



The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector:

The Holy Spirit at Work in the Church Today

How is the Holy Spirit active in the life of the Church today?

This is a question which can be answered in a variety of ways, as the Church has various traditions which differ in their perceptions of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit. For example, Pentecostal churches emphasize an individual experience of the Holy Spirit and His *charisms*, whereas Anglicanism contains charismatic, evangelical, and Anglo-Catholic traditions of worship, doctrine, and mission, all of which might or might not be found in any congregation at any given time. In what follows, I aim to discuss some of the ways in which the Holy Spirit's ministry is evident in the life of the Church today.

First of all, the Holy Spirit is at work through the word of God as it is

taught, and practiced. Whenever a Christian reads or hears someone reading a passage from the Bible, the Holy Spirit enlightens their mind. Whenever an ordained clergyman preaches a sermon on a text from the Bible, the Holy Spirit speaks both through the text itself and the preacher's sermon on it. Simi-



larly, when a Sunday School teacher teaches, the Holy Spirit speaks through both the passage and the lesson based on it. It is a Christian's **duty** to ponder, meditate on, and apply to his life God's written word as illuminated by the Holy Spirit through the preaching and teaching of the Church.

We must expect the Holy Spirit to speak through the ordained ministers of the Church, especially through the bishops, who guard the purity of the Church's apostolic doctrine and in the Church today represent the authority of the Apostles and Prophets. It is by listening to their teaching and to that of the priests and deacons (to whom bishops through the Sacrament of Ordination have committed some of this preaching and teaching authority) that Christians will grow to maturity in their understanding of the Bible. In this way, the Holy Spirit edifies each individual through the wider ministry of the Church.

The Holy Spirit also speaks to us prophetically at times through other Christians by warning us against a certain course of action, by encouraging us to do what is right, or by speaking out against anything sinful that the lead-

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ers of a country, church, or community may be doing. Since God chose to reprove Balaam through his donkey (*Numbers 22:22-33*), we know that He can sovereignly choose to speak in any fashion through any messenger to anyone. Each of us must be willing to listen to the message the Holy Spirit gives a messenger to tell us, whether that messenger is an angel, a bishop, or a layman. This really is one of the most wonderful facets of God's communication with His people, that His Spirit can relay His message through anyone He chooses, both using and overriding their fallibilities in the process.

One of the greatest ways in which the Holy Spirit is active in the Church and the world today is through evangelism. Whenever the Gospel is shared—whether by preaching, teaching, personal testimony, deeds of kindness, mission to the unsaved and unchurched, or by any combination of these—the Holy Spirit is powerfully at work in both the speaker/doer and the hearer/recipient. How greatly the people of this world need to repent of all their sin and come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to follow Him all their life! Whenever an ordinary Christian shares his faith, explains his faith and uses God's word to reach out to oth-

ers to bring them to Christ, there the Holy Spirit is at work! How often do Christians pray for the unsaved and the lost in this world, that they may come to Christ? Whenever we are tempted to wonder why the Holy Spirit has been given to the Church, let us remember *Acts 1* and *2*, the perseverance in prayer that preceded the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other disciples at Pentecost, and the effect of the Holy Spirit on the boldness of the Church to testify to the Lord Jesus Christ, even to the point, in some cases, of martyrdom.

At a time when in some churches the number of fervent believers has dwindled, we should rejoice in the Holy Spirit's wisdom in bringing to this land people from many different nations, Christians and Christian missionaries among them, that by such intermingling our faith should be refined, purified, strengthened, and renewed so that the Church's essential universal nature and purpose might become all the more apparent. People of all nations are on our doorstep, and the Holy Spirit is calling us to share the love of Christ with them. New worshipping communities will need to be planted and some services may need to be conducted in different languages to meet people's immediate needs.

The Holy Spirit is creatively at work in the seven sacraments of the Church, especially the sacraments of the Gospel, Holy Baptism, and Holy Communion. In Holy Baptism, a new Christian is grafted into the Church, and the power of the Holy Spirit begins to increase that person's awareness of God and communion with Him. By means of the Holy Spirit and the waters of Baptism, a person is born again—born from above and made a new creature in Christ. In Holy Communion, the Holy Spirit, through the Real Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, strengthens a Christian's relationship with God, deepens his fellowship with his fellow believers in the Church, and cleanses him from sin (*1 St. John 1:7*). In Confirmation, through the Church's and the Bishop's prayer for the Holy Spirit and the Bishop's laying on of hands, a Christian is empowered with the Holy Spirit to be victorious in his fight against the Devil, the pride of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh to live life wisely and to bear witness to Christ effectively. In the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, the bride and the bridegroom are joined together in a lifelong union by the Holy Spirit, and the words of our Lord, "What God has

