# The Holy Eucharist of the People of God The Feast of the Pentecost of the Holy Spirit

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Lebanon, Indiana 46052

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Note: Since the fourth century at the Ecumenical Council of Nicea of 325 A.D., which gave us our Nicene Creed, it has been the custom of the Church not to kneel during the entire Easter Season as befits our baptismal identity in Christ Jesus as daughters and sons who are free in Christ to stand before God.

#### Our Entrance into an Awareness of God's Presence

The People stand as they are able.

### The Processional Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

LEVAS 115





The Presider:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The People respond with gusto:

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All sing God's praise:

#### The Gloria







#### The Prayer of the Day

The Presider greets the people in Jesus Christ:

The Lord be with you.

The People respond: And also with you.

The Presider: Let us pray. *The Presider prays the prayer for this 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.

The People respond: *Amen*.

# Our Liturgy of the Word of God

The people sit. Readings are on the insert in the bulletin.

Acts 2:1-21

## **First Reading**

All sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

The Reader: The Word of the Lord. The People respond: *Thanks be to God.* 

## Our Psalm prayer for this day in response to the reading

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## Psalm 104:25-35,37

- 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!

Romans 8:14-17

## **Second Reading**

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

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit

of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

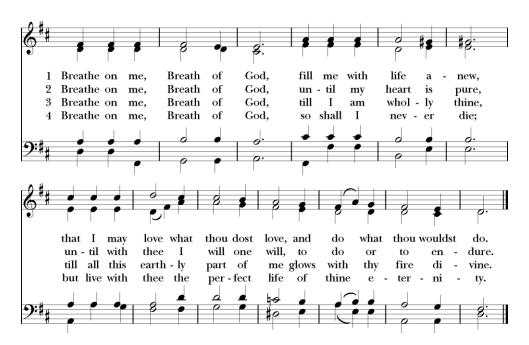
The Reader: The Word of the Lord. The People respond: *Thanks be to God.* 

## **Sequence**

All stand.

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Hymnal 508







#### The Reading from One of the Gospels of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Then, all standing as they are able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. The People respond: *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.

After the Gospel, the Reader says: The Gospel of the Lord. The People respond: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

#### The Sermon

### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Through the Paschal Mystery, dear friends, we, together with all the saints, were buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises

and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

The Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your

commitment to Jesus Christ?

The People: *I do*.

The Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

The People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven

and earth.

The Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

The People: 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.

The Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

The People: 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.

The Presider: How will you remain faithful to these things you believe?

The People: With God's help by continuing in the apostles' teaching

and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

prayers.

The Presider: How will you respond to temptation and failure?

The People: With God's help by persevering in resisting evil and,

whenever I fall into sin, by repenting and returning to the

Lord.

The Presider: How will you share God and Christ with the world?

The People: With God's help by proclaiming by word and example

the Good News of God in Christ.

The Presider: How will you show others you are a member of the Body

of Christ?

The People: With God's help by seeking and serving Christ in all

persons, loving my neighbor as myself.

The Presider: How will you participate in making God's world a better

place for all in God's creation?

The People: With God's help by striving for justice and peace among

all people, and by respecting the dignity of every human

being.

The Presider: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our

Lord.

The People: Amen.

The Presider then sprinkles the people with water to remind them of their baptismal bath in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### The Prayers of the People

Prayer is offered with intercession for: the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world, the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate).

The Presider: As mature children of God who have received the love of God poured into

our hearts by the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God in thanksgiving and in petition bringing before him our concerns and the concerns of the whole

world.

The Leader: Let us pray in thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit to us and to the

whole Church for 2,000 years, making the Risen Christ alive to people of every language, race, and social status that the love of God shown forth in the person of Jesus Christ our Lord might be shared with every person; and that we ourselves might grow in God's love for us and our love of

God. Let us pray in the power of the Holy Spirit,

The People: *O God of all, hear our prayer.* 

The Leader: Let us pray in thanksgiving for the Church, which in spite of its

weaknesses and failures, continues to be the body of Jesus Christ in the world as the baptismal community of worship, spiritual growth, faithful witness, and humble service. Let the whole church, especially each local church and each individual Christian, celebrate the community and the

communion we all share through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism that we might become empowered to surrender ourselves to the vision of the Kingdom of God that Jesus taught us. Let us pray in the power of the

Holy Spirit,

O God of all, hear our prayer. The People:

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the nations and cultures of the world, for The Leader:

the ingenuity and creativeness of humanity, and for the forgiveness of our human sins of arrogance, prejudice, war, oppression, and exploitation generated by our fears, our greed, and our sense of superiority to others different than ourselves. Give the leaders of the nations and all citizens the courage, the compassion, and the wisdom to work for peace and for justice in all worldly affairs. Let us pray in the power of the Holy Spirit,

