

SAINT PAUL AME CHURCH — ONLINE WORSHIP

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, May 31, 2020 – 9:30am

• *The Day of Pentecost* •

The Welcome and Announcements

The Pentecost Call to Worship

By Janice E. McKoy

Leader: Holy Spirit, we invoke your presence to dwell among us in our Pentecost celebration.

People: **Come as a rustling wind from heaven and fill this temple where we are worshipping.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, rest upon us! Impart in Us!

People: **Fill us and empower us to communicate your presence and love with other forms, methods, and languages.**

Leader: Purify us with hyssop, revive our hearts, that we are made new again.

People: **Holy Spirit, we call upon you as Servants of Christ...**

ALL: **May God's everlasting glory be magnified as a consuming fire on our Pentecost celebration!**

The Worship Hymn — *AME Hymnal #200*

By Manie P. Ferguson

“Joys Are Flowing Like a River (Blessed Quietness)”

*1. Joys are flowing like a river, Since the Comforter has come;
He abides with us forever, Makes the trusting heart His home.*

-Refrain-

*Blessed quietness, holy quietness, What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me, How the billows cease to roll!*

*2. Bringing life and health and gladness, All around, this heavenly Guest,
Banished unbelief and sadness, Changed our weariness to rest.*

[Refrain]

*3. Like the rain that falls from heaven, Like the sunlight from the sky,
So the Holy Ghost is given, Coming to us from on high.*

[Refrain]

*4. See, a fruitful field is growing, Blessed fruit of righteousness;
And the streams of life are flowing In the lonely wilderness.*

[Refrain]

*5. What a wonderful salvation, Where we always see His face!
What a perfect habitation, What a quiet resting place!*

[Refrain]

The Prayer for Pentecost in COVID-19

Eternal God... We give You thanks and praise for the ability we have to still gather together in one place, in one accord, and in one faith. Even as we are dispersed due to the effects of this pandemic, we know that we are still united. Thank you, Gracious God, for Your unifying Spirit that still binds our hearts together in Christian love.

On this day, we ask that You do for us just what You did for the early church at the first Pentecost.

Send us Your Spirit! Send us Your Comforter! Send us the Spirit who comes to cheer and to guide!

Grant to us fiery tongues so that we might speak out to the systems of this world, tongues that allow us to listen and to be heard with renewed clarity.

Endow us with a mighty rushing wind that will move our hearts and our hands toward active service.

Fill us with your vision for this world, so that we might see the world not as it is, but as it can be.

We ask you, O God, to open our hearts that we might be receptive to the move of the Spirit as it comes. Give to us strength and give to us courage so that we might live as Pentecost people in a time when Your unifying Spirit is needed most. Pour out Your Spirit on all your people so that we might prophesy, see visions, and dream dreams.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, as we trust in Your Spirit, who lives and reigns with You and with Christ, forever and ever, Amen.

The Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21 (*The Message*, by Eugene H. Peterson)

The Day of Pentecost — Acts 2:1-21 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 • John 20:19-23

¹⁻⁴ When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

⁵⁻¹¹ There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;
Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

¹² Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

¹³ Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

¹⁴⁻²¹ That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says,
"I will pour out my Spirit
on every kind of people:
Your sons will prophesy,
also your daughters;
Your young men will see visions,
your old men dream dreams.
When the time comes,
I'll pour out my Spirit
On those who serve me, men and women both,
and they'll prophesy.
I'll set wonders in the sky above

and signs on the earth below,
Blood and fire and billowing smoke,
the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,
Before the Day of the Lord arrives,
the Day tremendous and marvelous;
And whoever calls out for help
to me, God, will be saved."

The Pentecost Litany

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 – The Message, by Eugene H. Peterson

Minister: By using your heads, you know perfectly well that the Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say "Jesus be damned!" Nor would anyone be inclined to say "Jesus is Master!" without the insight of the Holy Spirit.

People: **God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit.**

Minister: God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit.

People: **God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all.**

Minister: Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!

People: **The variety is wonderful: wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust, healing the sick,**

Minister: miraculous acts, proclamation, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

People: **All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when.**

Minister: You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body.

People: **Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ.**

Minister: By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything.

People: **(This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink.**

Minister: *And together, in one voice and with one spirit...*

All: **The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive.**

The Gloria Patri

AMEC Hymnal #628

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; World without end! Amen, Amen."

