

*We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.*

*This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase, Treaty 13 of 1805, and the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today, our community is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.*

*We gather by these territorial lands and waters to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.*

## **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RICHMOND HILL**

# *The Day of Pentecost*

**MAY 19, 2024**

PRELUDE *Ethan Kwan*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins*

Refreshed by the life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you for these waters where you make us new.

We bless you that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,

**Make us one. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise,  
as we join in the words of the psalmist this Day of Pentecost.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

**In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
**living things both small and great.**

There go the ships to and fro,  
**and Leviathan you have made for the sport of it.**

All of them look to you  
**to give them their food in due season;**  
You give to them; they gather it;  
**you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**  
When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
**when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**  
You send forth your spirit, and they are created;  
**and so you renew the face of the earth.**  
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
**O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**  
You look on the earth and it trembles,  
**you touch the mountains and they smoke.**  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**  
May these words of mine please God,  
**I will rejoice in the Lord.**  
**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

**HYMN ELW # 627 O DAY FULL OF GRACE**

**O day full of grace that now we see  
Appearing on earth's horizon,  
Bring light from our God that we may be  
Replete in his joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
Your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**O day full of grace, O blessed time,  
our Lord on the earth arriving;  
then came to the world that light sublime,  
great joy for us all retrieving;  
for Jesus all mortals did embrace,  
all shame and despair removing.**

**For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,  
When he on the cross was hanging;  
And then he arose and moved the stone,  
That we, unto him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise  
Our voices in endless singing.**

**God came to us then at Pentecost,  
His Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from Him be lost,  
All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface  
And bring to us all His healing.**

**When we on that final journey go  
That Christ is for us preparing,  
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
All joy of the heavens sharing,  
And there will join God's endless praise,  
with angels and saints adoring**

#### **GREETING**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.**

# KYRIE

## Congregation:

*Refrain* S184

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

## Leader:

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity all;  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the lord. **Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the lord. **Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
For life and for love, for our work and our play  
Let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the lord. **Refrain**

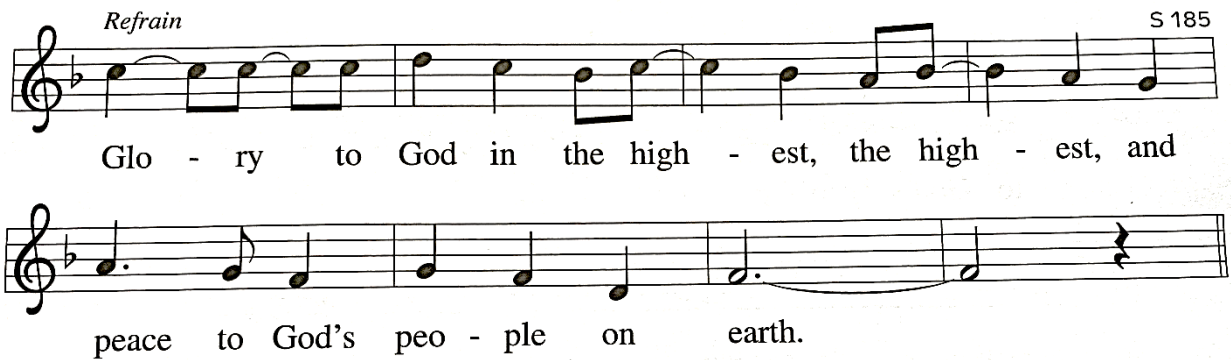
For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word;

That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
Let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the lord. **Refrain**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Congregation:

*Refrain* S 185



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Leader:

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
We give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. **Refrain x 2**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gathering God of Pentecost, you breathe your spirit of truth upon us and accompany us on the path of reconciliation. Open our minds, hearts, and hands to receive the truth you blow on us. Fill us, your Pentecostal people, with your Spirit so that the work of resurrection might wind its way in our day-to-day work, with you, to repair the world in Jesus, our way, our truth, our life. **Amen.**

## WORD

### ACTS 2:1-21

*Mori:* 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,

*Pastor Annette:* “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.”

