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*A Pentecost Celebration of Community
An Order of Worship for the Evening*



Sunday, May 31, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Virtual Space

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We encourage you to create a special worship space in your home. Place within it a few objects that are meaningful to you. If you have children you might ask them to help you create the space. Please bring a candle and something red or orange, such as a scarf, a bright piece of paper, or whatever you have at home.

Pre-Worship Images and Music

Images: Gerry Davis

Music: Michael Hartigan, Original Composition

Welcome

Prelude

Irish Traditional

Images: Rock Point

Musicians: Michael Hartigan, Kim Hardy

Opening Rite

Opening Hymn

Like the murmur of the dove's song

H513



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
sign: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
pare: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

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Acknowledgment of Our Grief and Candle Lighting

The Bishop greets the people with these or similar words

Today, this Day of Pentecost, the Church gathers to proclaim its identity as the continuing ministry of Jesus Christ in our world. Following the path of Jesus, we live in a shadow of grief and woundedness, even as we celebrate with hope the resurrection. And so tonight let us begin by acknowledging losses in our lives, and difficulties in our world during this time of the coronavirus and quarantine. I invite you to voice in a few words, a brief prayer of something for which you feel loss, so that as a community, we might support one another. These might be prayers for those who have died during this time, opportunities lost, wounds left unhealed, or for any loss you are experiencing. At the end of our prayers, the Rev. Lisette Baxter will collect all our intentions into a healing prayer for all. To voice your intention as we begin, please unmute yourself and then mute yourself again or type your prayer in the chat box.

When all prayers have been offered the Healing Minister prays this closing prayer

God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we know, your will for us is healing and wholeness. You enter into our lives, our pain, our brokenness, our fear and you stretch out to us your healing, caring and loving hands. Gathered as a community on this Pentecost day we have offered to you (out loud or in the secret of our hearts) our petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings. You heard the grief and the loneliness our isolation to protect one another brings. You heard of financial burdens and hunger. You heard of sickness of body, mind and spirit. You heard fear, anguish and despair. You heard the pain of not being able to gather to celebrate milestones –graduations, marriages, funerals, ordinations, birthdays... You heard of joy, moments of awe and beauty and thanksgivings. We humbly ask you to touch our hearts. Pour upon us the sweet balm of your spirit; give your wisdom and knowledge in ample measure to doctors, nurses; guide all who search for the causes of sickness; watch over all essential workers; break the

bonds of our imprisonment to fear, compulsion and addiction; comfort and give relief to those who suffer; fill us with peace from our grief, our separation and missed milestones. And not least, compassionate God, may you give us grateful and thankful hearts for all the blessings of this life and for your unconditional and always present love.

The Bishop says

Lord, in your great mercy and resting in your abiding presence,
People Hear our prayers and let our cry come to you.
Bishop We gather this evening, both mourning and rejoicing.
People We gather in faith that God will hear our prayer.
Bishop Surrounded by illness, we mourn our dead;
People Yet still we say, Alleluia!
Bishop We know loneliness and discomfort;
People Yet still we say, Alleluia!
Bishop We cannot see the way that lies ahead;
People Yet still we say, Alleluia!
Bishop All we go down to the dust;
People Yet even at the grave we make our song, Alleluia!

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The following short Lesson of Scripture is read by the Bishop

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. --2 Corinthians 4:5-6

The Bishop then prays the Prayer for Light first saying

Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, as you have taught us to call the evening, the morning, and the noonday one day; and have made the sun to know its going down: Dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by your brightness we may know you to be the true God and eternal light, living and reigning for ever and ever. *Amen.*

As the Bishop lights a candle, others are invited to light a candle in their worship spaces.

After candles have been lit, we sing the following. Verse 1 is sung in unison. Then we repeat verse 1 in canon and continuing in canon as desired

O Gracious Light

Phos hilaron

H 25



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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Lessons and Reflections

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Pause

Please wave your red, orange, or other colorful scarves or banners at this time!

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.

Pause

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.'

Video Montage: A Celebration of God's Presence in the People and Communities of the Diocese of Vermont

Brief silence

Gospel Lesson

John 7:37-39

Deacon A Reading of the Gospel according to John.

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.

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown

Moment of Reflection

We Are Never Alone

Images: Steve and Jane Eubanks

Musicians: Performed by the Oasis Chorale, 1991

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you therefore, now that the great 50 days of Easter has ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Bishop

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People

I do.