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joined together, let not man put asunder” (*St. Mark 10:9*; page 303, *Book of Common Prayer*, 1928) quoted in the wedding service express the creative act of God in joining bride and groom together. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or private confession to a priest, the Holy Spirit reconciles the penitent to God on the basis of his confession and firm intention to repent, and through the priest assures the penitent of the forgiveness of his sins through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Sacrament of Holy Orders, by prayer and the laying on of hands by the Bishop (or Bishops, in the case of a bishop’s consecration), men being ordained receive from the Holy Spirit and the Church both the authority to fulfill their ministry and the grace and spiritual gifts needed for it. In the Sacrament of Holy Unction, the Holy Spirit ministers to the sick person through a priest’s prayer and anointing with holy oil. This ministry brings healing grace, and, in the case of the dying, a healing that helps him transition to eternal life with Christ in heaven. Of course, in Anglican belief, all these sacraments do not automatically convey God’s grace without the believer coming to the sacrament with a good intention, a prayerful willingness to receive God’s grace, and a determination to coop-

erate with the Holy Spirit at work in him.

According to *I Corinthians 12*, the Holy Spirit gives and distributes spiritual gifts (*charismata*) to each believer as He wills. All the spiritual gifts are manifestations of the Holy Spirit, and we must rejoice to see the Holy Spirit working powerfully through the gifts He has given to Christians: The diversity of these gifts is a richness of the Spirit’s life and activity. Greater than all these gifts is the virtue of divine love (*agape*, *I Corinthians 13*), which is also the first among the fruit of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22-23*). The Holy Spirit is revealed not only through the spiritual gifts and ministries of the Church, but also through the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. All of us need to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in letting Him produce this fruit, this harvest, in our lives, especially that divine love that leads us even to the point of laying down our lives for one another.

Finally, the Holy Spirit is powerfully at work through the worship, prayers, and intercessions of the Church. When we don’t know what to pray for others or even how we ought to pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us “with groanings that cannot be uttered” (*Romans 8:26*), so that in the lives of all the saints, all the

people of God, all things work together for their good (*Romans 8:28*). Continuing in praise, thanksgiving, and prayer is the way to be filled with the Holy Spirit (*Ephesians 5:18-20*). The more we all do this, while obeying the Spirit in all things, the more we shall see the Church living the life of the Spirit and growing to maturity until it comes to the fullness of God’s kingdom.

– The Reverend
Christopher
Parrish

***Come, Holy Spirit,
into my heart,
that I might see
the things that are of God.***

***Come, Holy Spirit,
into my mind,
that I might know
the things that are of God.***

***Come, Holy Spirit,
into my soul,
that I might belong
only to God.***

***Sanctify
all that I think, say, and do,
that all will be
for the Glory of God.***

Amen.

Our Chapel Family Prayer List

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray

**PRAY
IN THE
SPIRIT
AT ALL
TIMES**

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for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Fi-

nally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

Archbishop Beach;
Bishop Ilgenfritz;
Canon Penfield,
our Vicar-General;
Father Parrish;
Deacon Vogel; and
Deacon Bracken;

as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors,
marines, airmen,
police officers,
firefighters, and pilots
who protect us every day;

our persecuted Christian
brothers and sisters
throughout the world;

all refugees;

Estelle Wilson;

Julia McNeely;

Joya de Rossett;

Sharon De Souza;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

Chuck;

Don Cottam;

Tanya Theiler;

Christian McKagan
and his parents;

Lois Martins;

Dale Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Max;

Bishop Richard Boyce;

Dorian;
Kate Ward;
Kendra, Dan,
Emmalyn, and Dayna
Pack;
Ernst Hernandez;
Ray and Elodia Boreham;
Jan Martins;
Louanne Norman;
Reagan and
the Stanko family;
Trevor Ezell
and his family;
the life and
continuing longevity of
St. Luke's
Chapel in the Hills;
and for all those
who are in our hearts,

that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Please note: This prayer list was current as of May 28th. Please contact Father Parrish to make corrections.

Martha's List Update

As it has been three months since our Annual Meeting, it seems like a good time to remind everyone about Martha's List of Parish Ministries.

Thanks be to God, the following people have volunteered to chair the ministries below. If you would like to work on one of these ministry teams, please speak to the appropriate chairperson.

Acolytes

Father Parrish

Altar Guild

Elodia Boreham

Bulletin Boards

Noah Cummings

Cupboard Keeper

Bridgitte Parrish

Emergency Food Pantry

Debbie Pattison

Facebook Fan Page

Lee Ann Vojvoda

Gardening

Clark Pattison

Greeting Cards

Tim Slattery

Hospitality—

Potlucks

Bridgitte Parrish

Hospitality—

Sunday Fellowship

Bridgitte Parrish

Joanna's Circle

Julia McNeely

Lay Readers

Father Parrish

Martha's List of Parish Ministries

Julia McNeely

Kim Vogel

**"Monkey Toy"
Hosiery Collection**
Lee Ann Vojvoda

**Parish Directory/
Mailing Lists**
Kim Vogel

Parish Newsletter
Kim Vogel

**Resurrection Sunday
Egg Hunt**
Bridgitte Parrish

Ushers
Deacon Vogel

Webmaster
Ray Boreham

There are, however, still some parish ministries which do not have chairpersons. If you are interested in serving as chairperson for one of the following, please let Julia McNeely or Kim Vogel know.

