# THE DAY OF PENTECOST WHITSUNDAY

May 28th **10:30 am RITE II** 

# God loves you. No exceptions.

Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

#### <u>Today's Service</u>

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshiping God**, **you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

#### Learn More about St. Thomas's

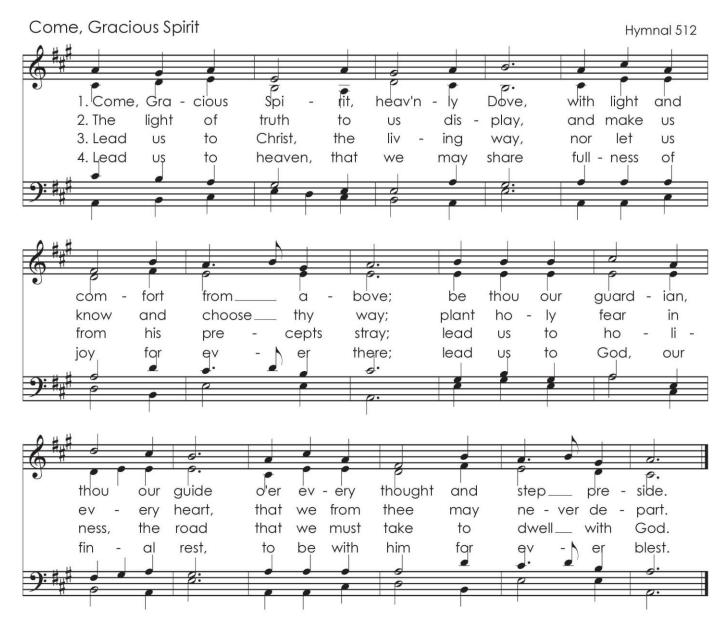
At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

#### Prelude

#### Procession

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

People	Christ is risen indeed. Alleliua.
Celebrant	Alleliua. Christ is risen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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



#### Collect

Celebrant	God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### **First Lesson**

#### Numbers 11:24-30

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.** 



25 O Holy One, how mani-/ fold are your works; \* in wisdom you have made them all: the earth is / full of your creatures. 26 Yonder is the areat and wide sea, with its living things too / ma-ny to number, \* creatures / both small and great. 27 There move the ships, and there / is that Le-viathan,\* 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 and 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 re-/ turn to their dust. 31 You send forth your Spirit, and / they are cre-ated; \* and so you renew the / face of the earth. 32 May the glory of God / en-dure for ever; \* may the Holy One rejoice / in all cre-ation. 33 God looks at the / earth and it trembles: \* God touches the moun-/ tains and they smoke. 34 I will sing to God as / long as I live; \* I will praise my God while / I have my being. B 35 May these words / of mine find favor; \* I will rejoice in the Holy One. / Al-le-lu-ia!

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

#### People Thanks be to God.

- Spirit, come, bring your Fire, all your people inspire. Holy wind, Holy fire, show the Savior's glory, tell the ancient story!
- Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame! Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story!
- Spirit, come in the flame, to your people proclaim: Christ our God, man became, that we may inherit God the Holy Spirit. *Refrain*
- Spirit, come, bring your Light! We would serve you aright. Through your gifts grant insight to your congregation, Blessing ev'ry nation. *Refrain*
- Holy One, Spirit blest, ever our welcome guest, Be all honor addressed, endless praise be given To the Lord in heaven.

Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame! Come in wind, come in flame, lead us on to glory!

#### The Gospel

John 7:37-39

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- Deacon God be with you.
- People And also with you.

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory 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; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ. 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 beaotten 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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

For the people of the Church of Christ, that the Spirit may inspire us with new gifts of wisdom, understanding, and fortitude, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.** 

For the leaders of the Church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our Bishop, that they may recognize the Spirit's work, and protect and foster it, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.** 

For those in power in the nations of the world, especially Joseph, our President, that they may not resist the Spirit's call for justice and peace, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.** 

For those in any trouble, for those who are sick, for those who have lost their faith, and all for whom our prayers are asked, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that the Spirit will guide and comfort them in all their afflictions, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.** 

For all those graduating and beginning new phases in their lives, that the Spirit will guide them to build lives of service that are rich in blessings, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.** 

For our partners in mission, especially for The Extra-Provincial Churches, and for All Saints' Church, Delmar, that the Spirit will move us and them into unity of faith and action, we pray to the Lord.

#### Lord hear our prayer.

For all the parishes of the Episcopal Church in Delaware, that they may be filled with the joy of the Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

#### Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that the Spirit will unite us with them in the communion and fellowship of God, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.** 

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

- All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
   We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
   Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.
- Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

standing

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you. **People** And also with you.

#### OFFERTORY

Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or—you can give electronically though our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.

