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**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, Day of Pentecost, 10:30am**  
**Liturgy of the Word (Online)**

Presider / Homilist: John Howard, Lay Reader: Francis Richardson,  
Reader: Linda Emptage; Vocalist: Victoria Alcock



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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty** (vs 1-4) #1

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to thee:  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons,  
Blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!  
All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art,  
And evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though our sinful human gaze  
Thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy;  
there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name  
In earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy,  
merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons,  
Blessed Trinity!

## THE GREETING

*Presider:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*Presider:* Almighty God,

**People: to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty 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.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's

deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> '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. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

### **Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27**

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 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. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for

30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 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. 27 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** (vs 1-3) #354

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call of songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
O, the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my God's unchanging love.

2. Here I make faith's affirmation:  
Thus far by thy help I've come,  
And I hope, by thy compassion,  
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it  
for thy courts above.

### **The Holy Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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

<sup>26</sup> "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. <sup>27</sup>You also are  
to testify because you have been  
with me from the beginning.

16:4b "I did not say these things to  
you from the beginning, because I  
was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going  
to him who sent me; yet none of  
you asks me, 'Where are you  
going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said  
these things to you, sorrow has  
filled your hearts.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove  
the world wrong about sin and  
righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about  
sin, because they do not believe in  
me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because  
I am going to the Father and you  
will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about  
judgment, because the ruler of this  
world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>"I still  
have many things to say to you, but  
you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me,  
because he will take what is mine  
and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>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 Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily:**

John Howard

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
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.  
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. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Francis Richardson

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Doxology**

Presider:

Glory to God,

**All:**

**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**

### **The Sending Out The Blessing**

## Closing Hymn: The Church's One Foundation (vs 1,2 &5)

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The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
We are his new creation  
By water and the Word:  
From heaven he came and sought  
us  
To be his holy Bride;  
With his own blood he bought us,  
And for our life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
our charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth,

One glorious Name we hallow,  
Partake one holy food,  
And to one hope we follow  
With every grace endued.

5. Yet we on earth have union  
With God the Three-in-One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

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### THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

*(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)*

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: St. Thomas Church, St. Thomas; St. Peter's Church, Wallacetown; Grace Church, West Lorne.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Francis Richardson, Boyce & Kim Rutherford, Chris & Sharleen Schefter, and all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bob, Bill, Charlie, Erin, Howie, Jason, John, Mike, Paul, Patsy, Ruth, Sandra, Simon, Steve, Theresa, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, Wayne P., Wilma and any others who are in need of our prayers.

### Next Sunday: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Trinity Sunday, 10:30am Online Liturgy of the Word (livestreamed only)

Presider & Homilist: Gilles Haché; Lay Reader: John Howard  
Reader: Shari Kartechner; Vocalist: Victoria Alcock  
Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17