



## Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria

• The Day of Pentecost/Pluralism Sunday • June 8, 2025 •

### Opening Hymn 214

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: O God of all the nations, you have called us into an ever-deepening relationship with you. Through the foundations laid in Egypt and Mesopotamia; through the law and the prophets of Judaism; through the evangelism of the Apostles; through the philosophy of the Greeks; through the mysticism of the Celts; through the insight of Hinduism; through the compassion of Buddhism; through the tolerance of Islam; through the understanding of oneness with the natural world of Native Spirituality; our Christian Faith has been fed, enriched, and deepened. Grant that we may always seek to know you better through conversation with, and learning from, your other great faith traditions. This we ask in the name of the cosmic and universal Christ, who is always and everywhere the incarnation of your mind, your word, your love. **Amen.**

**The first reading** is from the **Book of Acts (2:1-11)**

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."

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!

Listen to the voices of many faiths proclaiming the gospel of reconciliation -- the call to compassion, justice, forgiveness, joy and peace:

*From Christianity:* "Love one another; even as I have loved you. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

*From the Baha'i Faith:* "Be kind to all people, love humanity, consider all humankind as your relations and servants of the most high God."

*From Buddhism:* "The enlightened being should adopt the same attitude towards all beings; his mind should be even towards all beings; he should not handle others with an uneven mind, but with a mind which is friendly, well-disposed, helpful, free from aversions, avoiding harm and hurts; he should handle others as if they were his mother, father, son or daughter."

*From Confucianism:* "The man of perfect virtue, wishing to be established himself, seeks also to establish others; wishing to be enlarged himself, he seeks also to enlarge others."

*From Hinduism:* "What sort of religion can it be without compassion? You need to show compassion to all living beings. Compassion is the root of all religious faiths."

*From Islam:* "Be kind to parents, and to the near kinsman, and to orphans, and to the needy, and to the neighbor who is of kin, and to the neighbor who is a stranger, and to the companion at your side, and to the traveler, and to slaves that your right hands own."

*From Judaism:* "You shall neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

*From Shintoism:* "Regard heaven as your father, earth as your mother, and all things as your brothers and sisters."

Listen to the voices of many faiths calling us to return to God, calling us to embrace the Spirit of Compassion.

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

The **Holy Gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John 14:8-17 (25-27)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be

glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

### The Sermon

Music

#### ***Affirmation of Faith:***

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son, and holy Spirit. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

Dear God, help us keep the purity of our hearts, and help us achieve humility, help us learn to overcome our prejudices, our anger and our jealousies, help us overcome our ignorance about others of those that You have created. Let us pray for all, responding: O God, hear our prayer.

*(As the Spirit moves you, please take turns reading one or more of the petitions. Please observe a short silence at the indicated times.)*

Dear God, help us believe that you treat all peoples with kindness and without discrimination. **O God, hear our prayer.**

Dear God, help us not to think less of anyone that you have created. **O God, hear our prayer.**

Dear God, help us recognize that arrogance and ignorance are the root causes of all evil and keep us free of them. **O God, hear our prayer.**

Dear God, help us to know that remembrance of you is the highest goal that humankind can achieve. **O God, hear our prayer.**

Dear God, help us respect everyone's way of worshipping and honoring you, help us learn to hold individuals accountable for their wrongs and not their parents, their community or their religion, especially when they did not condone the wrongdoing. **O God, hear our prayer.**

Dear God, help us see that our salvation is directly dependent on living a life of following, submitting and surrendering to you and respecting everything that you have created. **O God, hear our prayer.**

Dear God, help us believe in the supremacy of you and the oneness of the family of humankind. **O God, hear our prayer.**

Dear God, The world is a better place today because of spirituality. **O God, hear our prayer.**

Dear God, help us remove from our hearts and our minds the arrogance and the ignorance that my faith is the only way to worship you. **O God, hear our prayer.**

Dear God, help us to move from ignorance to enlightenment, from darkness to light. **O God, hear our prayer.**

*(Other prayers may be offered here.)*

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Offertory sentence**

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

#### **Offertory Hymn 299**

##### *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 him thanks and praise.**

One by one, Lord, we see and love all those whom you have given us to sustain and charm our lives. One by one also we number all those who make up that other beloved family which surrounds us, its unity fashioned out of the most disparate elements. We call the whole vast anonymous army of living humanity; those who surround us and support us though we do not know them; those who come, and those who go; who today will take up again their impassioned pursuit of the light.

Receive, O Lord, this all-embracing host which your whole creation moved by your magnetism, offers you at this dawn of a new day. And we join with the host of heaven as we say:

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

In the beginning was Power, intelligent, loving, energizing. In the beginning was the Word, supremely capable of mastering and molding whatever might come into being in the world of matter. In the beginning there were no coldness and darkness: there was Fire. This is the truth.

So, far from light emerging gradually out of the womb of our darkness, it is the Light, existing before all else was made which, patiently, surely, eliminates our darkness. Everything is being; everywhere there is being and nothing but being.

Blazing Spirit, Fire, personal, transcendent: be pleased yet once again to come down and breathe a soul into the newly formed, fragile film of matter with which this day the world is to be freshly clothed.

Jesus took bread, which he called his Body. This bread, O God, in which you have planted the seed of all that is to develop in the future, we recognize as containing the source and the secret of that destiny you have chosen for us. May this communion of bread free us from our fear of the whirlpool of conflicts and energies out of which we must develop our power to apprehend and experience your holy presence.

Jesus took the cup of wine, which he called his Blood. Lord, drive us in our marrow to long to be united with you beyond life. Through this cup, O God, we deliver ourselves up with utter abandon to those fearful forces of dissolution, which, we blindly believe, will this day cause our narrow ego to be replaced by your divine presence.

Now, we call upon your Holy Spirit, to pronounce over these earthly gifts the words before which all our wisdom and experience must bow in homage. Over every living thing which is to spring up, to grow, to flower, to ripen during this day, we pronounce: This is my Body. And over every death-force which waits in readiness to corrode, to wither, to cut down, speak again your commanding word which expresses the supreme mystery of faith: This is my Blood.

**It is done. Once again the Fire has penetrated the earth.**

Glorious Lord Christ: we rise towards the Spirit whose vesture is the magnificence of the material universe and who smiles at us from far beyond all our victories and understandings. You are the divine influence secretly diffused and active in the depths of matter, and the dazzling center where all the innumerable fibers of the manifold meet. You whose hands imprison the stars; you who are the first and the last, the living and the dead and the risen again; you who gather into your exuberant unity every beauty, every affinity, every energy, every mode of existence; it is you to whom my being cried out with a desire as vast as the universe 'In truth you are my Lord and my God.' And, to you be glory, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Because in Christ, through the power of the Spirit, we have received the eternal fire of heaven, we dare to 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-**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

One bread, one body, one people, one hope.  
Come to the table of peace and understanding.

*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 the reality that Christ is with us wherever we are. **Amen.**

#### **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.**

#### **Announcements**

#### **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 529**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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