

# The Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021





# Holy Eucharist

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Sunday, May 23, 2021

### Prelude

### Announcements

*All then stand as they are able.*

### Opening Hymn

Tune: *Beecher*

*Holy Spirit, go before us*

Ho-ly Spi-rit, go be-fore us, ev-ery mind and heart pre- pare  
Ho-ly Spi-rit, come and help us; give us words to speak of Christ.  
Ho-ly Spi-rit, stay to show us how to serve as Christ served us.

for good news of life in Je- sus, for the joy-ful hope we share.  
Teach us how to tell all peo-ple: deep-est dark-ness can be light!  
May our words of love be grounded in love's ac-tions, first and last.

Gent-ly lead the lost to safe-ty, gent-ly teach them Wis-dom's way,  
Help us tell how faith-ful God is, and how Je- sus sets us free;  
Your good news is news of jus-tice, and the strong be-friend the weak

'til they come to seek you glad- ly, 'til we find the words to say.  
 take our words, and make them gos- pel so that man- y may be- lieve.  
 in your ser- vice, 'til com- pas- sion builds the peace the na- tions seek.

*All remaining standing, the Presider says*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The Presider then begins*

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.**

Alleluia! The Day of Pentecost is here:  
**the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.**  
 The Day of Pentecost is here:  
**the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.**  
 The Day of Pentecost is here:  
**let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!**

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

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 judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in that light and 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.**

*All sit.*

## First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>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.’”



*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

<sup>25</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

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

<sup>27</sup>There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

**<sup>28</sup>All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

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

<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**<sup>32</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**<sup>34</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>35</sup>May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

**<sup>37</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.  
*People*                        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as they are able.*

**Sequence Hymn**  
*Now Holy Spirit, ever One*

Tune: *Puer Nobis*



Now Ho- ly Spir- it, ev- er One, with  
Let mouth and tongue, mind, sense, and strength God's  
Al- migh- ty Fa- ther, hear our cry through



God the Fa- ther and the Son, pour forth in- to our  
might- ty ac- tions tell at length; let love in flames of  
Je- sus Christ, our Lord Most High, whom with the Spi- rit



hearts, we pray, the full- ness of your grace to- day.  
liv- ing fire the hearts of all the world in- spire.  
we a- dore for ev- er and for ev- er- more.

**Holy Gospel**

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

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <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.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“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 the One 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 the Spirit 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>The Spirit 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.”

*Priest*                    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*All stand as they are able.*

*Presider*            Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed:

## **Nicene Creed**

*Presider and people say together*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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;  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## Prayers of the People

*All remain standing.*

*Presider* O God, from every corner of creation, you brought together people of every tribe and language and culture and nation, and made them one in your Spirit; breathe your Word into us. Enflame us with a passion for peace, and enliven our gifts that we may ever work for the common good and the coming of your Kingdom. Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

*Intercessor* For the world, that it may be transformed from a valley of dry bones into a mountain where nations dwell as one in peace. For our cities and communities, that they may be transformed from a cruel wilderness into abundant gardens. **Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.**

*Silence is kept.*

For the Church, that it may be transformed from a lifeless institution into life-giving bread. We pray especially for our bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig, all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our sisters and brothers worshipping at Holy Faith, Saline, St Aidan's, Ann Arbor; and St Timothy's, Nizao, in the Dominican Republic. **Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.**

*Silence is kept.*

For those tormented by oppression, illness, or aimlessness, that they may be transformed by healing and hope... For those tortured in body, mind, or spirit, that they may be transformed by the soothing balm of love [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Transform their melancholy into joy, their worry into peace, their despair into hope. **Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.**

*Silence is kept.*

For us, that our half-seeing eyes and our half-hearted faith may be transformed into clear vision and single-minded action. Give us hearts grateful for all your gifts [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Intoxicate us with visions and dreams that will align us with you. Jolt us from our inertia into action. Come into our lives with power. **Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.**

For those who have died [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that by your Spirit they may be transformed by your forgiveness and purified in holiness. **Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.**

*Silence is kept.*

In the communion of St. Barnabas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Presider* O God, without your Spirit our power ebbs away, without love our gifts are nothing; start a fire within us that cannot be quenched or contained, a flame that halts the fiery arrows of evil, and turns the world bright with hope. Shape our weary and wounded souls into souls on fire for God's mission. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Presider says*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

*The Presider then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*A Priest then says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Peace

*Presider*                    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                      **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Holy Communion

*The Presider says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

*The People then are seated.*

### *How the Holy Communion is prepared*

The Presider, other Eucharistic Ministers, and any participating Acolytes must wash their hands, or use hand sanitizer, before celebrating and before distribution. Gloves will not be used.

The Presider alone will bring the bread and wine from the credence table to the Altar at the time of the offertory. All of the elements for Holy Communion will be placed on the Altar for the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Presider alone stands at the altar, with others 6 feet or more away.

