# CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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The Day of Pentecost June 5, 2022 9:30 a.m.

#### **Reflections on Today's Readings**

Today we conclude the fifty days celebrating our redemption in the Lord's death, resurrection, ascension, and his sending the Holy Spirit to the Church. It is the presence of God's Spirit in the Church, which makes God's action in the dying and rising of Jesus of more than historical interest. It is the continued presence of the Holy Spirit which incorporates our lives into the risen life of Christ and makes us part of his Body.

This is one of the times in the year when Holy Baptism is particularly appropriate, for it is in baptism that we received the Spirit and were made partakers in the resurrection life.

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus, before his crucifixion, assures the disciples that his followers will continue the work of the Gospel

after his departure. Indeed, he will not be absent; he promises to dwell with his people through his Spirit whom the Father will send.

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the account of the first Pentecost when the Apostles received the Spirit and proclaimed the gospel in many tongues. In the reading from Romans, Paul tells us that it is God's Spirit who enables us to speak to God and call God "Father." The Spirit is leading us through the dying and rising of Jesus to become fully children of God.

We are a people made new by God's Spirit in baptism. As we renew our baptismal covenant today, we renew our commitment to that new life and we rejoice with those baptized on this day.

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**Welcome to Christ Church:** If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to a member of the clergy after the service. Welcome bags available in the narthex entrance hall. Books and resources for children are located on the table near the side left door. Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

**Coffee Hour Fellowship:** Please join us in the Parish Hall off the kitchen after the service.

**Communion:** We are returning to the practice of the common cup in addition to the bread for Communion (when we have Eucharistic Ministers scheduled). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction (dipping the bread/wafer) is not permitted at this time. Please know that Communion in one kind (bread/wafer only) is sufficient to experience the Real Presence of our Risen Lord. We are also returning to distribute Communion from the altar rails, where kneeling is an option.

#### **Holy Baptism & The Holy Eucharist**

**Prelude** *Come, Holy Spirit (Chorale and Fugue)* Nicholas DeGrigny

**Hymn 48** O day of radiant gladness Es flog ein kleins Waldvöglein

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider There is one body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us.

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

#### The Collect of the Day

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

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.** 

**№** *The people sit.* 

# The First Reading Acts 2:1-21 Reader A Reading from the Book of Acts

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

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37** Page 736 in BCP (read responsively by verse)

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, 0 my soul. \* Hallelujah!

#### **The Second Reading**

Romans 8:14-17

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

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.

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

**▼** The people stand as they are able.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John People 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."

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

**№** *The people sit.* 

**Sermon** The Rev. Mark Pendleton

**♣** *A brief period of silence follows the sermon.* 

#### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

The Presider says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presented for Baptism today:

*Parents and Godparents* 

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When the candidate has been presented, the priest asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

We will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

We will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against

God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the

creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand, as they are able.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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

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.

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the hor

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,

and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return

to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of

every human being

People I will, with God's help.

#### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*Presider* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Priest* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Priest* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Priest* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Priest* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Priest* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Priest* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Priest* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### *The Presider continues*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

#### The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

A baptismal candle is presented

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

The Presider then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

#### Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

#### People And also with you.

№ The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Peace may be expressed by shaking hands, bowing, "fist or elbow bumps", namaste greeting, putting hand over heart, waving, making the peace sign, and by offering a smile.

#### **Birthday Prayer:**

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 heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Holy Communion

Offertory Music Wade in the Water Traditional Negro Spiritual
Cathy Hammon, mezzo-soprano arr. Carl Haywood

母 The people stand for the hymn as they are able.

Offertory Hymn 516 Come down, O Love divine Down Ampney

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

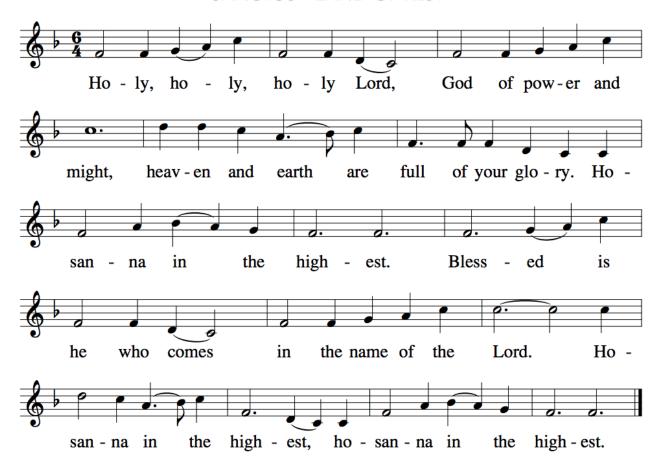
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### The Presider continues