O God of all, hear our prayer. The People:

The Presider: Let us pray in thanksgiving for all who work to alleviate the suffering and

brokenness in our world and in our lives. We remember the sick and the dying, the homeless and the hungry, the imprisoned and those who mourn. We remember the lost, the lonely, and the unloved. We remember victims of oppression, violence, and war. And we remember those for whom our

prayers have been requested:

. Help us to never tire of holding all these situations in prayer that God's will might be done both in

the world and in us through our own works of faith active in love. Let us

pray in the power of the Holy Spirit,

O God of all, hear our prayer. The People:

The Leader: Let us pray for those who have died and who have been raised to newness

> of life in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, especially \_\_\_, that as they rejoice in the fullness of God, they might be with us in our journey of faith and greet us when we, too, enter into the

eternity of God. Let us pray in the power of the Holy Spirit,

O God of all, hear our prayer. The People:

Silence for personal prayer

The Presider: Holy One in our midst, Blessed Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

One God, receive our thanksgivings and petitions answering them as may be best for us and for all for whom we pray as we come before you as baptized members of the Body of the Son through the power of the Spirit.

The People: Amen.

**Our Sharing the Peace of Jesus Christ** 

The Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The People respond: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord making peace with one another before bringing their gifts to the altar.

# **Our Liturgy of the Holy Communion**

#### The Offering of Our Lives and of Our Gifts back to God

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the deacon or Presider of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, as we offer our lives back to God in faith and in faithful life and work.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar and sing:

## The Offering Hymn

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

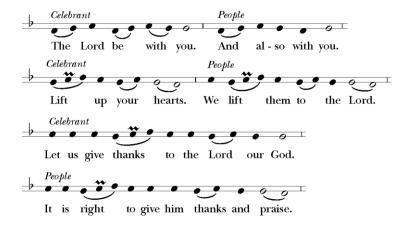
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#### Our Great Thanksgiving Prayer to God

The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings:



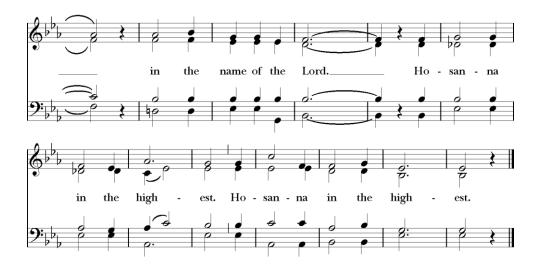
The Presider continues on behalf of all who are present:

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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All sing or say:

The "Holy, Holy, Holy" from Isaiah 6:3





The people stand as the Presider continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

The Presider and the People

We remember his death,

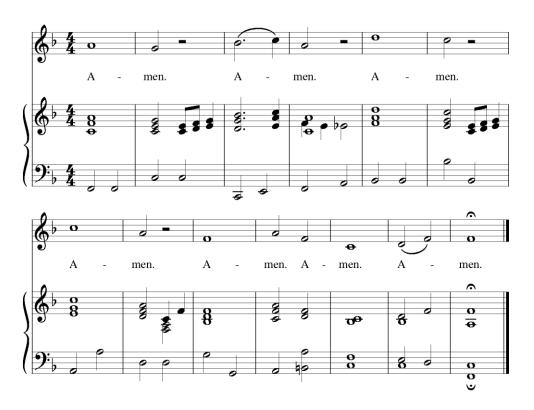
We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

#### The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray, *All say:* 

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung the Fraction Anthem. The People repeat the refrain after the priest sings it the first time, and then after each verse.



The Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come to our Lord's table for a blessing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the blessing of communion. Others may come forward for a blessing from the priest indicating this by crossing their arms over their chest.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The People respond: Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The People respond: Amen.

# The Communion Hymn

Spirit Song

LEVAS 118





# Our Final Prayer of Thanksgiving to God

The Presider: Let us pray.

The Presider and People pray together:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Solemn Blessing of Pentecost

The Presider: May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out

upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with divine blessing, that you may

abound more and more in that Spirit.

The People: Amen.

The Presider: May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the

heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them

shine with the pure light of his presence.

The People: Amen.

The Presider: May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to

proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear

witness to him in word and deed.

The People: Amen.

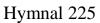
The Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

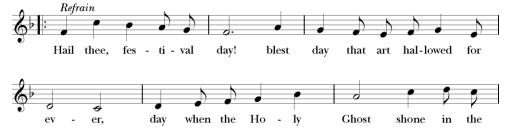
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

The People: Amen.

## The Recessional Hymn

Lo, in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing







The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

## The Sending Forth into the World with the Risen Christ

The Presider: Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia. The People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.* 

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