#### **Offertory Hymn**

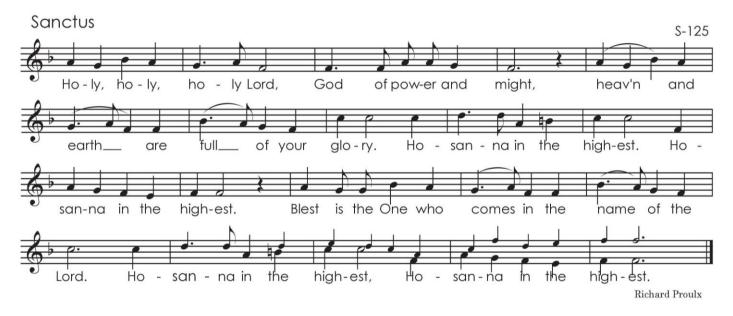


#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



#### standing or kneeling

The Celebrant continues Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

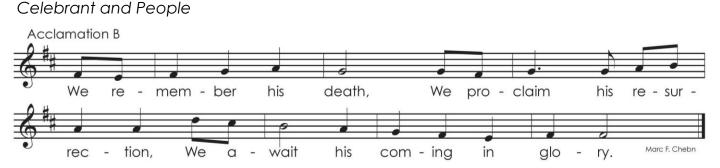
But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



The Celebrant continues Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

- Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
- All 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. CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### **Fraction Anthem**



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from it or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

#### THE COMMUNION

- silent prayer -

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

St. Thomas has a Pastoral Care Committee to take care of our church family. Here are some of the things we can do:

- Give rides to PT, chemo or Dr. appointments
- Make meals for people who are just home from the hospital or need some temporary help
- Provide respite for a caretaker who just needs a little break
- Visit with those who may be lonely

SO, if you or your loved one are going to the hospital, call the office

- otherwise, we won't know. HIPA laws prevent hospitals from telling us you are there.

Call the office if you think you could use anything we might be able to provide

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs"

#### Blessing of the Eucharistic Visitors

Day by day, we send out Eucharistic visitors to take the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in church. This good work may take place on Sunday afternoon, but it may also be on Tuesday evening or Friday morning. To keep it in our hearts, on the first Sunday of the month, we pray for this holy work and those who serve in it.

In the name of God and of this congregation, we send out Eucharistic ministers bearing the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist. We pray that those who bear it and those who receive it will know the presence of Christ and the love and concern that we send with it. May God bless this ministry and all who are touched by it. **Amen.** 

#### Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries Announcements

Please visit the "Worship Opportunities" and "Parish Events" page in the back of this booklet. Then, look on the following page for "Birthdays and Anniversaries" and wish your faith family blessings!

#### The Blessing

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**  seated

#### Processing into the community

#### standing



## Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

#### Worship Opportunities:

- Sundays at 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

#### Growth and Fellowship:

- Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
- Sundays at 10:15 am Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 9:15 am Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
- Last Sunday of the month Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

#### Other Parish Events:

- TODAY Family Church Sunday
- 6/10 DE Pride Festival in Dover
- 9/9 St Thomas's Health Fair
- 9/17 Newark Community Day, we will have a booth

If you have anything to add to the <u>Parish calendar</u> or the <u>Carpenter's Helper newsletter</u>, please email the office at <u>StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com</u>.

The Carpenter's Helper is St Thomas's weekly electronic newsletter. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please email the office or speak with Cana.

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website: <u>www.StThomasNewarkDE.church</u>

# May Birthdays

Kelsey Branigan	May 10
Devon Miller-Duggan	May 13
Dennis Redder	May 14
Ryan Waltz	May 18
Wendy Campbell	May 19
Benjamin Smith	May 19
Christian Carew	May 21
Brook Cebula	May 22
Brandi McGough	May 23
Debbie Kearns	May 24
Richard Sharpe	May 25
Laura Greene	May 30
Nolan Weaver	May 30

# May Anniversaries

Terrance & Shonette Carew	May 15
Peter & Ronnie Wilbur	May 15
James & Leslie Sloan	May 17
Tom & Sally Price	May 31

# Parish Prayer List

Archer family Austin M & Krissy V Barry G Bernice R **Betty H** Blackman family BobM BobP BobS BobT **Brendan** S **Brighton P** Carew family Carol G Carol M Carolyn V **Cecily SH** Charles B Charlie M & Ellen S Chaun Chris E Chris G Christine & Erich Christine A & Francis M Christine D Chuck & Paula R Connie L Court W

D Green Daphne D Denise B Dennis R **Devon MD** Eley family Elmer T Flora R Francis family Frank W Fred & Lori Geoff C George H Giorgio & family Harrison family Jean & Richard P Jeanne M Jim T John D Jonny K Judy B June G Kathryn D Kelly K Lane family Larry Liz R Lorraine CS

Lynn D Marge C Maria P Marian S & family Marianne A Mary T Michael C Morgen and family Mullens family Nancy G Noah P Pam D Pat & Emmett J Paula B Rick R **Ricky** G Shannan D Sharon O Sondra B Sophie A South family Stephen M Stover B Susan & family Tom H Tom P Vicki G

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and innon-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam Charlie K Kate Nicholas Annie R Christie J Kathy Stacy Stuart Ben James Kevin Luke Tina Bob Jeremy Bradley Joe Marvin Tyler Brett Matthew Victoria Josh Nate Brian Kagen

To update or add to our parish prayer list, please contact the office or speak with Fr Howie directly. Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like to be contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.

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