

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Sharpsburg, Maryland

Rite II 19 May 2024

Holy Eucharist: The Day of Pentecost

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: *Come Holy Ghost* by Johann Gottfried Walther
 Processional Hymn H 225
 Opening Acclamation BCP 355
 Collect for Purity BCP 355
 Gloria H S280
 Collect of the Day (*Remain Standing*)

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson (*sit*) Insert
 Psalm Insert
 Second Lesson Insert
 Sequence Hymn (*stand*) H 511
 The Gospel Lesson Insert
 The Sermon (*sit*) Fr. Newlun
 The Nicene Creed BCP 358
 The Prayers of the People, Form IV (*Kneel or Stand*) BCP 388
 Confession of Sin BCP 360
 The Peace (*Stand*)
 Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and

The Holy Communion

Offertory: *O Holy Spirit* arranged by Peter Crisafulli
 Doxology: H 380 st. 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367
 Sanctus H S125
 The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
 The Breaking of the Bread H S155

Communion of the People of God

All baptized persons may receive holy communion in this church.

Hymn during Communion H 508
 The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn H 228
 The Blessing
 Dismissal (*Remain Standing*) BCP 366
 Postlude: *Come Holy Ghost* by Andreas Armsdorf

Service Participants

Rector The Rev. Connor Newlun
 Organist Meya Collings
 Chalcist/Acolyte Stephanie Gumm/Ella Short
 Greeter Michael Arant/Sandy Miner
 Lector/Intercessor Rebecca Bright-Willis/Dante Willis
 Camera Operator Sandy Miner
 Altar Guild Barbara Bussard/Kendra Harmon

Vestry

2022 – 2024: Sandy Miner, Liz Partlow and Tom Settle
 2023 – 2025: Michael Arant and Anne-Marie McCullough
 2024 – 2026: Heidi Tennant and Tom Wibberley

Leadership

Senior Warden: Sandy Miner *Junior Warden:* Randy Short
Treasurer: George Ashbaugh *Registrar:* Anne-Marie McCullough
ECW President: Rebecca Bright-Willis *Altar Flowers:* Tim Valerio
Altar Guild: Tim Valerio

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Memorial Day Parade:** St. Paul's will host our annual food tent during the Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade, May 25. There is a sign up sheet to volunteer and we are taking donations of canned soda and single serve snacks.
- **Graduate Sunday June 2:** We are celebrating high school and college graduates. Brief bios need to be to Fr. Connor by May 26.
- **The Flying Boxcars** is the new baseball team at the new stadium in Hagerstown, and the Episcopal churches in Washington county have come together to sponsor a game and fireworks. It is Friday, June 14. Our new Bishop Carrie will be there, and she's going to throw out the first pitch, and the National Anthem will be sung by choir members from all the churches. We are preordering tickets so we can sit together and take advantage of a discounted price. Tickets are \$10 if you preorder and \$14 at the gate. Sandy Miner is handling the preorder tickets.
- **Love for Children Collection:** For the week of May 12 and May 19 we are asking for Canned chili, canned green vegetables, oatmeal packets, cereal
Other staple items: Fruit cups, applesauce, protein bars, granola bars, Canned tuna or chicken, soups, mac n' cheese, canned pasta

Fr. Connor Newlun is available for pastoral care, visitation to sick and shut-ins, and emergencies. He can be reached by phone at 703-470-9638 or email: priest@stpaulssharpburg.com. He is at the church most Thursdays 11am-1pm.

Scripture Lessons: the Day of Pentecost B

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

- 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!

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

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.' "

Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, "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.

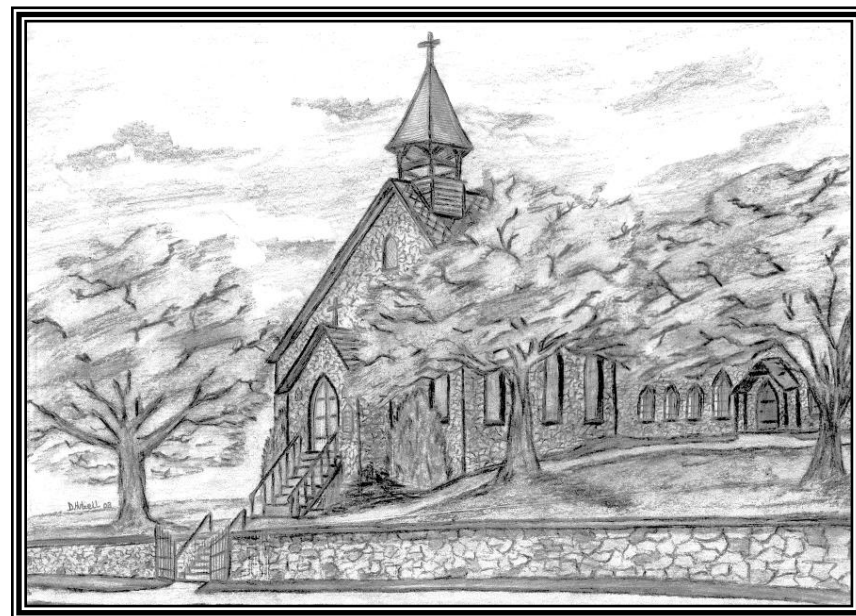
"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage 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.

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Now faith, hope and love abide these three and the greatest of these is love. 1Cor. 13.13



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