

SERVICE OF THE WORD
(ANTE-COMMUNION) FOR
PENE-COST SUNDAY

Whitsunday



LEBANON AND ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCHES
Winchester, VA and Lebanon Church, VA

May 31, 2020

Prelude followed by the bells.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 68:3

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.*

The righteous | shall be glad.

They shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;*

exult be- | fore him!

The Lord | gives the word;*

behold, he sends out his voice, his | mighty voice.

Awesome is God from his sanctu- | ary;*

the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his
| people.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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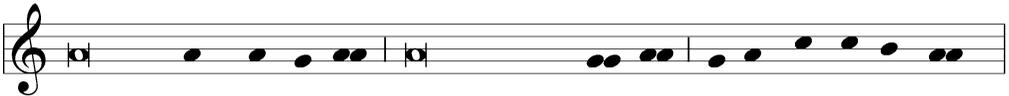
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



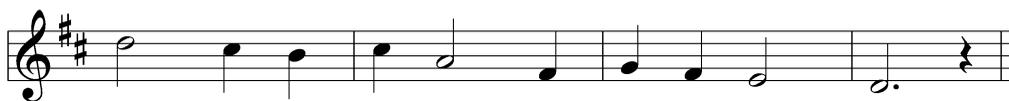
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1–9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning

of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 143; antiphon: v. 11

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD;

give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

²Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

³For the enemy has pursued my soul;

he has crushed my life | to the ground;*

he has made me sit in darkness like | those long dead.

⁴Therefore my spirit faints with- | in me;*

my heart within me | is appalled.

⁵I remember the days of old;

I meditate on all that | you have done;*

I ponder the work | of your hands.

⁶I stretch out my | hands to you;*

my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

⁷Answer me quickly, O LORD!

My | spirit fails!*

Hide not your face from me,

lest I be like those who go down | to the pit.

⁸Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,

for in | you I trust.*

Make me know the way I should go,

for to you I lift | up my soul.

⁹Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

¹⁰Teach me to do your will,

for you | are my God!*

Let your good Spirit lead me

on | level ground!

¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

¹²And in your steadfast love you will cut off my | enemies,*

and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,

for I am your | servant.

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Responsory



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our hearts Your
2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You, the gift of
3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's al - might - y
△ 7 Praise we the Fa - ther and the Son And Ho - ly Spir - it,



place of rest; Come with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid,
God Most High; The fount of life, the fire of love,
hand be - hold While You with tongues of fire pro - claim
with them One, And may the Son on us be - stow



And fill the hearts which You have made.
The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
To all the world His ho - ly name.
The gifts that from the Spir - it flow! A - men.

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Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we

hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent
day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

St. John 14:23-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts

be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
 2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,

Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing

Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright-ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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Nicene Creed

C 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 by 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 assistant minister leads prayer for the general welfare of the Church and world. Occasional petitions and the needs of the parish are also offered.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for all the people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

For the Church throughout the world: Father, grant true unity in faith to all believers. May the Light of your Son banish the darkness in our hearts and set us at peace with one another. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For all ministers of the Gospel; preachers, teachers, all servants of the church, especially for our Dean David, and our Bishop, Dan; Support and direct their ministries according to your Holy Word; Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For all your Baptized children; As we celebrate the Coming of the Holy Spirit, grant us a firm trust in your goodness and mercy – that the good work of redemption you have begun in us may be continually strengthened by faith in Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For the civil authorities, civil servants, soldiers, police officers, firefighters, emergency workers and hospital staff, and for our president, Donald: Grant wisdom and diligence in their service to the common good. Protect them from calamity and every evil. Bless their work that it may bring peace and security to this land. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For Lebanon and Advent Lutheran churches: Grant us vision to see our lives as they are made holy in your Son. Keep us from distraction, so that we may claim the wonderful peace that is to be had through faith in Jesus. Bless our Christian education classes, our corporate worship, and our daily devotions, and our CREDO groups, so that our lives may be joyful in your service. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For renewed zeal in this season of the church; summon us to spiritual renewal as we are empowered by your Holy Spirit. Order our lives so that we may be more closely conformed to our Lord Jesus. Enlighten, purify, and protect us as we face the trials of this fallen world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For our community: Bless our city and county with helpful industry, thriving farms, true neighborliness, orderly government, excellent schools, and a greater acknowledgment of your grace and goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

For growth in the Church of Jesus Christ and the ministries of this congregation: Stir up your power, O God, and work in us. Grant that this parish may increase in faithful membership and teach us to do your will. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For those who do not believe, and for those who have lost faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel and join in the thankful praise of the Church Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For our absent brothers and sisters, protect them while they are away from our fellowship, and grant them a speedy return to the Lord's house. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer!**

For the sick, *especially your servants...* Take them under Your tender care and grant them a happy release from their afflictions. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For those who have no one to pray for them; for travelers, for the spiritually poor, for those who grieve, and all those concerns that we present before you now, *silence*. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For all the saints: Father, you have made your Church one body through our One Lord, Jesus Christ; we give thanks for the faithful witness of SS. Justin the Martyr, and Boniface, who will be commemorated this week. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer!**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people through the mediation of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.**

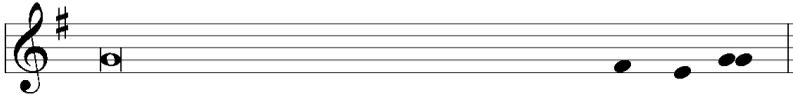
The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Lord's Prayer

C 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
forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C A - men.

Father Most Holy



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good - ness un -
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea - tures praise Thee; All for Thy
△ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,
wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

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