The **priest's wafer and chalice** will be uncovered in front of the Presider during the Eucharistic Prayer. They **are for the Presider alone**. They are consumed entirely by the Presider, or appropriately disposed of after the service.

The priest's wafer and the people's wafers will be kept separate at all times. The **people's wafers will be a container** on the Altar, which will remain covered throughout the Eucharistic Prayer. During consecration, the Presider will touch the container, not the wafers.

The **distribution** of consecrated wine is not permitted at this time (as of June 19, 2020 Diocese of Michigan directive).

### *How the Holy Communion will be distributed*

Everyone distributing communion will use hand sanitizer before they begin distribution. Gloves will not be used.

Communicants will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer before receiving. Hand sanitizer will be available at the service.

The bread will be distributed by a minister to the people where they are standing, while maintaining six feet of distance between households. (If this service is indoors, the people will come to the Altar rail in household groups one at a time.)

Masks must continue to be worn during the distribution of communion. Communicants should only lift their mask and consume the bread when the minister has moved on to others (or when they have returned to their seats in the church).

The Minister will place the bread in the hand. The distribution will happen without directly touching the hand of the person receiving. Hand-to-mouth distribution is not permitted. If hand-to-hand contact happens, the minister will re-sanitize.

If a blessing is preferred, the blessing will be given without touch.

*The people stand as a minister brings forward the alms basin.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*Doxology*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*The people remain standing.*

## **Great Thanksgiving**

<i>Presider</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Presider</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Presider</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

*The Presider proceeds*

God of surprises, your Spirit brooded over the waters at creation  
and lived among your chosen people in wilderness, exile, and promised land.

Your Spirit filled Mary's womb at the moment of Jesus' conception  
and came upon him like a dove at his baptism.

When Christ died on the cross your power raised him from the tomb on the third day,  
and that same evening he breathed your forgiving grace on those who had deserted him.

On the day of Pentecost you sent your Spirit upon the fearful disciples,  
filling them with fire, with power, with wonder and joy, and making them your church.

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels,  
and all who with your risen and ascended Son sit at your right hand on high,  
proclaiming 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 Presider continues*

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.

Come among us now through the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be transformed into your image, and that these gifts of bread and wine  
may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, 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.**

*The Presider continues*

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.

Let anyone who is hungry find in you the bread of life,  
and anyone who is thirsty find in you rivers of living water.

Speak your word to all who are alone and in fear or despair,  
and let each one of your children hear your voice in their own language,  
whether that language be art or science, work or play.

Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may breathe your breath  
and be filled with your life anew, that we may love what you love,  
and do what you would do, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **AMEN.**

*The Presider then continues*

Spirit of the Living God, dance with us on this day.  
**Come, Whirlwind of Wonder!**  
Sing to the groaning of creation.  
**Come, still small voice of Hope!**  
Enflame us with your passion for justice.  
**Come, Liberator of the Least!**  
Purify us of our grasping greediness.  
**Come, Advocate of selfless living!**  
Silence our gossiping tongues.  
**Come, Harmony of God's Heart!**  
Wind of God, blow through us;  
**Fire of God, burn within us;**  
Tongue of God, speak to us on this day of renewal and birth,  
even as we pray as Jesus teaches us,

*People and Presider*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.  
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.  
**We are one body, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.**

*The Presider says*

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit.  
It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often  
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before,  
you who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.  
**Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.**

*The Presider then says*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, those who are not physically present here join us in offering you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since they cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into their hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us all with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

### **Communion Hymn**

*Sing twice through*

*Tune: St Agnes*

*If you believe and I believe*

The image shows the musical notation for the Communion Hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to-geth-er pray,". The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

the Ho- ly Spi- rit must come down and set God's peo- ple free.

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**God of abundance,  
 you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
 you have united us  
 with Christ and one another;  
 and you have made us one  
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

God's glory has filled our hearts!  
**We go to empty ourselves for others.**  
 Christ has given himself for us!  
**We go to give ourselves to everyone in need.**  
 The Spirit gifts us with new life!  
**We go to be a blessing to everyone we meet.**

And may the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name **✠** of the Holy Trinity. **Amen**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Filled with the Spirit's power*

*Tune: Woodlands*



Filled with the Spi- rit's power, with one ac- cord  
 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
 Wi- den our love, good Spi- rit, to em- brace



the in- fant church con- fessed its ri- sen Lord.  
 that u- ni- ty may be our great de- sire.  
 in your strong care all those of ev- ery race.



O Ho- ly Spi- rit, in the church to- day  
 Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,  
 Like wind and fire with life a- mong us move,



no less your power of fel- low- ship dis- play.  
 and read- i- ness in each to work for all.  
 'til we are known as Christ's, and Chris- tians prove.

## Dismissal

*Minister*  
*People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Postlude

### Extinguishing of the Paschal Candle



**REGARDING OFFERINGS TO ST. BARNABAS CHURCH**

To make an offering to St Barnabas, please mail your check to the church: 20500 W Old US-12, Chelsea MI 48118-1309. Mail is being collected daily.

