



**The Church of St. Paul, Cambria**  
**• The Feast of Pentecost • May 28, 2023 •**

**Opening Hymn 752 WLP**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
 People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for  
 ever.

**Amen.**

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.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 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 Lessons**

The first lesson is from the Acts of the Apostles  
 (2:1-21)

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. 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.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:25-32**

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. Hallelujah!

The second lesson is from the First Letter of Paul to  
 the 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia verse:** “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (7: 37-39)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

### Sermon Music

*Here follows the Nicene Creed, all standing*

**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 worshiped 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.**

### The Prayers of the People

In the power of the Spirit who aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray, let us offer to God our intercessions, thanksgivings, and the deep yearnings of our hearts, saying: Come Holy Spirit. *(As the Spirit moves you, please take turns reading one or more of the petitions. Please observe a short silence at the indicated times.)*

For the church, for bishops, for clergy, and for all the people of God, that they may be made whole and free by the Spirit, and bear witness in every aspect of life to the full force of Christ’s resurrection, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

For our world in its brokenness, that the peace of the risen Christ heal the wounds of all victims of injustice and exploitation, and transform the hearts of those who lead the nations and who make public policy, that they may truly become makers of peace, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

That liberal and conservative may be drawn together in truth by the Spirit and come to rejoice in their different gifts and points of view, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

For those weighed down by despair, suffering from addiction, or burdened by illness, that they may experience the freedom which the Spirit gives to the children of God, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

That those who are serving our nation and far from home, that they be witnesses of the Spirit’s power to protect and guide them in times of danger, we pray: **Come Holy Spirit.**

We pray for Sandra and Jennifer. **Come Holy Spirit.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

In thanksgiving for the departed, and for all who witnessed to us of God’s love poured into our hearts by the Spirit, and for the grace to be faithful to all they have been for us, we pray. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Celebrant concludes*

Gracious God, receive our prayer; hear our hearts’ deep yearnings, yet to be formed into words. Give us the courage to yield ourselves, all that we are

and have yet to become, to the transforming motion of your Holy Spirit, and carry out in us and through us your work of new creation. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and living one. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant may begin the **Offertory** with the following sentence*

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

### **Offertory Hymn 209**

*Prayer over the gifts:* Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might** *(Repeat)* **Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest** *(Repeat)* **Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest** *(Repeat)*.

*Officiant*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, the perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*Silence is held, then...*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we receive these gifts. We know them to be sanctified by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body of your Son, the Holy food of new and never ending life in him.

+Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this Holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Officiant* And now, we pray...

**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**

The Bread is broken.

*Officiant*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

*People*

**Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

The Officiant presents the bread with the following or similar words.

These are the holy gifts of God for us, the holy people of God.

So come, those who have been here often and those who have not been for not been here long: those who have much faith, and those who wish to have more: those who have tried to follow Christ, who, like me, have failed. Come, for it is Jesus who is inviting you.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Blessing***

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way, and be your guide as your road changes and turns, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Anniversary/Thanksgiving Prayer**

We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. **Amen.**

***Closing hymn. 751 WLP***

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth with the power of the Holy Spirit!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

