melancholy into joy, our worry into peace, our despair into hope. We pray for healing for those who suffer from any distress or illness. Come into our lives with healing. **Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.**

+ Shape our weary and wounded souls into souls on fire for God's mission.

**Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.**

+ **Almighty God, we give you thanks. In this time of transition, guide the ministry of our search committee to be led by your Holy Spirit in their deliberations: we pray that they may be given the gifts of listening, wisdom, patience, trust, and strength so as to discern your will for our parish in choosing a new rector. We ask also that you bless and give counsel to that individual who will be called to lead us.**

+ We pray for health and healing for: **Gail Smith, Mary Gulrich, Fiona Evans, Don Mackay, Whitney Burr, Connie Begley, Danny Duran, Sue McFarlane, Dean Ervin, Tim, E.B. Wilson, Barbara Bush, Dori Reiley, Doug Barnes, Peggy Dimm, Bob Lynyak, Joan Bagnell, Betty Martin, Wright Olney, Nancy Vincent, Pam McGauley, Kristin Trail, Mara McKinnon, Penny Peck, Nancy Hubley, Robbie, Joseph Bayer.**

+ We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Marty Heseltine, Nancy Pollard, Nancy Cantella, Betty Magnusson, Brian McGurk, Ned Edwards, Darcy Hackert.

Either silently or aloud, the congregation is invited to offer intercessions, petitions, or thanksgivings.

Celebrant     Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM     *O Fire!*

WORDS: Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179)

MUSIC: Jodi French (b. 1967)

O fire! O fire!  
Life of the life of every creature, holy are you.

O boldest path, penetrating into all places, in  
the heights, on earth, and in every abyss.

You bring and bind all together, from you  
clouds flow, air flies,  
rocks have their humors, rivers spring forth  
from the waters,  
and earth sweats her green vigor.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
 galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with  
 memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against  
 you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed  
 your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a  
 woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

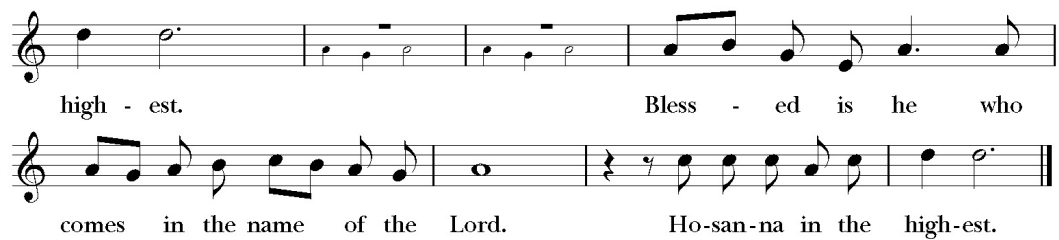
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,  
 apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you  
 in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS &amp; BENEDICTUS

Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the





*The congregation may kneel, sit, or stand.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers, God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Mathias





## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All persons, regardless of faith, tradition, or age, are invited to receive the bread and wine of the Eucharist. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available—simply request one from the priest. If you are unable to come to the rail, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.*

## THE MINISTRY OF HEALING PRAYER

*If you would like to receive the laying on of hands and a healing prayer, for either yourself or someone you love, please proceed to the prayer station behind the altar. If you do not want the healing minister to physically touch you, simply cross your arms over your chest. This prayer opens our hearts to receive the healing grace of God and bring wholeness into our bodies, minds, spirits or souls. Feel free to state a prayer request with the healing prayer minister.*

## HYMN 516

Come down, O Love divine

*Down Ampney*

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

In the name of Christ and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's body and blood.  
**We who are many are one body as we share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

1. Wind, who whis - pered in - to be - ing all that is in earth and space,  
 2. Wind, who spoke through your Be - lo - ved, words of com - fort to the poor,  
 3. Wind, who with a sac - red pur - pose fanned the flames of Pen - te - cost,  
 4. Wind, once sweep - ing o - ver cha - os, tam - ing, shap - ing, or - der - ing;

plants and crea - tures, stars and mic - robes, moun - tains seas, the hu - man race:  
 of - fered mer - cy to the sin - ner, preached an o - pen heav'n - ly door:  
 en - er - giz - ing with your pow - er all the fear - ful, lone, and lost:  
 ho - ly Breath, move here a - mong us as we wor - ship, as we sing.

use us as your co - cre - a - tors, sow - ing beau - ty, truth, and good,  
 help us live by his ex - am - ple, speak as ech - oes of his voice;  
 make of us re - newed dis - ci - ples; come, in - spire us, help us be  
 Wood-winds, trumpets, or - gan join - ing hu - man voic - es, glad in praise:

stew - ards of the world you gave us, called to love through ser - vant - hood.  
 that our words, lived out in ac - tion, may make hurt - ing hearts re - joice.  
 o - pen to each oth - er's lan - guage, wel - com - ing di - ver - si - ty.  
 make our lives a might - y cho - rus that pro - claims your won - drous ways!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**VOLUNTARY** *Final from Symphonie VI* Widor

*All are invited to join in fellowship following the liturgy.*

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TO EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST,  
AND TO INSPIRE COMPASSION IN THE WORLD.

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8 A.M.

**PREACHER & CELEBRANT**

The Rev. Meg Ingalls

**READER**

Vi Fellman

10 A.M.

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**ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER**

Maury A. Castro

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