**BEDDING COLLECTION PROJECT ALMOST COMPLETE**

Our project to help Friends In Deed, a charity that works with Washtenaw County’s homeless to help them get into homes, is in need of bedding of all kinds, and St Barnabas has agreed to help them gather as much as they can.

Our donations—of new or lightly used bedding of all kinds and sizes—will be gathered in on **TODAY, May 23**. This is the Day of Pentecost, and our service will be live on the Labyrinth. This is the perfect opportunity to bring your donation to the church. **IF YOU CAN’T BRING A DONATION TODAY**, please contact Amma Marion to arrange a pick-up from your house. Many thanks for your help and care for our neighbors in need!

**CONTINUING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS  
TO FAITH IN ACTION**

Faith in Action is continuing to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They will be in need of our continuing help in the weeks of winter still to come.

**Needed right now:** *boxed/shelf-stable milk, cooking oil, salt/pepper, spices, coffee, tea bags, sugar, flour, canned tuna, crackers, cake mix, canned frosting, dish soap, women’s hygiene products.* You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive at the church** will be **June 20**. Please leave your donations at the church on that day.

Financial donations to help us combat the continuing effects of the pandemic can be made by PayPal at [www.faithinaction1.org](http://www.faithinaction1.org), by Facebook, or by mailing a check to *Faith in Action, 603 S. Main Street, Chelsea MI 48118*. **If you need help, please call FIA at (734) 475-3305**

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**Upcoming Commemorations**

- May 23 Nicolaus Copernicus and Johannes Kepler: Astronomers; and, Jackson Kemper, Bishop and Missionary, 1870
- 24 Bede, Priest and Historian, 735
- 25 Augustine of Canterbury, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605
- 26 Bertha and Ethelbert, Queen and King of Kent, 616
- 27 The First *Book of Common Prayer*, 1549
- 28 John Calvin: Theologian, 1564

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**MAY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

People with mental problems are our neighbors. They are members of our congregations, members of our families; they are everywhere in this country. If we ignore their cries for help, we will be continuing to participate in the anguish from which those cries for help come. A problem of this magnitude will not go away. Because it will not go away, and because of our spiritual commitments, we are compelled to take action. *(Rosalynn Carter)*

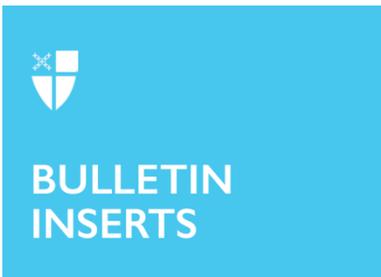
The magnitude of mental illness in this country is staggering. According to the Surgeon General, one in every five Americans experiences a mental disorder in any given year and half of all Americans have such disorders at some time in their lives. These illnesses of the brain affect all of us, regardless of age, gender, economic status, or ethnicity. Mental illness affects the mind, body and the spirit. It is a real, common and treatable illness. Mental illnesses are far more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis. Our faith communities can be an important part of the recovery process through education, support and by helping individuals and families feel part of a caring community.

Look for community events to highlight mental health issues affecting children, adolescents, adults and older adults. This is an opportunity to educate your faith community about mental illness and help them become caring congregations for persons with a mental illness and their families. Visit these websites for resources:

- NAMI FaithNet [www.nami.org/namifaithnet](http://www.nami.org/namifaithnet)
- Mental Health Ministries [www.MentalHealthMinistries.net](http://www.MentalHealthMinistries.net)
- Pathways to Promise [www.Pathways2Promise.org](http://www.Pathways2Promise.org)
- International Bipolar Foundation [www.internationalbipolarfoundation.org](http://www.internationalbipolarfoundation.org)

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**Pentecost, Year B May 23, 2021**

Today we mark Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and followers of Jesus. Celebrated 50 days after Easter (including the day of Easter itself), the name of the holiday comes from the Greek *Pentēkostē*, which literally means “the 50th day.”

The events of the day are foretold by Jesus in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, just before his Ascension. While his followers were with the risen Christ, he tells them, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:5, NRSV). He goes on to say to them, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

The followers would not wait long for the promised Spirit. The author of Acts, traditionally believed to be Luke, recounts:

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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” (Acts 2:1-6).



We celebrate Pentecost as the inauguration of the Church’s mission in the world. Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are to go out into our neighborhoods and the wider world—to Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth—witnessing to the risen Christ.

The Day of Pentecost is identified by the *Book of Common Prayer* as one of the feast days “especially appropriate” for baptism (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 312). Because of this, Pentecost is also known as “Whitsun” or “Whitsunday” (“White Sunday”), a term used to describe the white baptismal garments worn by those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost and then worn to church on the Day of Pentecost.

*Collect for Pentecost*

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 (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 227).

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**Our Mission:**

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.

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