

# The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday - May 23, 2021

## WELCOME TO SMSJ

PRELUDE Instrumental

OPENING MUSIC "Sanctuary" and "Breathe"



### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

**Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit.**

### OPENING COLLECTS

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*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

*Deacon:* Let us pray.

*Deacon:* O God, who on this day 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 Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (Please be seated)

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC - substituted for the Psalm

"Spirit of the Living God"

## THE SECOND LESSON: 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.' "

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia" (2x)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

*John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15*

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON            The Rev'd Mike Finn

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH            “This I Believe”

*Please stand*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, into your church and its people. Fill us with the power and purpose of the gospel.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into the nations of the world. Rain down your peace onto nations at war or in crisis.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into the lives of those in need. We especially pray for Shakela health and that she may keep a positive attitude; for the good health of Carline and Eyfracia's families; and for Eyfracia's finances; for Alesia who is Covid positive and for Jaqueline who looks to you for a clean heart and spirit... Blanket them with hope and healing.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into our community of faith. Support us in our mission, our celebrations, and our woes.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into our thanksgiving for the lives of all the faithful departed. Remind us of the joy that is to come.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

CLOSING COLLECT: (Pastor Cindy) Into your care, O God we place ourselves and all our prayers, trusting your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION *(Please be seated)*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

MUSIC "Crowded Table" *(Please stand)*



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, you made the world and all that is in it;  
you made this day and we will be glad and rejoice in it!  
For this is the day your prophets testified about  
when you destroy the shroud of death  
and open the gates of salvation to all who believe.

You sent your Son, Jesus, among us,  
anointed with your Holy Spirit and power  
to preach peace and heal all who were oppressed.

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us,  
with earth, sea and sky, with angels and archangels who envelop us,  
with all the saints before us and beside us,  
with sisters and brothers, east and west, north and south,  
And with loved ones, separate from us now, who yet,  
in this mystery are close to us,

We join in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, who breaks open deep the tomb of our pain,  
calls life out of death, and leads all creation into life eternal.

Blessed is your Spirit, that broods over the deep, stirs our hearts, who  
comforts and confounds. Your Spirit, that animates all of creation - plants,  
animals, and all of us. Your Spirit, that dwells in us.

On the night when he was betrayed,  
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

**“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had  
given thanks, he gave it to them and said:

**“Drink this all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, here in this place,  
we celebrate the flames that gave birth to the church  
And has shared  
among his community through the centuries,  
and shares with us now.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these bodily things,  
this bread and this wine.

**May they be for us your body and blood,  
vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us whole.**

Anoint us with your life-giving power that we might recognize your  
presence in each and every person

**By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all  
honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.**

The feast of life has been prepared for you -  
partake and be filled with the goodness of God.

### COMMUNION MUSIC    “Spirit of Gentleness”

*All are welcome to receive communion.*

*Gluten-free wafers and grape juice is available.*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### FINAL BLESSING

### DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Go and tell how God has touched your life.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (May 24th - May 30th)

- Monday 2-3pm Episcopal 101  
*Zoom - link is on our website homepage stmarksandstjohns.org*
- 6pm E.D.E.N. 1199 Culver Garden  
Captains: Melanie and Judy
- Tuesday *Pastor Cindy's Day Off*
- 9am Food Shelf Ministry Prep & Unload Foodlink Truck
- 10am E.D.E.N. 408 Rosewood Terr. - Children's Garden  
Captain: Erin
- 10am E.D.E.N. 336 Parsells Ave. Garden  
Captain: Deacon Mike
- Wednesday 9am E.D.E.N. Church (1245 Culver) Team  
Captains: Mary E. and Mary Ellen F.
- 10:30-12pm Food Shelf Ministry
- 12pm Emergency Food Delivery Driver Pick-up
- 12:10pm Healing Service  
*Weather permitting it will be held in the garden*  
*Zoom - link on our homepage stmarksandstjohns.org*
- 5pm E.D.E.N. 448 Merchants Rd. Garden  
Captain: Deb S.
- Thursday 10am Staff Meeting (weekly)
- Friday 11:30am E.D.E.N. Denver Training Garden  
Captains: Aisha & Becky
- Saturday 9am-10:30am ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK Mulch Spreading  
at Parsells/Denver & any planting that's needed
- 12pm Emergency Food Delivery Driver Pick-up
- Sunday 9:15am WORSHIP

### Episcopal 101 (name changing soon to E.D.E.N. Book Club)

Our Episcopal 101 class continues to meet virtually (*Zoom - link is on our website homepage stmarksandstjohns.org*) on Monday afternoons from 2-3pm. You're more than welcome to join us one time or multiple times. In the coming weeks we will be reading *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity* by **Dwight Zscheile** together. If you are interested Pastor Cindy has a couple of extra books (\$18).

### Wednesday & Saturday: Emergency Food Deliveries

We continue to take food and supplies to those in need in the 14621 and 14609 zip codes. If you are interested in being a driver or assisting by preparing delivery routes, etc - especially on Saturdays let Pastor Cindy know. *Please note: we are now collecting hygiene and cleaning items.*

### Prayer Concerns and/or Thanksgivings

Our newsprint "Prayer" board is back. You are welcome to light a candle and put the name(s) of those you would like us to hold in prayer.

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

If you'd like to serve as a Reader and/or a Eucharistic Minister please let Deacon Mike or Pastor Cindy know. We will be getting a schedule out to folks over the next couple of weeks.

### Weekly: Help Clean-up following the Service

Each week following the Sunday service we would like to enlist a few volunteers to dust our pews, window sills, clean-up coffee area if need be, and dust mop our new floor. If you are interested in helping please sign-up on the newsprint w/ the prayers.

### Garden Volunteers NEEDED

We need some additional help in two of our gardens. Talk to Pastor Cindy or Deacon Mike if you are interested.

**Tuesdays @ 10am 336 Parsells Avenue (Captain - Deacon Mike)**

**Friday @ 11:30am Denver/Melville (Co-Captains - Aisha & Becky)**