

Family Worship for the Festival of Pentecost – May 31, 2020
(Confirmation Sunday)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

L: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

L: Let us make our confession to God. **Almighty, God, merciful Father, I a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PSALM OF PRAISE – PSALM 25:1-13

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²**Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

⁴**Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸**He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

¹⁰**For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.**

¹¹Who are they who fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

¹²**They shall dwell in prosperity, and their offspring shall inherit the land.**

¹³The Lord is a friend to those who fear him and will show them his covenant.

HYMN [Let the Whole Creation Cry](#) (LBW #156, with Lyrics; handbell intro before hymn)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; **through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING – Numbers 11:24-30

SECOND READING – Acts 2:1-21

GOSPEL VERSE (Spoken/Sung; Stand for Gospel Reading if you can)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

L: The Holy Gospel from St. John, chapter 7. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 7:37-39

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN [Holy Spirit, Truth Divine](#) (LBW #257, with Lyrics)

THE 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 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 worshipped 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

EASTER OFFERING (Spoken; LBW #163, st. 3)

L: Come, holy Fire, comfort true, grant us the will your work to do

R: and in your service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.

L: Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart and to our weakness strength impart,

R: that bravely here we may contend, through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMANDS

PRAYERS (See Prayer Sheet)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

AARONIC BLESSING (Numbers 6:24-26)

L: The LORD bless you and keep you.

L: The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you

L: The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

R: And give you peace. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

[Let Me Be Thine Forever](#) (LBW #406)

Extra

[I Have Decided to Follow Jesus](#) (Story behind the Hymn)

READINGS

First Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel: John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

PRAYERS

Almighty God, you have sent upon your Church the promised Holy Spirit that we might know and receive the fulness of our Savior's life and salvation. By the sanctifying work of your Spirit, draw us away from all the vain promises of this world and lead us safely into your kingdom. Help us to run our race of faith as disciples of Jesus and witnesses for you. Grow in the soil of our faith the fruits of your Spirit and help us to faithfully use the spiritual gifts you have given us. Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, you have heard the public profession of Jesus Christ on the lips of our Confirmands. You have promised to save all who call on the name of the Lord, so we commend Gavin and Jake and Kaelyn and Will and Wyatt into your strong saving hands. Help them to continue to grow in the grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus and, by the gift of your Holy Spirit, let their knowledge be filled with wisdom from on high as they face the many challenges of their lives. Keep them in your One and Holy Church and use them mightily as faithful workers and witnesses to Christ's kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Help us all, Lord God, to guard our faith by reading your Word and opening our hearts to you in prayer. Let the life giving water of your Spirit quench the thirst of our souls by touching all the places of our fear, worry and anger with the balm of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for our ruling authorities as they seek to guide and help the nation in this difficult time. Keep them focused on their duties and help them be standards of truth and righteousness before the peoples. Calm the nerves of the nation and break the power of the mobs that are now burning down our cities. Let justice be done when injustice occurs and let there be true brotherly love among all people. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayers for those who place themselves in harm's way to care for others: for all doctors, nurses and medical personnel, for police officers, jailers, firefighters and soldiers. As they carry out their duties to do good, keep them as the apple of your eye. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Eddie Helmey as his body battles the Corona Virus. Preserve his life, strengthen his faith, and surround him with the best care possible. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Charles DiSalvo and keep him safe while he is hospitalized. Let your gracious Spirit support his wife Virginia and his sons Karl & Keith. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayers for healing for our sister Judi, and for Greg, Darius, Cutter, Cassie, Sheila, Izzy, Clyde Jason, Betty, Marcus, and all whom we now lift before you from our hearts.... (silent prayer)

Confident in the salvation of your Son and the Ministry of the Spirit, we lift our prayers to you, seeking and imploring your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers for May 31, 2020

Prayers for our Confirmands

Will Blanton, Wyatt Hamilton, Kaelyn Menefee, Gavin Parker, Jake Waldhour

Prayers for Healing, Recovery, Wholeness, Divine Help

Charles DiSalvo, hospitalized at Memorial. (K. Disalvo; 5.31.20)

Eddie Helmly, Covid-19 diagnosis (G. Helmly & A. Lowe; 5.24)

Greg Hall, hospitalized at Effingham for Pancreatitis (5.17.2020)

Darius Prescott, Cutter & Cassie, recovering from auto accident (5.17.2020)

Jason Pridgen, liver troubles, friend of Betty Robinson (5.17.2020)

JW Porter, multiple health problems, cousin of Brenda Dasher (5.17.2020)

Sheila Saxon, hospitalized with blood problems (Aunt to Karen Hall; 5.17)

Izzy Wilkins, had a tumor removed from her stomach (friend of Halls; 5.17)

Marcus Zeigler: cancer (son of David & Connie Z; 3.17.2020)

Clyde Johnson, pneumonia (Father of Natalie M; 5.10)

Children and Parents in families that are stressed to breaking points of violence and despair (5.3)

Judi Zipperer, recovering at home from a heart procedure (4.26)

Jason Patterson (friend of S. Everett; 4.19)

Betty Weathers (sister of Mary Dasher): whose daughter Tina died this past week. (4.19)

Prayers for Comfort in Bereavement

Family of Franklin Davis killed in vehicle accident on Zittrouer Rd (S. White, 5.17.2020)

Family of Karen Hall's Great Aunt, Katherine who went to be with the Lord. (5.17.2020)

Family of Laura Brown (S. Smith, 4.20)

Family of Rosemary Atkinson (Dot Zipperer's Sister, 4.19)

