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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 19, 2024

PRELUDE

Improvisation

INTROIT

**Behold, O God, Our Defender**

Herbert Howells

Behold, O God our defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.  
For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

— Psalm 84:9-10

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

\*HYMN 313

**Come Down, O Love Divine**

DOWN AMPNEY

\*OPENING SENTENCES

The Reverend Laura Colee

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
**May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

*Psalm 104:24-26, 33-35b*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION



WELCOME

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your Spirit, which descended upon Jesus as a dove, descends upon your church even now. Your Spirit calls us to lives made new, to burdens shared, to honesty in living, to generous relationships. Called to lives rich with community and blessed with hope, we nevertheless hide from your Spirit. We dodge our calling and settle for less than the full humanity you give us because we are afraid of what will change within us. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us of the promises of our baptism, even as we make our way to the table of our LORD, in whose name we make all our prayers...

## KYRIE 574 (*Choir and Congregation*)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### ANTHEM

### O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Herbert Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.  
— Psalm 122:6, 7

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-13

(p. 116)

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(p. 791)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be.

### SERMON

### Head for a Cross

Dr. Mullis

*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.*  
*Ezekiel 37:14*

### \*HYMN 295

### O God of Love, O God of Peace

DU MEINER SEELEN

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made human, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### CALL TO OFFERING

*You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service.  
You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In the hour of my distress,  
When temptations me oppress,  
And when I my sins confess,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!  
When I lie within my bed,  
Sick in heart and sick in head,

### Litany to the Holy Spirit

And with doubts discomforted,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!  
When the house doth sigh and weep,  
And the world is drown'd in sleep,  
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!  
—Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

Peter Hurford

### \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS

from *Mass of the Quiet Hour*

George Oldroyd

## ACCLAMATION

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*Communion is served by intinction. Communion kits are available to anyone who prefers not to commune by intinction; kindly signal to an usher and a kit will be provided to you.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 524

Holy Spirit, Lord of Love

SALZBURG

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Amen, *from Geistliches Lied, op. 30*

Johannes Brahms

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

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Our organist today is Stephen Tharp.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAY 19, 2024**

**TWENTIES & THIRTIES BRUNCH - TODAY!** See Laura Colee for details.

### GUEST CHOIR NEXT SUNDAY

Today our choir begins their summer break. Next Sunday, May 26, we welcome the choir of the Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta as our guest choir. Please plan to be in worship to welcome our guests!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE MISSIONS FAIR - June 2!**

### MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

First Church is scheduling a new members class in June. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Church, please contact Rev. Laura Colee ([laura.colee@fpcphila.org](mailto:laura.colee@fpcphila.org)).

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