

St. James Anglican Church

Day of Pentecost – Sunday, May 24th, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.

Celebrant: The Ven. John Anderson

Homilist: Rev. Carol Hardie

Mr. Jeff Campbell, Director of Music

Piano Prelude

Processional Hymn # 253 (CP) “O Glorious Day”

Yorkshire

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Beloved, pay attention! The Holy Spirit sweeps among us, binding us together as family in Christ.

We are children of God, heirs of grace.

Beloved, have you noticed? The Holy Spirit moves among us, creating and renewing the whole of creation, inspiring us to co-create with God and one another.

We are children of God, co-creators in grace.

Beloved, be encouraged. The Holy Spirit lives among us, surrounding us with mercy and grace, witnessing to us about God's steadfast love for God's people.

We are children of God, witnesses to grace.

Beloved, pay attention! Whether in a rushing wind or a gentle breath, the Holy Spirit welcomes you here, for we are all children of God, brought together by grace.

We are children of God, knit together by the Spirit. Thanks be to God!

Amen. *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2024.*

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria # 702 (CP)

Gathering Prayer

God of wind and flame, send your life-giving Spirit upon your people: give fire to our words, strength to our witness and boldness to our proclamation of your wondrous work in Christ; who, with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.** *Opening Prayers (1997) alt.*

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading from Number 11: 24 - 30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were

prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104: 25-35

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

O God of eternal light, heaven and earth are the work of your hands, and all creation sings your praise and beauty. As in the beginning, by your Spirit, you gave life and order to all that is, so by the same Spirit,

you gave life and order to all that is, so by the same Spirit redeem us and all things, through Christ our Lord.

Second Reading from Acts 2: 1-21

(Translation from First Nations Version New Testament)

The time for the full meaning of the ancient festival had now arrived. They had all gathered together in one place, when suddenly the sound of a great windstorm came from the spirit world above and could be heard throughout the house where they were sitting. They saw flames of fire coming down from above, separating and resting on each of their heads. The Holy Spirit had come down upon them and began to fill them with his life and power. New languages began to flow out from their mouths, languages they never learned, given from the Holy Spirit. The Sacred Village of Peace (Jerusalem) was filled with devoted members of the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel) who had come from the festival from every nation under the sun. A crowd began to gather when they heard the loud noise. In wonder and amazement the crowd began to ask, "How is it that these people from Circle of Nations (Galilee) are speaking in our many languages?" For we all can understand them in the languages of the places we have come from! There are people here for the festival from nations and places close by and far away who are members of the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel), and those from Outside Nations who have been taken into the tribes. "They come from Land of Victory (Parthia), Land in the Middle (Media), and Land of the Ancient Ones (Elam). Many come from Land Between Rivers (Mesopotamia), Land of Promise (Judea), Land of Handsome Horses (Cappadocia), Land of Black Waters (Pontus), and Land of the Rising Sun (Asia). Some come from Dry Wood (Phrygia) and Many Tribes (Pamphylia), and the territory of Land of Tears (Libya) near the village of Strong Wall (Cyrene). There are travelers from Village of Iron (Rome), both Tribal

Members and Outsiders who have become Tribal Members, along with those who come from Flesh Eater Island (Crete) and Land of Wanderers (Arabia). “We can hear them, in the languages of these nations, telling about the great and powerful things done by the Great Spirit!” Many were amazed and confused and began to ask each other, “What can this mean?” But others in the crowd just laughed and said, “They are drunk on new wine!” Stands on the Rocks (Peter), along with the other eleven message bearers, stood up to the crowd, and with a loud voice said, “Tribal members from far away and all who live in the Village of Peace (Jerusalem), listen closely to me. I will tell you what this means!” No one among us is drunk on wine, for it is still the middle of the morning. This is not what you think it is. This is what the prophet Creator Is the Great Spirit (Joel) spoke of long ago when he said, “In the last days, says Creator, 'I will rain down my Spirit upon all human beings from every nation. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Young warriors will see visions and elders will have dreams. When that time comes, my Spirit will rain down on all who serve me, both men and women, and they will boldly speak my words. There will be powerful signs and omens in the spirit world above and on the earth below – blood and fire with clouds of smoke. The sun will grow dark and the moon will be red like blood, as the great and dreadful day of Creator shines like the sun. Then the ones who cry out to the Great Spirit will be made whole and set free.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Before the Gospel “As We Gather”

arr. Fay/Coomes

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us, as we gather may we glorify your name. Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,

we'll be blessed because we came. We'll be blessed because we came!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. *John 7: 37 –39*

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon: Rev. Carol Hardie

Affirmation of Faith Hear O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

**This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Mae Cox, *Lay Reader*

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that 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 neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn "Shout to the Lord"

arr. Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like You; all of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love. My comfort, my

shelter, tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you!

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing. Power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name! I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

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Great Thanksgiving

Prayer before Communion

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and for ever. **Amen.**
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.)

Eucharistic Prayer for Inclusive Church

God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Creating God, from of old, your plans for your people have been faithful and sure. You provide refuge to all and invite each of us, just as we are, to share in your feast of creation's wonder. In Christ you extended the invitation to your feast to all peoples; you came to human beings and humanity came to you.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

732 (CP) "Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy God. God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.

Sustaining God, your son Jesus the Christ is our rich food, nourishing the marrow of our lives and present with us in bread and wine. With your generous hand, pour your Spirit over us and over these gifts, transforming the death-dealing shroud into the cloak of glory.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, Christ took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

God of invitation and welcome, draw all who feel excluded or marginalized into your embrace and close to your heart. Reveal yourself, to all who think of themselves as insiders and included, as the God who is most clearly to be seen among those on the edge. Show us the inadequacy of the excuses with which we refuse your invitation.

Gather your people as one united body at your eternal feast, where you are, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer: one God with one people. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

I am the bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord
Give us this bread for ever.

I am the vine, you are branches.

May we dwell in hm, as he lives in us.

Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

#747 (CP) "Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert/Proulx

The Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you. In the Anglican tradition wine is administered from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.

Music During Communion

Hymn #408 "Wind Upon the Waters" *Wind Upon the Waters*

Song "The Joy of the Lord" *arr. Tom Fettke*

V1

The joy of the Lord is my strength x4

V2

He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more x4

V3

He gives me living water and I thirst no more x4

Refrain

The joy of the Lord is my strength, the joy of the Lord is my strength,
the joy of the Lord is my strength, the joy of the Lord is my strength!

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

Glory to God,

whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn "We are Marching in the Light of God"

Siyahamba

V1

We are marching in the light of God

V2

We are dancing in the love of God

V3

We are serving in the fields of God

V4

We are marching in the light of God

Dismissal

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves! And go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung Benediction "May the Lord Bless You" *J. Hunnicutt*

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you; may the Lord lift up his face to shine on you. May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you; may the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

Piano Postlude

*May we feel your presence this day, Holy Spirit, like the people gathered on that Day of Pentecost. May you rush into our hearts and inebriate our souls. May we be empowered by your Spirit to live a life more faithful to God. **Amen.***

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