Military, Fire, Law Enforcement Personnel

Fire: Kenny Whitten, Jimmy Thompson; Law Enforcement: Warren Blanton

Military: Trent Zeigler, Christopher Zeigler(C.Zeigler); Ryland Hampton, Michael

Hubbard(A.M.Hubbard); Stephen Strickland(B. Dasher)

Long Term Support

Audrey Zipperer(Lakeview Manor); Helen Zeigler (Eff Care Center); Sarah Smith (Home); Dorothy Zipperer; Betty Greenwood (Home), Charles & Virginia DiSalvo(Home)



Table Talk

John 7:37-39

Jesus risks his life by attending the Festival of the Booths in Jerusalem (Jn. 7:25). He doesn't go up to this post-harvest festival with his disciples (Jn. 7:8). After they have gone, Jesus goes but he goes incognito (Jn. 7:10). Then about half-way through the festival, he sheds his anonymity, enters into the Temple courts and begins to teach (Jn. 7:14). As a result, many try to seize him and take him to the ruling religious authorities, but they couldn't "because his time had not yet come" (Jn. 7:30). Still, many others believed in him (Jn. 7:31). There is much contention and conniving going on among the people, the ruling religious authorities, and their officials.

Finally, the last day of the Festival arrives and Jesus makes a most remarkable pronouncement: the satisfaction of all those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (Jn. 7:37). You might recall one of the Beatitudes delivered by Jesus went like this: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Mt. 5:6). There, at the Festival of Booths in Jerusalem, Jesus announces the means by which that thirsting for righteousness will be quenched. It will be quenched by drinking from the inexhaustible flow of living water pouring forth from the heart of this person Jesus Christ. When the thirsty ones drink from this living water, they will never thirst again (Jn. 4:14). Furthermore, in the drinking of the water of Jesus Christ, it becomes "a spring welling up to eternal life" (Jn. 4:14).

Aside from Jesus Christ, no way exists for you to satisfy your thirst for righteousness. Aside from Jesus Christ, no way exists between you and eternal life. Your thirst for righteousness can only be quenched... your way to eternal life can only be established... in Jesus Christ, the Water of Life. This living water flows unstoppable out of the font... out from the pulpit... and off from the altar. These are the places where your preacher delivers Jesus Christ, him alone, and him crucified. You will not find righteousness nor eternal life in any other place. Give thanks to God that all you must do is show up. You must show up for the water with the Word to poured over your head. You must show up for the preached Word of forgiveness to be put in your ears. You must show up for the flesh and blood of your Lord to be fed to you with the bread and wine. Jesus' words are true: "My yoke is easy, my burden light."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, give me this living water that I may know Jesus and have eternal life. Amen

The Friendship of the Lord

Find the 37 bold words from Psalm 25:8-15 (ESV).

S U W F T E I Q P M J G Y M M
E S R E N N I S I I Y S O N T
I V E J L G N I R P S F F O O
N W O N K L P V A I L E W D D
O W R L L O B T G H O A M R O
M E L B M U H E U S R H C A T
I L R T Y S F N I D D O T P N
T I R E H N I H L N V H F E E
S T E A D F A S T E G F C U Z
E S T C U R T S N I D D R K M
T K Y H P D L A R R A I P S E
S D A E L L N P E F A F B N U
E Y E S U T U A S R A E F A M
E K A O C F O D L O G E C W H
Y U S W K S K X E U T T U F X

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the **humble** in what is **right**, and teaches the **humble** his way. All the **paths** of the LORD are **steadfast love** and **faithfulness**, for those who **keep** his **covenant** and his **testimonies**.

For your **name's sake**, O LORD, **pardon** my **guilt**, for it is **great**.

Who is the **man** who **fears** the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His **soul** shall **abide** in **well-being**, and his **offspring** shall **inherit** the **land**. The **friendship** of the LORD is for those who **fear** him, and he makes **known** to them his **covenant**. My **eyes** are **ever** **toward** the **LORD**, for he will **pluck** my **feet** out of the **net**.

Give Ear

Find the 57 bold words from Acts 2:14b-21 (ESV).

L G R E A T E H P O R P O U R
O O J N S N H T R A E V Y O O
R D U A F E M A L E R N S J S
D S L L A C G X V O H L E O J
E I R V T I R I P S O R H M K
V G E E V F S A E D U J P N S
A N S E D I V L D S R A O E S
S S Y E O N F L A Y S W R U M
O H W N R G O L U S N V P P O
C D S O A A E W G O A P K O K
F O U Y R M L T H N O O M N E
I O M R A D E C T S Y O U N G
R L L E W D S S E N K R A D C
E B K V S M A E R D D R I H T
D E R E T T U O S J L F T U A

Men of **Judea** and all who **dwell** in **Jerusalem**, let this be **known** to you, and **give ear** to my **words**. For these people are not **drunk**, as you **suppose**, since it is only the **third hour** of the day. But this is what was **uttered** through the **prophet Joel**: "And in the **last days** it shall be,

God declares, that I will **pour out** my **Spirit** on **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 on my **male servants** and **female servants** in those days I will **pour out** my **Spirit**, and they shall **prophesy**. And I will show **wonders** in the **heavens** above and **signs** on the **earth** below, **blood**, and **fire**, and **vapor of smoke**; the **sun** shall be turned to **darkness** and the **moon** to **blood**, before the **day** of the **Lord** comes, the **great** and **magnificent** day. And it shall come to **pass** that **everyone** who **calls upon** the **name** of the **Lord** shall be **saved**."