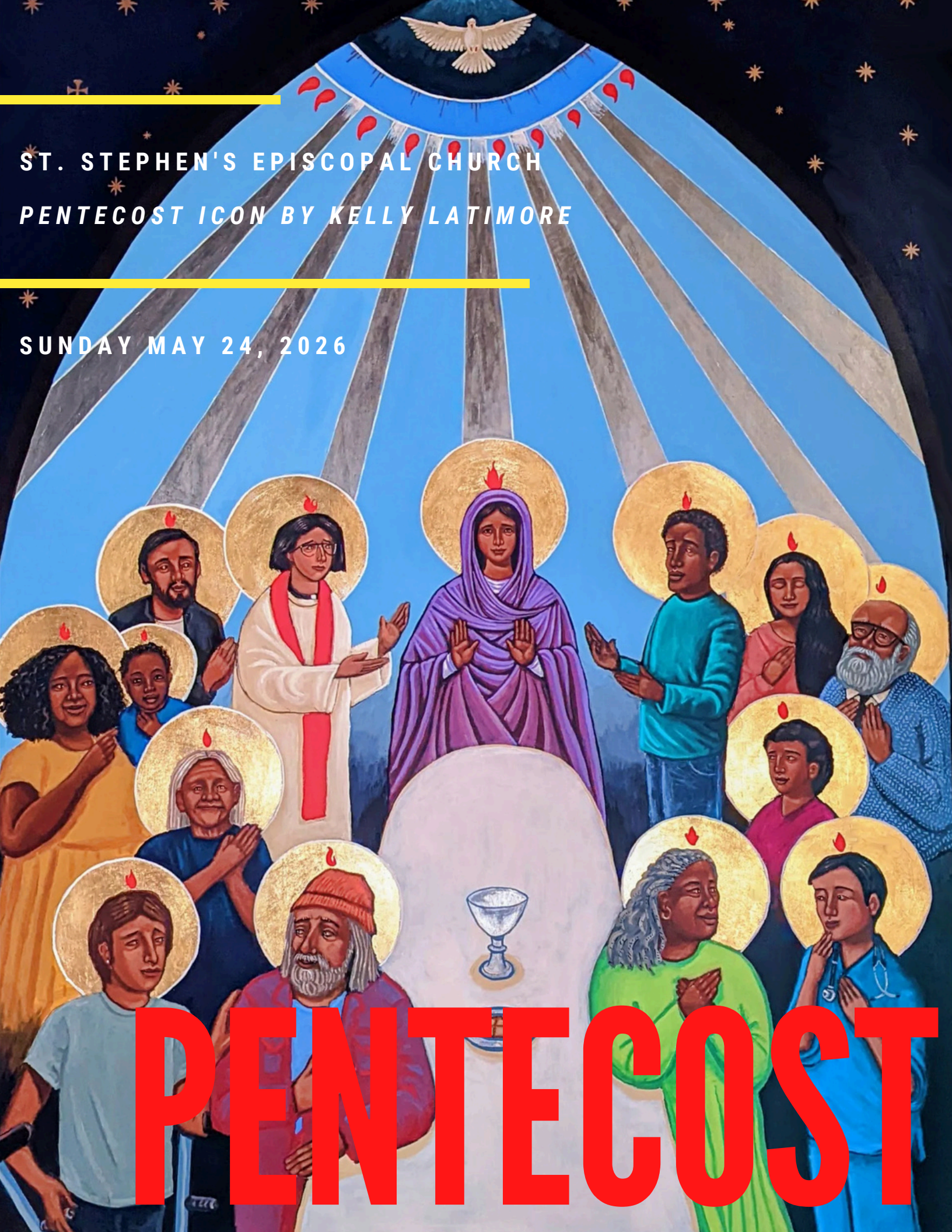


ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PENTECOST ICON BY KELLY LATIMORE

SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026



PENTECOST

Worship Leaders May 24, 2026

Presider The Rev. Nic Mather

Musician. Riki Davis

Acolyte Garry Beauregard

Altar Guild Becky Edmiston, Brittany Forbes

Reader. David Piper, Christopher Ortiz

Greeter. Karen Miller

Chalice Bearer. Mary Hoover, Krista Mather

Usher. Mike Claxton

Verger. John Edmiston

Vestry Presence. Mike Claxton, Lisa Sudar

Coffee Hour Pentecost Potluck

We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation want to respectfully **acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People**, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.



St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to **welcome all people just as God created you.** No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!



Connect with St. Stephen's!