The Sermonic Selection

Bro. Claude Carothers

The Sermon

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Altar Call

Pastor: “Lord in Your Mercy...” ✠ People: “...Hear Our Prayer”

The Offering

1 Chronicles 29:14; AMEC Hymnal #644

“All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own, have we given thee. Amen.”

The Final Remarks

The Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle’s Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Benediction



THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 31, 2020

TEACHING MOMENTS

Next Week's Scripture Lessons and ONLINE Connection Details:

Trinity Sunday:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20.

- Facebook Live-Stream – www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles
- Conference Call (to Listen-In) – (425) 436-6260, Access Code: 2913187#
 - *You are automatically muted, but please mute your phones so you don't disturb others*
- ZOOM (Video Conference or Conference Call) – <https://zoom.us/j/170841778>
 - *Or, call (929) 205-6099 or (312) 626-6799*
 - *Zoom Meeting ID for 9:30am SPV Worship Only: 170 841 778*
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Church School ONLINE – 8:00 am Every Sunday

- Facebook Live-Stream – www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles
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 - *Zoom Meeting ID for SPV Sunday School Only: 535 400 285*
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Prayer Meeting & Bible Study ONLINE –Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

- Facebook Live-Stream – www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles
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- ZOOM (Video Conference or Conference Call) – <https://zoom.us/j/809097857>
 - *Or, call (929) 205-6099 or (312) 626-6799*
 - *Zoom Meeting ID for SPV Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Online Only: 809 097 857*
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MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Next Official Board (Zoom Meeting): Monday, June 15, 2020 – 6pm EDT

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- Special Thanks to all the Angels of Saint Paul who have done, and are doing, and going to do, Angelic things! BLESS YOU!!!
- Choir Rehearsal – Postponed until further notice.
- YPD – Postponed until further notice.

REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of **\$171.00** is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as **CA171**.
- Conference Claims per member per month is **\$15.00/\$180.00** per year. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- The Seed Sowers Project is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- Mass and Men's Choir: Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

Calling Post

If you're not part of our Calling Post, then please text or email the Pastor using his contact information on the front of the bulletin. Give him your name, phone number and email address, and we'll make sure you are kept in the loop! *The Calling Post comes on your caller-id as "Oklahoma City", phone number (405) 308-4474, so please add that to your contacts as "The Calling Post". Thank you!!!*

Sunday School, Sunday Worship and Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study Call in: 425-436-6260; Access Code: 2913187#. Please mute your phone so others can't hear you or what's going on around you. Thank you!! For Sunday School, call in about 7:55 a.m., start promptly at 8:00 a.m.; For Sunday Worship, call in about 9:25 a.m., start promptly at 9:30 a.m.; For Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study, call in about 6:55 p.m., start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

- Visit our Saint Paul website to "worship in giving" digitally (visit spvame.com and you will see the link for "Offerings"), get a copy of our Sunday Bulletin, or see our church calendar.

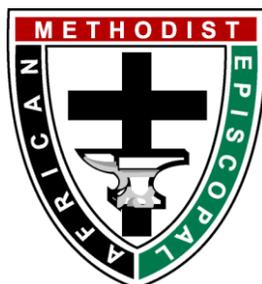
MAY BIRTHDAYS

Logan Hale	May 1
Jessie Scarce	May 15
Richard Kirtley III	May 20
Alexis Higgins	May 25

OUR PRAYER LIST

The Family of the Rev. James E. Smith	The Family of Allie Johnson
Armenta Chase	Richard Kirtley, Jr.
Christine Collins	Norman Morton
Lorie Dale	Betty Moseley
Phyllis Dockies	Odes Nash
Lewis Givens	Thomas Parrish, Jr.
Jacqueline Greenlee	Cora & Nikaleigh Pennie
Rev. Frederick E. Hale	Mona Amburgey Romaine
Pearl C. Higgins	Renee Scott Smith
Kenneth Howard	Russell Thornton
Mildred Jones	Frances Walker
	Anna Williams

Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Call, send a card, and let them know you care. Also keep in prayer the families of the bereaved throughout our community and area.



GOD OUR FATHER ~ CHRIST OUR REDEEMER ~ THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR COMFORTER ~ HUMANKIND OUR FAMILY
