



**The Day of Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist  
May 19, 2024  
9:00 AM**

Join us in person for our service. **Plan to wear something red to celebrate the day.**

Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's Facebook page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

There will be a coffee hour after the mass.

**This Sunday's Ministers:**

Vergers: David Savage

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Ainsworth and Galen Weibley

Crucifer: Fred Fowler

Acolytes: Marya Hickey and Clayton Hickey

Thurifer: Ava Keniston

Boatbearer: Meredith Keniston

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**MUSIC NOTES** for this Sunday can be found at the end of Key Notes.

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Dear Friends,

Sunday will be a full day indeed. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the followers of Jesus, empowering them to share the Good News in a variety of ways. We will be hearing the account from The Acts of the Apostles on Sunday, and I encourage you to read it ahead of time (you can find it below).

We will celebrate baptisms, and all of us who have been baptized will be invited to renew our baptismal vows. After we partake of Christ's feast at the altar, a joyful coffee hour will follow. Then, from 3 to 5 that afternoon, Thomas Brown and I invite you to an open house at our home. We are at 45 Belmont St. in Portland, just off Forest Ave. We are next door to the Center for Grieving Children, and you can use their parking lot on Belmont St, behind their building and next to our house if street parking is not available.

I look forward to joining you in all these ways of celebrating God's gracious gift of the Spirit to us!

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom

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### **Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.’

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**Memorial Gifts Dedicated on Sunday**

We are grateful to Cindy Sherwood and Lorna Blackmer for the gift of a new ciborium, dedicated in memory of Bob Sherwood Sr. and Hank Blackmer. The ciborium will hold consecrated bread in the tabernacle behind the altar.

We are also grateful to Anita Chandler for the gift of processional torches dedicated in memory of Eda S. and Arnold S. Chandler and for the gift of torch stands given by David Savage in memory of Charles Sawyer.



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## Youth Service Corps Meets This Sat. May 18

The next gathering of the Youth Service Corps will take place at the Talbot School in Portland on Saturday morning, May 18th. The group will be participating in the "Portland Picks Up" event sponsored by the city of Portland, helping to clean school grounds. Plan to meet at the Talbot School, 1600 Forest Ave. at 9 AM. There are city sponsored activities at Payson Park after the cleanup.

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## Help Us Make God's Gardens Grow

Junior Warden Wayne Franklin invites us to gather on the first Saturday of June to complete a "spring cleaning" of our church grounds. Pray for good weather, and be ready to bring garden tools etc. There is a signup sheet on the wall in the undercroft. Please let Wayne know if you can plan to attend. We will meet from 9-12.

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## **The Annual May Junior Warden Paper Drive Continues**

Please consider donating for use at the church:

Cascade dishwasher soap

rolled paper towels

napkins

toilet paper

medium size and small paper plates

hot cups for coffee

cold cups small boxes of tissues

City of Portland trash bags (30 gal)

or any paper items that you feel would be useful around the parish.

Please remember our recycling efforts and avoid purchasing products that cannot be recycled.

Thank you very much.

Wayne Franklin, Junior Warden

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### **An Offering of Love: The Lombe Family Fund**

Please remember that gifts can be made through St. Peter's to assist Marc Lombe in his efforts to help his family move here to Maine from a UN refugee camp in Africa. Donations can be made out to St. Peter's Church, with "Lombe Family Fund" in the memo line.

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### **Looking Ahead**

**Youth Service Corps: Sat. May 18, Talbot School in Portland, 9:00 AM**

**Pentecost: Sunday, May 19th:** A great day of celebration as we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church.

## **Rector's Open House on May 19th, 3-5 PM 45 Belmont Street, Portland**

Fr. Tom and his spouse, Bishop Brown, will be hosting an Open House at their home on the afternoon of Pentecost, Sunday May 19 from 3 to 5 PM. Please join us!

## **Garden and Lawn Cleanup on Saturday June 1**

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### **Compline Link**

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, May 22nd.

**Here** is the service for Compline.

The new Zoom link, which will be good through July 3rd is **here**.