Please leave your name and email/phone number and Fr. Nic will connect with you this week with an invitation to enjoy a cup of coffee on us!

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your Email: _____



Come, Holy Ghost



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our
 2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly
 3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone Know we the
 4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly



hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace
 gift of God most high, Thou fount of life,
 Fa - ther and the Son; Be this our firm
 Spir - it with them one; And may the Son



and heav'n - ly aid To fill the hearts which thou hast
 and fire of love, And sweet a - noint - ing from a -
 un - chang - ing creed, That thou dost from them both pro -
 on us be - stow All gifts that from the Spir - it



made, To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
 bove, And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 ceed, That thou dost from them both pro - ceed.
 flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

Text: *Veni Creator Spiritus*; attr. to Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.
 Tune: LAMBILLOTTE, LM with repeat; Louis Lambillotte, SJ, 1796–1855

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand in body or spirit

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).

1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant

us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your

sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

(Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture)

A Reading from 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.

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

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

- 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!**

A Reading from 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.' "

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

Gospel Procession (before reading) & Recession (after reading)
(Please stand in body or spirit)



The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to John 20:19-23
Glory to you, O Christ.

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 Gospel of our Savior
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily--The Rev Nic Mather

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Please stand in body or spirit

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

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

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

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

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

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ever living and ever loving God,
We praise you for your loving presence with us.

Come, Holy Spirit,
take and transform our societies—
that broken people find healing;
that lonely people find love;
that bitter people find peace;
that fearful people find hope.

Come, Holy Spirit,
take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal—
that communication can be open;
that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will evaporate;
that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill your church—
that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you;
that prayers will change our minds
 instead of trying to get you to change yours;
that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill our lives with your presence—
so that more and more every day,
all that we do and say and hope
will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others,
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE & OFFERTORY

The Peace of the Risen Lord be with you and remain with you always.
And also with you!

Asperging of the Congregation

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Anthem

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
Arr. Jack Schrader
Choir

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The musical score is for a piece titled "The Fraction" in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and" for the first system, and "who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst." for the second system. The piano accompaniment features block chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

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.

*You are invited to come forward and receive Eucharist at this time. We will be sharing wine from a common chalice, so if you would prefer intinction please let the priest know so that they may intinct in a separate chalice reserved for this practice. Gluten free communion is available and a non-alcoholic option in place of the wine is also available upon request. **All whom God calls to the table are welcome here on this day.***

For those joining via Live-Stream:

A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Spirit Wind

Refrain



Spir-it Wind, Breath of God, breathe new life in - to the world.



Spir-it Wind, Breath of God, breathe new life in - to the world.

Verses



1. My soul cries out, "O bless the Lord!" O God, you
 2. If you should take a - way our breath, what could we
 3. All praise and thanks are yours, O God; may you re -



are the Ho - ly One; so man - y works your hands have
 do but fall to dust? When you send forth the breath of
 joice in all your works. May you find joy in us as



made through-out the earth.
 life we rise a - gain!
 we re - joice in you!

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Prayer for Eucharistic Visitor

We offer a prayer from our community to those who are unable to join us as we send the sacrament to them carried by a minister of the church

As you go to the sick and homebound, take with you not only the sacrament that we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of this parish community. Ask for the prayers of those whom you visit in return. Go, now, with God's peace and blessing. **AMEN.**

Postcommunion Prayer

(You are invited to stand in body or spirit)

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

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

O Spirit All-Embracing



1. O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2. O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3. Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



Un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
You show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - spect - ed place.
And give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



Un - fail - ing is your treas - ure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
To know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



Sur - pass - ing world - ly pleas - ure, the rich - es you af - ford.
You fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
To seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
For vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



Come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
Un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your Church a - new.
In prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Community Invitations

**Feast of the Pentecost–Festive Potluck Coffee Hour
Join us!**



**90th Birthday Celebration honoring Judy Krausch
Sunday June 7 Coffee Hour
You are invited and encouraged to wear a fancy church hat today!**



**St. Stephen's Parish Summer Picnic Potluck
June 13 @ Noon, Willow Grove
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Provided!
Please bring a side dish or dessert to contribute as able!
Games & Fellowship for ALL!**



**SquirrelFest Tabling and Volunteers Needed!
Join us at SquirrelFest on Saturday August 22!
Volunteers needed to help man our table from 9am-5pm! Multiple
shifts available!
Come and help us spread the Good News of St. Stephen's in our
Community!
See Katherine Beauregard for details!**

