

THE WAY OF LOVE

*Whoever and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome.
Our message is that God's unconditional love is extended to you right now through Jesus Christ.
Here in this church, God says, "You belong, this is my family, and you have a place in it."*

THE DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST: NEW ZEALAND & IONA

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May 28, 2023 8:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Cathedral Suite for Organ
Dana Anderson, organ

Gordon Young

THE PROCESSION

All stand

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

People **Alleluia!**

Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia!

Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

GLORIA

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE LESSONS

All are seated.

PRAYER BEFORE SCRIPTURE

Alleluia, alleluia. There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; by the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. *Alleluia.*

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.' "

Reader Word of God, Word of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:25-35, 37 *read responsively by the whole verse*

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

26 ***Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.***

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

28 ***All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.***

29 You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 ***You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.***

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 ***May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.***

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.

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

35 May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 ***Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!***

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader Word of God, Word of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

JOHN 20:19-23

All stand and turn to face the Gospel procession.

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

People Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

All are seated

The Very Reverend Lori Modesitt

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All stand

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of female and male. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

All kneel or stand

Let us unite our hearts and minds in prayer for our world, saying, Almighty God, hear our prayer.

For the church throughout the world, Almighty God,
hear our prayer.

Inspire the daughters and sons of your church for prophetic witness to your truth, and upon old and young give clarity of vision to acknowledge your saving power in the world.

For nations of the world and its leaders, Almighty God,
hear our prayer.

Overcome the babble of misunderstanding among the nations, and let all people hear in their own language and recognize in their own culture your unifying message of love.

For planet Earth, our home, Almighty God,
hear our prayer.

By your Spirit, renew the earth, make us good stewards of its resources, and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly.

For those in need of healing, Almighty God,
hear our prayer.

Send your healing Spirit upon those who are sick in body or mind, restore them to health and restore to them the joy of salvation. We also pray for those who have died.

For our neighbors and members of our civic community, Almighty God,
hear our prayer.

Teach us to be good neighbors, to live in peace with one another, and in friendship share the joys and burdens of daily life.

For our children, Almighty God,
hear our prayer.

Bless our children, protect them from danger, and help parents and caregivers nurture them so that they may mature in wisdom and grow in grace.

For our enemies, Almighty God,
hear our prayer.

Bless our enemies and show us how we may do good to them for the sake of Jesus Christ.

I ask your prayers for St. James' Episcopal Church in Kemmerer and for the Diocese of Tasmania (Australia). The flowers this week are given to the Glory of God and dedicated to Gilbert Tremblay and all other high school graduates, and in memory of Susie Pace. Your own prayers and petitions may be added at this time. Almighty God,
hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

In your mercy, Almighty God, receive our prayers and, according to your wisdom, provide all that we need; through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we store up earth's resources and forget to share your gifts. We do not honor your generosity by sharing it with others in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand

Officiant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

BCP (red) 830

Watch over Your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may Your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY

Spirit of God, Descend

Ellen Jane Lorenz

An offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Living Breath of God, move among us. Receive the gifts of our lives and use them, so that all may know the fullness of your love flowing through our world.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: NEW ZEALAND & IONA

Officiant God is here.

People ***God's Spirit is with us.***

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

In the beginning, God of creation, your wind swept the darkness, stirring up life from the heights to the depths. Your spirit raised us from dust and formed us to be like you, children with one common breath.

We couldn't see where the wind had come from; we couldn't tell where the wind would go. Divided, we hid behind walls turning away from the breath of life. But you blew through the prophets, you gave visions to slaves, you spoke in the whirlwind, and promised salvation.

You breathed on Mary, your listening servant, making your Word alive in her flesh. You gave us Jesus, who shared our same breath receiving your Spirit in the river Jordan. He proclaimed freedom to captives, good news to the poor he gave hope to the suffering, and life to the dead.

And so we gladly thank you, with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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.

The people kneel or stand.

God of comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness, remembering that at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us your gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith, of healing, discernment, and interpretation, that your Church may be built up in the likeness of your Son.

Pour out your Spirit once more to make this bread and wine the body and blood of Christ, that we might blow through the world with his love: healing, forgiving, and reconciling like Jesus until the heights and depths are filled with your children from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **AMEN.**

Because you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Officiant Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

People ***Christ is the bread of life.***

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

Christ is risen from the dead.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

Come, all those who have much faith, and those who have little, those who have been here often and those who have not been here long, those who have tried to follow you and those who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites us. It is God's will that those who desire God should meet God here. **Amen.**

All are welcome at the altar. All who desire to receive communion and those wishing to receive a prayer of blessing are invited to the altar rail. Gluten free wafers are available at the communion rail. Please inform the servers at the altar rail if you desire gluten free wafers.

COMMUNION Hymnal (blue) 508

Breathe on me, Breath of God

SENDING FORTH

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people kneel or stand

Officiant Let us pray.

People *Praise and glory to you, Creator Spirit of God; you make our bread Christ's body to heal and reconcile and to make us the body of Christ. You make our wine Christ's living sacrifice to redeem the world. You are truth. You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden. Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day. You warm and comfort us. You give us courage and fire and strength beyond our everyday resources. Be with us Holy Spirit, in all we say or think, in all we do this and every day. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace, may the love of Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore. Bless the Lord!

Alleluia! Amen.

THE PROCESSION

All stand

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Hear what God declares: The Holy Spirit is poured into you. Filled, go in peace to love and serve.

People *Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!*

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major BWV 556

J.S. Bach

If you are unable to make it to church and would like communion, please contact the church office.

Today we welcome the Very Reverend Lori Modesitt as our guest priest and celebrant. Lori is retired and resides in Wheatland following many years of service in the Diocese

ST. MARK'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Diocesan Prayer: St. James' Episcopal Church in Kemmerer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayers: The Extra-Provincial Churches, Diocese of Western Tanganyika (Tanzania), Diocese of Tarime (Tanzania), Diocese of Tasmania (Australia), Diocese of Taungoo (Myanmar), Te Pihopatanga o Te Waipounamu (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia), and Diocese of Temotu (Melanesia).

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEK ARE:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Psalms 8

Matthew 28:16-20

Website for weekly scriptures: <http://www.lectionarypage.net>

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The flowers this week are given to the Glory of God and dedicated to Gilbert Tremblay (Graduation Class 2023) given by Mom, and in memory of Susie Pace given by Darwin Pace. You may sign up for a Sunday in the altar flower dedication book located in the rear of the church. More than one donor per Sunday is gratefully welcomed and due recognition given accordingly. Cost is \$70.00.

ST. MARK'S PARKING

We are thankful to the Cheyenne family that allows us to use their parking lot west of the church on Sunday mornings. It is a parking lot that is leased by others Monday through Saturday. If you have any concerns, please contact the church office.

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