

Worship from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia
May 31, 2020
The Day of Pentecost

WELCOME

The Rev. Gary D. Jones, rector

HYMN 516

Come down, O Love divine, *Down Ampney*
St. Stephen's Virtual Choir; Brent te Velde, Organ

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355
Christopher Lindbloom

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Claire Wise

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 FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-8

John Tyson

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?"

THE GOSPEL: John 20: 19-23

Sarah Bartenstein

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 HOMILY

The Rev. William S. Stanley

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

Brent de Velde, organ

THE NICENE CREED

Sung by St. Stephen's Virtual Choir

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Natalie Daniesl

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Iffet Araniti-Davis, Barry Cleaton, Larry Bidwell, Dave Davis, Anna Jones, Judith Buchanan

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us raise our prayer to God for the Spirit sent to anoint us, saying:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of joy in the church, in our families and relationships, and in our communities and places of work, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples, especially nations in conflict, may live in harmony, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of justice for the needy, that victims of prejudice, exploitation, and crime be set free, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of healing for all who are wounded, the bereaved, the sick, and any who are suffering, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, come upon us, that we may be filled with your grace, and use us as instruments of hope, healing, and peace, joining in your work of renewing the face of the earth. We pray to you through our ever-present savior and companion, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

For those who have died

J. David Basto

March 7, 1944-May 15, 2020

Elizabeth “Libby” Thompson Schmidt

October 19, 1926- May 19, 2020

Seldon Taylor Tompkins

September 17, 1943-May 24-2020

THE PEACE

Sal Anselmo

CLOSING MUSIC

Breathe on me, breath of God

Ana Hernandez, arr.

Abby Outlaw, Stephanie Hill Blackwood, Michael Simpson

CLOSING

Allison Seay

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