

The First Lesson

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.

The Psalm

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Benedic, anima mea

The choir will sing the antiphon, followed by the congregation.

The congregation will join the choir in singing the antiphon where noted.

*Antiphon: *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth*

- 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! *

The 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.' "



Hymn

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

H 512

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Sermon

Welcoming of New Members

Please see the bulletin insert for this portion of the Liturgy

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory *Come down, O Love divine* Williams

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim thee;
Then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery* From Hymn 366 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer “D” BCP

372*-
Sanctus Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S130
Memorial Acclamation Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S141
The Lord’s Prayer Traditional version, found on BCP 364
Fraction Anthem H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

O saving victim, opening wide the gate of heaven H 311
Spirit divine, attend our prayers H 509
Breathe on me, Breath of God H 508

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *O Spirit of the Living God* **H 531**

The Dismissal



We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Altar Flowers are given today by John and Becky Beckett in memory of their Loved Ones.

The Chancel Rail Flowers are given by Terry E. Whittington, Jr., in memory of his brother, William Gordon Whittington.

Participants in Today’s Liturgy

Acolytes Elizabeth Burton Becky Kersey John Allen
Lectors Delia Kersey Teresa Paine
Chalicians Teresa Paine Becky Kersey

Birthdays This Week:

Patricia Taylor, Gina Paine, Lori Hypes

Attendance Last Sunday

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Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders—Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Ragen—Jared Cregger—Kerrigan Farmer—Lindsey Parsley—Mike—Daisy Bowman—Ellie Spencer—Sue Godwin—Gary Slater—Kennedy Quillen—Mabeline Robinson

Calendar of Events

Wednesday – May 23 Dinner at Union Mission 4:30 pm
Sunday – May 27 Trinity Sunday with Baptisms
Wednesday – June 13 Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm
Sunday – June 17 PA Work Group arrives
Sunday – June 24 OK Work Group arrives

Announcements:

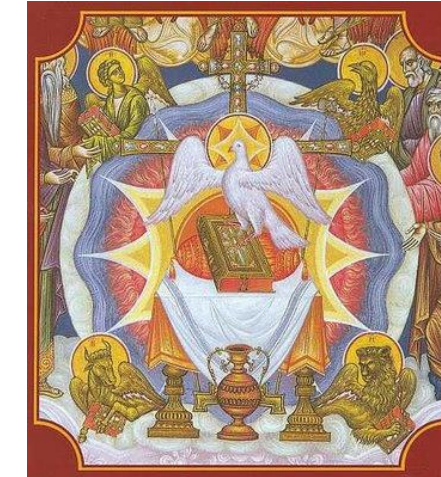
Work Groups: Christ Church will be hosting two out of state youth work groups this summer. These groups will be staying at First Presbyterian and working on projects at the Bluefield Union Mission and the Fives Loaves and Two Fishes Food Bank in Kimball. More information about how you can help these young people will be announced in the coming weeks as the final details are worked out!

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton

Dr. Rob Merritt
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The Day of Pentecost
sometimes called *Whitsunday*

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor’s Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today’s service. The abbreviation “H” stands for “Hymnal.” This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as “H-S” followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. “BCP” is our abbreviation for “Book of Common Prayer,” which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Hail thee, festival day!* **H 225**

The Service Begins **BCP 355**

Hymn *Come, Holy Ghost* **H 503**
This Hymn is sung alternatively between the cantor and the congregation

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

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*