



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

## Day of Pentecost

**Whitsunday**

May 19, 2024

A Celebration honoring  
The Rev. Russ Hatfield

And

The Rite of Holy Baptism



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## Prelude

*The people stand*

### The Processional Hymn

*Spirit divine, attend our prayers*

**H 509**

## Welcome!

*At this time, all children are invited to follow the cross and teachers to their classrooms.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP 355

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. *Alleluia.*

## Opening Sentences

*Celebrant continues*

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 people remain standing.*

### Hymn of Praise

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**H 423**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people remain standing.*

### Collect 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.*

*The people sit.*

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.' "

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

The Psalm

Psalm 104:25-35,37

*Benedic, anima mea*

*The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse*

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

*Romans 8:22-27*

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God!

*The people standing.*

Hymn

*Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove*

**H 512**

## The Gospel Lesson

*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### The Sermon

The Rev. Paul Barker



### The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

We present Ivy Elizabeth Hart, 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.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

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

*Answer* I renounce them.

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

*Answer* I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

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 the 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

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*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.

*The Celebrant says*

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 forever.

*People* Amen.

### The Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Candidate, her sponsors, and the Altar Party process to the font.*

*At the font, the Assisting Priest blesses the water, first saying*

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.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

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

*The Celebrant then takes the child and pours the blessed water over her head saying:*

Ivy, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

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.

*People* Amen.

*Then Celebrant then places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

Ivy, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*People* Amen.

*The Celebrant then lights a candle from the Pascal Candle and passes to one of the child's sponsors.*

Ivy, receive this—the light of Christ—and carry it in your heart that your life may be a light unto the world.

*People* Amen.

*The Celebrant then says to the People*

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

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*We now greet each other in the name of the Lord!*

## Announcements

At this time Fr. Russ would like to say a few words and presentation of gifts.

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn *Come down, O Love divine* **H 516**

*After the Offertory piece has been played the People stand as the gifts are brought forward and sing the familiar tune of the "Old 100<sup>th</sup>"*

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

*The people remain standing*

## Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #130*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and single notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system continues the melody. It features a long note with a fermata over the word "might," in the upper staff, followed by the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The music continues with chords and single notes in the lower staff.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system continues the melody. It features a long note with a fermata over the word "might," in the upper staff, followed by the lyrics "hea - ven and earth are". The music continues with chords and single notes in the lower staff.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system continues the melody. It features a long note with a fermata over the word "full," in the upper staff, followed by the lyrics "full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The music continues with chords and single notes in the lower staff.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The fifth system concludes the hymn. It features a long note with a fermata over the word "san - na" in the upper staff, followed by the lyrics "in the high - est. Ho - san - na". The music continues with chords and single notes in the lower staff.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant then breaks the Consecrated Bread and says*  
Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant then presents the Sacrament to the People*

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.



### **The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament**

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive the sacrament. Communion is distributed at the altar rail. 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 by asking the priest. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please join us at the rail and cross your arms over your chest. Depart through the doors at either side of the rail, returning to your pew through the door by the reader's lectern.

### **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Should you prefer not to receive the physical elements of the Holy Communion, you are invited to read the following in silent prayer:*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come



spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

*Breathe on me, Breath of God*

**H 508**

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

Recessional Hymn

*O Spirit of the living God*

**H 531**

**The Dismissal**

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers:** Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Bob and Peggy Walk, Martha Linkous, Buck Sowers, Donna Fortune, Ed and Gladys Fortune, Jim and Chris Justice, Ivy and the Gaines Family, Fr. Russ and Debbie Hatfield and family, Mary Lou, Brian, Don Harris, Ted and Katherine Lewis, Brian, John and Becky Beckett, Jim Paine, Lane, Sherry, Scot, Max, Brad, Sandi, Joan, Mike Boosier, Pam Spracher, Barry Dinger, Joel Hammond, Martin and Ethan, Jim, Joan Gray, Rosemary, Eddie Hughes, Doug Truter, Beth Kane, Debbie H., Kimberly Norriss, Mark, Donna Thompson-Whitehead, Liz, Joan, Dave, Elvin Sanders, Mopsy Shott Forbes, Allen, Sandra, and Mike.

The Altar Flowers are given today by  
Don and Mary Catherine Williams for the greater Glory of God.

### **Participants in Today's Liturgy**

Celebrant

The Rev. Paul Barker

Assisting Priest

The Rev. Russ Hatfield

Organist & Choirmaster

Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Acolyte

Becky Beckett

Becky Kersey

Lector

Bill Denny

Altar Guild

Linda Gillespie, Staci Thomas, Betty Nash

**Birthdays this week:** Barbara Sudduth, Laurie Arthur, Patricia Taylor, and Nancy Faris.

### **Calendar of Events**

Sunday – May 19

Baptism

Celebrate Rev. Russ Hatfield's ministry with reception  
after services in Rowley Hall

Tuesday – May 21

DOK meeting 10:30am

Wednesday – May 29

Union Mission 3:30pm

**Announcements:**

Directory: If you haven't returned your completed Questionnaire yet, please do so. Thank you!

Coffee Hour: A Coffee Hour host will be needed for **June 9, 16, 23, and 30.** Please sign up on the whiteboard located outside the library. Contact Mary Catherine Williams at: (276-326-2411) or [mkw@dlwco.com](mailto:mkw@dlwco.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for helping Christ Church in this important ministry.



**Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish**

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Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Peter Richardson

Priest

Organist & Choirmaster

Parish Administrator

Sexton

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