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## **Sunday Minister Rota for May**

### **May 19**

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### **May 26**

Eucharistic Minister: Myrna Koonce and Lenita Richard

Crucifer: Jake Mahon

Lector: Steve Koskinen

Usher: Anita Chandler

Altar Guild: Ann Whitman and Judy Howes  
Coffee Hour Hosts: TBD

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## **Weekly Prayer List**

### **Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends**

**Ann Marie Cady**

**Allison Schroth**

**Francisco Andreu**

**Steve Secord**

**Diane Dalton**

**Dino Rice**

**Robert Stillings**

**Fred Fowler**

**Lincoln Clark**

**Peter Haskell**, *friend of Allison Schroth*

**Martha and Steve Gagliardi**, *friends of Fr. Tom*

**Tommy Valente**, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*

**Jane Reiha**, *friend of Judy Howes*

**Brenda Pappalardo**, *friend of Judy Howes*

**Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche**, *friends of Dino Rice*

**Marge Devine**, *family member of Allison Schroth*

**Jimmy Devine**, *family member of Allison Schroth*

**Sharon Bay**, *family member of Ann Bay*

**Fuji Sprott**, *friend of David and Dino Rice*

**David Turner**, *cousin of Craig Mousin*

**Tammy**, *friend of Craig Mousin*

**Beth**, *friend of Lee Walters*

**Pam**, *friend of Anita Chandler*

**The Kutasi Family**, *friends of Allison Schroth*

**Luca Esposito**, *friend of Allison Schroth*

**Glenn**, *spouse of Caroline Loupe*

**Patrick**, *family member of Tom Ainsworth*

**The Hendricks Family**

**Janet Blessing**, *neighbor of Jane Noone*

**Kelly Marie Bell**, *friend of Allison Schroth*

**Earle**, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

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or

Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662  
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### **A Prayer for Those We Love**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

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## **MUSIC NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY**

Perhaps in an earlier life Bach was a mathematician; he was clearly fascinated by numbers and used them as symbols in many of his works, particularly those based on chorale tunes. Such is the case with *Come, God, Creator, Spirit Blessed*, heard as the prelude: the pedal part emphasizes the third beat of each note group, recalling the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Trinity.

The text for our opening hymn--"Christ is made the sure foundation"--dates from the 7th century. It's based on St. Paul's description of the church in Ephesians 2: "Build upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone."

Within the worldwide Anglican communion, "Come Down, O Love Divine" is probably sung more frequently on Pentecost Sunday than any other. The author of the text, Bianco da Siena, was a fourteenth century Italian monk who wrote devotional poems called *laudi spirituali*. A collection of his poems was published in 1851 at Lucca. One of these, "Discendi, amor santo," is the basis for this English translation by the Anglo-



Irish clergyman Richard F. Littledale, first published in *The People's Hymnal* in 1867. Though the third Person of the Trinity is not specifically named until the very last line of the hymn, it is clear through the terms "O Love divine" and "O Comforter" that He is the one to whom the prayer is addressed. The great composer and hymnodist Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote the tune DOWN AMPNEY for this text in the *English Hymnal* in 1906. It was named after his birthplace and has been widely praised as one of the most beautiful hymn tunes ever written.

Both the text and tune of "Shall We Gather at The River" were written by Dr. Robert Lowry during the Civil War and while a heat wave and epidemic were making life miserable and, in many cases, deadly, for the citizens of New York City. Dr. Lowry later recalled:

"One afternoon in July 1864, when I was pastor at Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, the weather was oppressively hot, and I was lying on a lounge in a state of physical exhaustion. I was almost incapable of bodily exertion, and my imagination began to take to itself wings. Visions of the future passed before me with startling vividness. The imagery of the apocalypse took the form of a tableau. Brightest of all were the throne, the heavenly river and the gathering of the saints. My soul seemed to take new life from that celestial outlook. As I mused the words began to construct themselves. They came first as a question of Christian inquiry. 'Shall we gather?' Then they broke out in chorus, as an answer of Christian faith, 'Yes, we'll gather.' On this question and answer the hymn developed itself. The music came with the hymn."

Born in Canada and educated in England, Richard Keys Biggs (1886-1962) was organist at the huge Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hollywood where he played for countless "celebrity weddings." Much admired as performer, teacher, and composer, he was the father of eleven children, several of whom had successful careers as musicians. The "Toccata" heard this morning is his best-known work; the Latin phrase *Deo Gratias* can be translated as "Thanks be to God." ~HT

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