*Mori:* All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

*Pastor Annette:* “What does this mean?”

*Mori:* But others sneered and said,

*Pastor Annette:* “They are filled with new wine.”

*Mori:* 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.’”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## VIDEO "As the Wind Song"

ROMANS 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

SERMON

**HYMN: ELW # 396 Spirit of Gentleness**

***Refrain* Spirit, Spirit of gentleness.....Blow through the wilderness**

**Calling and free**

**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness.....Stir me from placidness,**

**Wind, wind on the sea**

**You moved on the waters. You called to the deep**

**Then you coaxed up the mountains From the valleys of sleep**

**And over the eons You called to each thing**

**Awake from your slumbers And rise on your wings. *Refrain***

**You swept through the desert You stung with the sand**

**And you goaded your people With a law and a land**

**And when they were blinded With idols and lies**

**Then you spoke to your prophets To open their eyes. *Refrain***



You sang in a stable You cried from a hill  
Then you whispered in silence When the whole world was still  
And down in the city You called once again  
When you blew through your people On the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

You call from tomorrow You break ancient schemes  
From the bondage of sorrow All the captives dream dreams  
Our women see visions Our men clear their eyes  
With bold new decisions Your people arise. *Refrain*

#### **NICENE CREED**

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 truly human.

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 worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through 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.

SINGING INTO PRAYER

**ELW 401 GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING (REFRAIN)**

**Come. Come. Come Holy Spirit, come. X 2**

PRAYERS

Gathering God of Pentecost, help us to be truth seekers. Help us to not settle for the easy answers and misinformation, but to do the hard and often painful work of finding the truth.

Gathering God of Pentecost, help us to have grace, compassion, and understanding for ourselves and one another when facing hard truths about our lives remembering that we are all sinner saints and that You, our Creator, have washed us clean.

Gathering God of Pentecost, help us to be patient with ourselves and others as we each sift through our own thoughts, feelings, and vulnerabilities to acknowledge and share our truths. Help us to show up with support in this challenging work rather than to pass judgement, shame, or criticize.

Gathering God of Pentecost, help us to make space to hold the possibility of multiple truths existing at once even when it is complicated and difficult. Let your peace dwell richly among the nations and peoples of the world.

Gathering God of Pentecost, we pray for those in need of your healing touch. Be with those that are ill or in need of your care. Especially Ingrid, Jean and all we hold in our thoughts and hearts.....

Gathering God of Pentecost, you breathe your spirit of truth upon us and accompany us on the path of reconciliation. Open our minds, our hearts, and our hands to receive the truth you blow on us. Fill us, your Pentecostal people, with your Spirit so that the work of resurrection might wind its way in our day-to-day work with you to repair the world in Jesus, our way, our truth, our life.

**Amen**

SINGING INTO PEACE

**ELW 401 GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING (REFRAIN)**

**Come. Come. Come Holy Spirit, come. X 2**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*The offering will now be received and may God bless the gifts of your life*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **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 our thanks and praise.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God most mighty, O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation,

Hear us as we praise, call us to your table,  
grant us your life.

When the world was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation,

David fought Goliath,

and the psalmists cried out for healing,

and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.

He was born among the poor,

he lived under oppression,

he wept over the city.

With infinite love he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God you are fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song,

you show us a vision of a tree of life

with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son,

the life of the Spirit of our risen Saviour,

life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.....

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*you are invited to eat your bread and drink your wine as you hear the words*

*"the body of Christ given for you"      "the blood of Christ shed for you"*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

**Thanks be to God.**

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ strengthen us and keep us always in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **HYMN: ELW # 582 HOLY SPIRIT EVER DWELLING**

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light,  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night,  
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high,  
living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life,  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife,  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ,  
you we praise with endless worship for your gracious gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry,  
teaching, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free,  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Live and love in the truth and joy of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Ethan Kwan*