Bishop

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory

During these 50 days of resurrection celebration, we have witnessed many powerful acts of courage, kindness, and generosity in our communities. We have seen God at work healing our earth even as we face tremendous challenges. In such acts we gain hope for the future. At this time, if you are able, please consider going to this page ([CLICK HERE](#)) to offer a gift of gratitude and thanksgiving for an institution or parish that represents for you the face, hands, feet, and heart of God in our diocese. Please feel free to donate to any diocesan entity of your choice as you are moved by using the pull-down menu.

Hymn of Response

She sits like a bird

MHSO 110



1 She sits like a bird,
wings o - ver earth,
dan - ces in fire,
is the Spi - rit,



brood - ing on the wa - ters, hover - ing on the cha - os of the
rest - ing where she wish - es, light - ing close at hand or soar - ing
start - ling her spec - ta - tors, wak - ing tongues of ec - sta - sy where
one with God in es - sence, gift - ed by the Sav - iour in c -



world's first day; she sighs and she sings,
through the skies; she nests in the womb,
dumb - ness reigned; she weans and in - spires
ter - nal love; she is the key —



moth - er - ing cre - a - tion, wait - ing to give birth to all the
wel - com - ing each won - der, nour - ish - ing po - ten - tial hid - den
all whose hearts are o - pen, nor can she be cap - tured, si - lenced
o - pen - ing the scrip - tures, en - c - my of ap - a - thy and



Word — will say. 2 She
to — our eyes. 3 She
or — re - strained. 4 For she
heaven - ly dove.

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Prayers of Hope

Bishop The Lord be with you
People And also with you
Bishop Let us pray

All say together in the language of your heart

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

The Bishop continues

Prayer for the Life of the World

Your Presence
like treasure
hidden in a field.
Your Glory
like gold
buried on the pathway of every moment.
Your Wisdom
like the finest oil
waiting to be pressed from the human heart
from every nation
from every people
from every child.
Your wisdom, O God,
to show us the way. Amen.

All are invited to pray the Collect of the Day in unison

Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to all peoples and nations 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 Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Bishop continues

Collect

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.* *--St. Helena Breviary*

Collect

Blessed are you, O God, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. *Amen.*

You are invited to offer a prayer of thanksgiving or hope at this time. We especially remember first responders and institutions and non-profits that are supporting others during the pandemic. Please unmute yourself if you would like to offer your prayer aloud and then mute yourself once again when you have finished. Or alternatively, type your prayer into the chat box.

A Prayer of Blessing for the Earth

Bishop Let us pray.

All say together

Peace for the earth and its creatures
peace for the world and its peoples
peace of our fathers
peace for our mothers
peace for our brothers and sisters.
The peace of heaven's vastness
the peace of ocean depths
the peace of earth's stillness
to bless us in the night
to bless us this night. *Amen.*

Sending Rite

The first section "Praise Him!" will be repeated once on verse 1 before continuing with the remainder of the verse

Sending Hymn

Praise Him

LEVAS 98

1. 4. Praise Him! Praise Him!
 2. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! In
 3. Ooh_____ Ooh_____

1. 4. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je - sus, Bless-ed
 2. all things give Him glo - ry. Je - sus, Bless-ed
 3. Ooh_____ Ooh_____ Je - sus, Bless-ed

Fine
 1. 4. Sav - ior, He's wor - thy to be_____ praised. From the
 2. Sav - ior, He's wor - thy to be_____ praised. For_____
 3. Sav - ior, He's wor - thy to be_____ praised. From the

1. ris - ing of the_____ sun un - til the
 2. God_____ is our_____ rock, hope of sal -
 3. ris - ing of the_____ sun un - til the

1. go - ing down of the same; He's wor - thy, Je - sus is
 2. va - tion; A strong de - li - ver -
 3. go - ing down of the same; He's wor - thy, Je - sus is

D.S.

1. wor - thy, He's wor - thy to be praised.
 2. er, In Him I will al - ways trust.
 3. wor - thy, He's wor - thy to be praised.

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Concluding Sentence

The bishop offers the following grace

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* *--Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Dismissal

All Deacons unmute themselves and say the Dismissal together

All People unmute themselves and say the Response to the Deacons' Dismissal so that we all hear one another!

ALL Deacons Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

ALL People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

and repeat!

ALL Deacons Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

ALL the People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

***Thank you for being with us today. Kathleen Moore would like everyone to stay for a few minutes so that she can get some screen pictures of our time together!
Blessed Pentecost to everyone!***

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