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The Day of Pentecost

~ Whitsunday ~ June 8, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
The Rev James Seipel, Assisting
David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST



10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude	Pavel Petrov	
Processional Hymn 225	Salve Festa dies	
"Hail thee, festival day!"		
The Word of God		
Opening Acclamation	BCP p. 355	
Collect for Purity	BCP p. 355	
Gloria (Pew Card)	Tuuk	

Collect of the 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. Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 Jade Petteruto

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.' "

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

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Benedic, anima mea Anglican Chant

- 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!

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17 Amelie Palpant

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.

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

Sequence Hymn 512 Mendon

"Come, gracious Spirit"

The Gospel: John 20: 19-23 The Rev. Susan Scranton

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send

you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

<u>Sermon</u> The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Donte Apperwhite

Heavenly Father, on this day of Pentecost, when we recall that the Holy Spirit descended upon the 120 believers gathered in Jerusalem and filled them with the power and purpose and energy to build the Church, so empower us to grow this church, strengthen this community, and set our hearts on fire for you. **Come, O Holy Spirit, come.**

We thank you for the many gifts with which you have blessed us, giving us skills and talents to use for the betterment of this community. Empower us as we use these gifts for your glory, O Lord. Come, O Holy Spirit, come.

In thanksgiving we pray for all who minister at our altar and care for sacred vessels and linens. Grant blessings to our Altar Guild that they may handle holy things with reverence, and perform their work with faithfulness and devotion. **Come, O Holy Spirit, come.**

Father, we thank you for all those who week by week arrange flowers in this church, and we pray for your blessings upon our Flower Guild who enhance our worship with the beauty of flowers that mark times of joy and sorrow, feasts and fasts. **Come, O Holy Spirit, come.**

For the joy of music, and the glories that bless our worship, we offer our thanksgiving to you, O Lord. May our music be a witness to your majesty and love and grace. Bless our musicians as they sing and play bells and other instruments to the glory of your Name. **Come, O Holy Spirit, come.**

May your presence and beauty be found in every note offered by our organist, our parish choir, and our Sounds of Grace Handbell choir,

and may the music they offer reach the hearts of your people so they will draw closer to you, O Lord. **Come, O Holy Spirit, come.**

In the spirit of your mercy and compassion, we lift up before you those in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for those on our Parish Prayer list. Are there others? **Come, O Holy Spirit, come.**

We pray 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. **Come, O Holy Spirit, come.**

Celebrant: Come, O Holy Spirit, come. Come as the wind and cleanse; come as the fire and burn; convert and consecrate our lives to our great good and your great glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings

Sunday School Presentation and Year End Acknowledgements

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	Richard Proulx
"Pentecost Carol "	
Grace Parish Choir	
Presentation Hymn 513	Bridegroom
"Like the murmur of the dove's song"	
Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)	BCP p. 361
Sanctus & Benedictus (Pew Card)	Tuuk
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP p. 364
Invitation to Communion (All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the	BCP p. 364 e Lord's Table. If you

have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring

Communion to you where you are seated.)

Communion Hymn 505	O heiliger Geit
"O Spirit of Life"	
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP p. 365
The Blessing	
Recessional Hymn 511	Abbot's Leigh
"Holy Spirit, ever living"	_
The Dismissal	BCP p. 366
Postlude	Pavel Petrov



Grace Parish Picnic - Today!

We will be celebrating the birthday of our church! Come join us for fun and fellowship!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Father's Day Celebration</u> - Sunday, June 15 after each service. Join us for fellowship with our Dad's for hospitality with delicious donuts too.

<u>Grace Fellowship Dinner</u> - Monday, July 7 at 5:30 PM at Lordsburg Taphouse & Grill in La Verne. Come enjoy a relaxing evening of food, fun, and fellowship! This is a great chance to connect, catch up, and share a meal together. All are welcome - bring a friend!



Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 21- Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please join us for dinner at 5:30 before our program begins. There is no cost!!



<u>Summer Coaster Craze with Donte</u> - August 3 after the 10 AM service traveling to Six Flags Magic Mountain. All are welcome ~ children must be accompanied by an adult. Please see Donte Apperwhite if you are interested.

<u>Jenn & Tonic Band</u> - Playing at Grace Friday, August 8 at 6:00 PM on the front lawn.

Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium - Friday, August 26 at 7:10 PM.

Serving at 8 AM	
Celebrant	The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Debbie Pullen
Serving at 10 AM	
Celebrant	The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Jared Anders
Lectors Jade Petteruto, An	nelie Palpant, Donte Apperwhite
Choirmaster	David Aldrete
Organist	Pavel Petrov
Acolytes Elizabeth And	ers, April Moore, Amelie Palpant
GEC Steam Team Kare	n Williamson, Mizuki Williamson
Altar Guild Patricia Meyer, Debbie Pull	en, Janese Grady, Cathy St. Onge
Flower Guild	Liz Sandona, Susie Seielstad
Hymn Board Manager	Trevor Barcelo
Ushers Al	ex McKenzie, Robert Van Derbur
Vestry Person of the Week	Linda Rice

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Michelle, Sam Luna, Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad, Marcia Goetz, Rick, Marylen Hart, Carol Treacy, Becki Potter, Gaylaird, Lucy, Jon Sharp. Lindsay, Manette Thomas, Liz Hernandez

For strength & guidance: Gayle, Jennifer & Justin, Brock, The Hernandez Family

For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy, Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 – David Aldrete
 8 - McKenna Parra
 10 – Betsy Davis
 12 – Courtney Young
 13 – Liz Sandona
 21 – Crystal Young
 25 – Lynn Colley

12 - Micah Palpant 25 – The Rev. James R. Seipel

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Ruth and David Aldrete – 26 ~ Rosann and Gary Kindt - 22 Micah and Hannah Palpant - 17