



Episcopal Church of the Cross
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The Feast of Pentecost
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The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Cross is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. We are the ECC: Loving God and our Neighbors.

Welcome to Church of the Cross!

If you would like to learn more about the life and future of Church of the Cross, please scan the code below and we'll be in touch later this week. Thank you!



Call to Worship:

Come, Holy Ghost

Cantor: Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
People: **And lighten with celestial fire.**

Cantor: Thou the anointing Spirit art,
People: **Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.**

Cantor: Thy blessed unction from above
People: **Is comfort, life, and fire of love.**

Cantor: Enable with perpetual light
People: **The dullness of our blinded sight.**

Cantor: Anoint and cheer our soiled face
People: **With the abundance of thy grace.**

Cantor: Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
People: **Where thou art guide, no ill can come.**

Cantor: Teach us to know the Father, Son,
People: **And thee, of both, to be but One.**

Cantor: That through the ages all along,
People: This may be our endless song:

Cantor: Praise to thy eternal merit,
People: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

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, '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.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

Opening Song: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Every time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.
Every time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.

Up on that mountain, my Lord spoke
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine
I asked the Lord could it be mine.
Every time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.
Every time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray

The Jordan River is chilly and cold.
It chills the body but not the soul.
There ain't but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back.
Every time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.
Every time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.

Oh, I have sorrow, and I have woe
I have heartaches here below
But while God leads me I'll never fear
For I know that the Lord is near.
Every time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.
Every time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia**

Presider: Let us pray: 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 right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in the Spirit's 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.

The Second Reading: Joel 2:23-29

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

The Gospel: John 7:37-39

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord 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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Message

The 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 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 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.

The Prayers of the Community

Prayer Leader: Loving God, accept our thanks and praise for all that you have done, and are doing, for all your children. We thank you for the splendor of the whole Creation; for the beauty and wonder of this world, in earth and sky and sea; for the wonder of life; and for the mystery of love...

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of women and men, revealing the image of Christ. For the blessing of every human relationship—with friends and family, and neighbors and strangers—and for the grace to love one another as you love us...

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer Leader: For daily food and drink; for homes and places to live; for all who show mercy; for minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve; for health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer Leader: For the callings you place upon our hearts; for the strength you promise; for setting us at tasks which ask of us our best; for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight you. We also thank you for those disappointments that lead us to depend on you, and place ourselves in your care. For the forgiveness of our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Prayer Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity; for all valiant seekers after truth, freedom, and justice; for the communion of saints, in all times and places.

People: **We thank you, Lord**

Prayer Leader: For the gift of your Kingdom, and for your call to seek it; for the privilege of living generously; for the gift of your Church, and serving you as your people gathered and sent; for giving us all that we are and have; for the grace to know your will, and to act on it.

People: **We thank you, Lord...**

Prayer Leader: Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom; and for the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known, at all times and in all places...

People: **We thank you, Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's Peace...

The Offering:

Offerings made by check or in cash may be placed in the offering basket near the back of the worship service. Offerings can also be made by texting ECCLAKETRAVIS with your amount to 73256.

Song of Offering Almighty Father, Strong to Save

Almighty Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, thy people go,
Protect them by thy guarding hand
From every peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by thy watchful care
From every peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: We are your grateful people, Lord God, and it is right to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places, but particularly at this table, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the grace to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to share your Good News with the nations.

And so we join the saints and angels proclaiming your glory as we say,

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, 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 the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: And now with those throughout the ages who have loved you, and sought you, and followed you, we pray this ancient story: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

By the grace of this table, we pray you to restore and strengthen us through the mercy of your Christ, and by your Spirit renew and equip us that we might love more fully both you and our neighbors.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **AMEN!**

The 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. 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please come forward to receive communion as you are led to do so.

Songs during Communion: Spirit of the Living God

O Spirit of the living God, thou Light and Fire Divine
Descend upon Thy Church once more and make it truly Thine
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to Thee
Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal
To preach to all Thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal

So shall we know the power of Christ, who came this world to save
So shall we rise with Him to life which soars beyond the grave
And earth shall win true holiness which makes Thy children whole
Till, perfected by Thee, we reach creation's glorious goal

Establish the Work of Our Hands

If you don't build it, we labor in vain
Without your Spirit, we stand with no strength
I know my life is passing away
But the works of your hands are what will remain
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us...

O Lord, establish the work of our hands
O Lord, establish the work of our hands

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out your power, we'll pour out your praise
Teach us to run, to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us...

O Lord, establish the work of our hands
O Lord, establish the work of our hands

Al-al-al-leluia, alleluia, alleluia
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Al-al-al-leluia, alleluia, alleluia
Al-al-al-leluia, alleluia, alleluia
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Prayer of Sending:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Closing Song: The River is Here

Down the mountain, the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here

The river of God sets our feet to dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

The river of God is teeming with life
And all who touch it can be revived
And those who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord

The river of God sets our feet to dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

Up to the mountain, we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river, we run
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son

The river of God sets our feet to dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here