

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, “Prophesy 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Read responsively by half verse*

O LORD, how manifold are your works! *

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you * **to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it; *

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; *

you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; ***may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

He looks at the earth and it trembles; * **he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; ***I will rejoice in the LORD.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul. * **Hallelujah!**

The Second Reading: 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.' "

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Holy Spirit, ever living

Hymnal 511

The Holy Gospel of John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Reader: The Holy Gospel...

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev’d Jordan Hylden

Presentation and Examination of Baptismal Candidates

BCP 301

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present *Emerson* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? *Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? *Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God’s help.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *Answer:* I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *Answer:* I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *Answer:* I do

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? *Answer:* I do

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Emerson* in *her* life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? *People:* **I will, with God’s help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? *People:* **I will, with God’s help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? *People:* **I will, with God’s help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? *People:* **I will, with God’s help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? *People:* **I will, with God’s help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for *Emerson* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver *her*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *her* heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill *her* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep *her* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *her* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring *her* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your *servant* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory *I know that my redeemer lives* Hopson

The Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

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

The Celebrant continues BCP 361

The Sanctus *Sung by all* Hymnal S-130

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

The Celebrant Continues *with people kneeling* BCP 362

Celebrant: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith;
All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues BCP 363

The Lord's Prayer *Said by all* BCP 364

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.*

At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: *Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Anthem S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymns *Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove* Hymnal 510
Come down, O Love divine Hymnal 516

Thanksgiving and Blessing *Said by all* BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for as-

suring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn *Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove* Hymnal 512

Dismissal People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

In addition to those in our prayers as listed in the Tidings Newsletter and Parish website we join in our supplication on behalf of: friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Redeemer in Rustin, Holy Cross in Shreveport, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, and The Anglican Church of Canada. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

We would like to welcome and congratulate our newest baptized members:

*Emerson Jean LeMieux,
daughter of Chelsea Allain LeMieux and Jeremy Joseph LeMieux*

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Beverly Ellison, Ruth Falk, Horace Shiver & Margorie Kline, Gay Baker,
Cliff Ellison & Guy Ellison*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Ascension, in Christ's name! Please join us for coffee and breakfast in Coughlin Hall between services, and refreshments outdoors after the 11am. Next Sunday will be our last breakfast before summer.

This week's **Rector's Forum** is an opportunity to ask questions of Joseph Daly, our rector; Kelly Cox, senior warden; and Fr. Jordan Hylden, our departing vice-rector, about the Hyldens' move to Houston and next steps for Ascension.

This Sunday, join us after the 11am service for our annual spring **Parish Picnic!** We'll gather in the courtyard, with burgers and hot dogs provided along with fun kids' activities. Members are asked to bring a dessert or dish to share.

Children's Sunday school (elementary school) and youth group (middle and high school) meet at 10am, with children's church during the 11am service. Going forward, **children's church** participants will process out after the Gospel lesson, and return at the peace. This Sunday will be our last children and youth Sunday offerings before summer break.

Mark your calendars for a **going-away party** for our dear friends **Clotille and Aubrey Braithwaite**, who have faithfully served Ascension's altar guild and outreach ministries for many years! We'll honor them after our 10am worship service on **Sun., June 2**, in Coughlin Hall.

Ascension Women: Tuesday night Bible study and dinner is now off for the summer, but we'll be back in the fall!

Ascension Men: Join us every Wednesday for lectionary Bible study: lunch the 1st, 3rd, and 5th weeks (12:15, Abacus Grill); and breakfast the 2nd and 4th (7:45am, Hub City Diner). *This week: Breakfast at Hub City.* Each month (roughly!), we serve a meal to the homeless at St. Joseph's Diner: to sign up for May 31, contact Louis Simon (louissimon221@gmail.com).

May's **Vice-Rector's Book Club** selection is *Home*, by Marilynne Robinson. We'll meet Th., May 30th, 6:30pm at Pour in DeGaulle Square.

For our **summer schedule** during the months of June and July, we will have one combined Sunday service at 10am.

Lector: Kathy Knierim **Greeter:** Carol Dorè **Usher:** Jeff Straub and Mark Gemillion

Acolyte: Connor Edmund, Campbell Womack, Martha Odom Margaret Odom

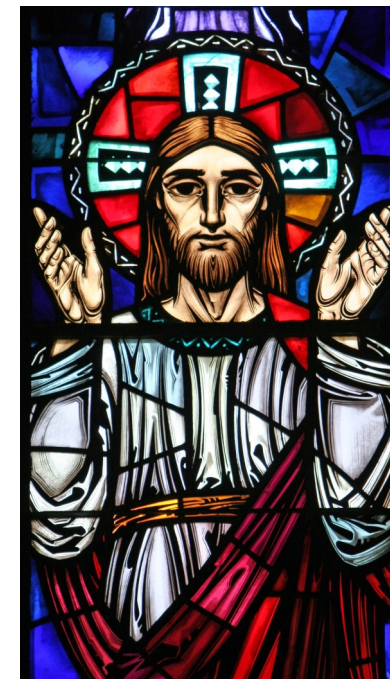
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The Reverend Honey Becker

Welcome

We welcome all those who have come to worship with us today, and please come back often. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to join us in our worshiping and celebration of God's love. Please fill out a "Communication Card" in the pew and drop it in the offering plate so that we can extend our hospitality to you beyond our doors.

All children are welcome in Church. The nursery is available for infants and toddlers. Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Day of Pentecost

MAY 19, 2024

11:00 AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn *O Sprit of Life, O Spirit of God* Hymnal 505

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day BCP 227

Celebrant: The Lord be with you People: **And also with you**

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 Reading: 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