

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

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

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

After the Gospel reading, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

KariAnn Lessner,
Minister for Children and Families

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Robert Willis,
Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral

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All stand. The Celebrant addresses the People, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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The People sit.

THE BAPTISMS

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Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Andrew Carter (b.1939)

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Voice of God, and inward Light
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, power divine
Fill and nerve this will of mine;
Boldy may I always live,
bravely serve, and gladly live.

Holy Spirit, love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire;
Purify me with your fire.

Holy Spirit, peace divine,
Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
Grant me your tranquility.

Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Gladden thou this heart of mine;
In the desert ways I sing,
“Spring, O living water, spring!”

— Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892)

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SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 129 Robert Powell (b.1932)

The People kneel or stand.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER *page 364*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God’s forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life’s origin:
Spirit, moving on the waters, quickening words to life within,
Source of breath to all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin.

Pray we now, O Lord the Spirit on our lives descend in might;
Let your flame break out within us, fire our hearts and clear our sight,
Till, white-hot in your possession, we, too, set the world alight.

Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit, praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration, Trinity in deep accord:

Through your voice which speaks within us, we your creatures, call you Lord.

— Michael Hewlett (1916-2000)

The People stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *page 366*

THE BLESSING

May Christ’s holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way,
and be your guide as your road changes and turns; and the blessing of God
almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for
ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 506

Finnian

THE 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.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit

Iain Farrington (b.1977)

Refreshments are available in Reynolds Hall.

Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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 GOSPEL

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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.”

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember Martha Moore Cuenod.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Charlotte Jones and Leonard Trombetta.

The flowers on the choir stalls are given to the glory of God in celebration of the baptism of Michael Peter Hendryx by his family.

Welcome

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Give Blood, Save 3 Lives • Today the Mission Outreach Council hosts a blood drive from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. All it takes is one blood donation to save up to 3 lives! Visit the cloister table to sign up for a time to donate!

Visit with Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral • Today, we are joined by the Very Rev. Robert Willis, dean emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral. Dean Willis will preach at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m., as well as join Dean Katz in conversation at the 10 o'clock hour in Reynolds Hall.

Senior Sunday • Today we honor high school seniors at the 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. worship services in the Cathedral. We'll celebrate this momentous occasion by praying with and for seniors and their families, before sending them out into the world.

Pentecost Evensong • Christ Church Cathedral celebrates Pentecost with a special Choral Evensong, featuring the Cathedral Choir at 5 p.m. An organ recital will precede at 4:15 p.m. featuring James Mellichamp; and a reception will follow in Reynolds Hall. To learn more about this and other evensongs, visit: www.christchurchcathedral.org/evensong

❖ **Treble Choir performs with Houston Symphony** • Treble Choir of Houston joins Pulitzer Prize-winning composer John Adams for *El Niño: The Nativity Story, Reimagined*. Performances are Saturday, May 25 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 26 at 2:30 p.m., both at Jones Hall. To buy tickets, visit: www.houstonsymphony.org

❖ **Summer Place** • Come meet new folks and connect with old friends at Summer Place. Cathedral councils take turns hosting this special coffee hour beginning May 26 at 10 o'clock in Reynolds Hall. All are welcome!

❖ **Cathedral Reads Kickoff** • Enjoy another great book with your Cathedral family! This summer, we'll explore Markus Zusak's novel *The Book Thief*. On Sunday, June 2, our 2024 Cathedral Reads program kicks off with a bi-lingual Zoom at 6 p.m. To learn more and sign-up visit: www.christchurchcathedral.org/cathedralreads

❖ **Summer Shade returns for Youth!** • Get ready for an unforgettable summer with thrilling water adventures! Cathedral Youth (and their friends) - rising 6th graders to graduating seniors - are invited to two fantastic water park outings: Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Splashtown, June 13, and Typhoon Texas Waterpark, July 25. Learn more and register at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/summershade

❖ **Looking for Children's Ministry** • Follow Agnus to childcare for infants (6 weeks–5 yrs) on the 1st floor of the Jones Building or enjoy some time on the Huffington Playground. Questions? Contact KariAnn Lessner at kalesner@christchurchcathedral.org



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