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:

#### SANCTUS—LAND OF REST



Music: Land of Rest, adapt. by Marcia Pruner, © 1980, Church Pension Fund; acc. by Richard Proulx

**◼** The people kneel or stand as they are able.

#### The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

#### The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending 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 Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

#### People and Presider

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

■ A period of silence is kept.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### **Instructions Concerning Communion and Healing**

You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those seated in the side sections please come forward for communion beginning with the front pews using the diagonal aisles and returning by the outside of those sections. Those seated in the center sections please come forward beginning with the back pews using the center aisle and returning to their seats using the diagonal aisles.

Communion may be received kneeling or standing at the altar rails.. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction (dipping the bread/wafer) is not permitted at this time.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy.

The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

**Communion Hymn 296** 

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

 $\blacksquare$  The people kneel or stand as they are able.

Presider and People

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.

#### The Blessing

**◼** The people stand as they are able.

**Recessional Hymn WLP 741** 

Filled with the Spirit's power

Ashley

#### The Dismissal

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. . Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude** *Come, Holy Spirit (Duo)* 

Nicholas DeGrigny

## The worship is over. $\blacksquare$ The service begins.

### Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton Presider: The Rev. Melissa Remington Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Dick Ingram Lector at 9:30 a.m.: Mary Nicol

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m. Sue Ingram; Barb Hyer at 9:30 a.m.

Greeter/Usher: 9:30:

Live Stream: Joe DiPalermo

Altar Guild: Melissa Poirier, Judy Blaisdell

Flower Delivery: Lissa Simard

Altar Flowers Given by:

#### This week at Christ Church June 5-11

Sunday	PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m. Voice Recital 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Rotary Club 12:00 p.m. PSP Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Scouts 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Oasis Sisters 10:30 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	Queer Community Sing 11:00 a.m.

**HONORING GRADUATES ON JUNE 12: IS SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY GRADUATING** from high school or an institution of higher learning? We would like to list them in the bulletin and celebrate with them on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m. service. Please submit the following form (information) to: Darla at office@christchurchexeter.org *Please note that the deadline is TODAY!* 

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**Sunday Counters:** Do you have 15 minutes to spare on an occasional Sunday morning after the 10 a.m. service? We are in need of two volunteers each Sunday who will confirm the contents of the collection plates. If you are able to help with the small task, please contact Darla or Mark in the office, or Lucia Savage at Luciasavage@gmail.com

**Usher/Greeter - Readers Needed:** With more and more folks attending in-person church, we are building up our **Usher/Greeter** and Lector team. Would you be willing to serve as a friendly welcoming face? Contact Mark for instructions to get on the list. Would you like to **read** a lesson at the 8 or 10 a.m. service. See Mark for instructions to get on the list.

**From Deep Roots New Life:** What's Next? For the past five months we have explored the different initiatives for a diocesan capital campaign. Please watch this video of leaders who have already seen the beneficial impact on their own church. <a href="https://youtu.be/syo4LJoVaAA">https://youtu.be/syo4LJoVaAA</a>. We would love to hear from you <a href="https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/our-plan.php">https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/our-plan.php</a>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and "let us know your thoughts". Please stay tuned. We will complete a Feasibility Study by our next diocesan convention to get more feedback from everyone to see if we are on the right track. The results will be reported on November 5<sup>th</sup>!

**Healing team** is available to offer healing prayers during the Eucharist, at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

**The Oasis Sisters** gather to share life experiences, prayer concerns, praises and studying the word of God. Our meetings are on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. We currently meet in person on the first Wednesday of each month in the Dodd Room and the remainder of the month we meet via Zoom. New

members are always welcome. For more information contact Kim Storms at 817-905-8987 or <a href="mailto:stormspk84@gmail.com">stormspk84@gmail.com</a>

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