**Children's
Loose Change Ministry**
This ministry helps the children of the parish learn how to live the Gospel by putting them in charge of their own ministry. Parishioners and guests may donate pocket change each Sunday by putting it in the designated jar in the narthex. When the jar becomes heavy, the change is counted and rolled, and the children decide for themselves how it can best be used.

Faith in Action Days
As our bulletins proclaim, "Our service begins when we leave the chapel." We affirm this truth by getting together for days in which we corporately perform acts of charity and community service,

worship our Lord, and enjoy fellowship at a communal meal.

Flags
In fair weather, the United States flag and the ACNA flag are raised on the Chapel's flag pole before services and lowered afterward.

Housekeeping
The parish does employ a housekeeping service, but some light weekly maintenance is still required.

Mary's Gold
Traditionally, a marigold is given to each worshipper on Resurrection Sunday. The marigolds symbolize our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, "Mary's Gold", Who demonstrated the priceless value of His atoning sacrifice for our sins through His mighty resurrection.

Pew Minder
The Pew Minder ensures that each set of pews has adequate books, offertory envelopes, prayer request cards, pens, and tissues.

Photographer
Photographers help us capture our special events so that they may be shared via our website, our newsletter, our bulletin boards, and our parish archives.

Prayer Group
Members intercede daily as individuals for those who desire special prayers. Once a month, the Prayer Group meets to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to pray at His direction.



*There's a job
for everyone,
and many hands
make light work!*

Parish Postings

Please join us for Evening Prayer on Friday, June 2nd, at 7:00 PM.



The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Penfield, Vicar-General of the Convocation of the West, will make a pastoral visit to St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills on Sunday, June 4th, at 10:00 AM to celebrate Holy Communion and preach. Please invite your friends to join us in welcoming him back to the Chapel!



The summer Ember Days are Wednesday, June 7th; Friday, June 9th; and Saturday, June 10th. These days of prayer and abstinence are set aside to thank God for the gifts of nature; to teach men to make use of these gifts in moderation; and to assist the needy. Ember Weeks are traditionally times of ordinations to the ministry, so a special focus on prayers for postulants and the increase of ministry is suggested.



Sunday, June 11th, will be a special day in the life of our Chapel Family. Not only is this Trinity Sunday, but Akiko Lewis will be joining us to play the organ at our worship service and Trevor Ezell, having graduated from Stanford Law School, will be worshipping with us for the last time before moving to Columbus, Ohio. Everyone is asked to bring treats for this Hail and Farewell Party as we celebrate and bless them both.



Please join us for the second of our summer Evening Prayer services on Friday, June 30th, at 7:00 PM.



Thank you to everyone who has been praying for Dan and Kendra Pack! Their daughters Emmalyn and Dayna were safely delivered on April 7th, and all are happy, healthy, and feeling very grateful for all the prayers and support they have received from our Chapel Family.

May God Bless
You & Your
Family today
and Always

Dear brothers and sisters, please make every effort to arrive on time for worship services so that everyone in the congregation may give their full attention to worshipping God. Thank you!



Kindly remember to fill the Altar Rail at Holy Communion from both sides in toward the center so that no one need step over your legs. Please also avoid standing in the pace up to the Altar. Our Chapel is small, so everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated!



If you wish a favorite hymn to be sung on a particular Sunday, please e-mail your request to Father Parrish at least one week in advance (include a clear copy of the music and lyrics if necessary).



Upcoming Events

Friday, June 2nd: Feast of the Martyrs of Lyons

Office of Daily Evening Prayer
7:00 PM

Sunday, June 4th: Pentecost, commonly called Whitsunday

Pastoral Visit by Convocation of the West Vicar-General
the Very Reverend Canon Michael Penfield

Emergency Food Pantry Collection Day

Bible Study: Amos
9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Healing Service
10:00 AM

Wednesday, June 7th: Ember Day

Friday, June 9th: Ember Day

Saturday, June 10th: Ember Day

Sunday, June 11th: Trinity Sunday

Bible Study: Amos
9:15 AM

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Sunday, June 18th: The First Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: Amos
9:15 AM

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Sunday, June 25th: The Second Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: Amos
9:15 AM

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Holy Communion
noon

Friday, June 30th

Office of Daily Evening Prayer
7:00 PM

Sunday, July 2nd: The Third Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: Amos
9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Healing Service
10:00 AM





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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition *Book of Common Prayer*. We invite you to join us for worship soon!

*"A place
where the Bible is taught."*



Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.

First Sunday of each month
Holy Communion with Healing Service
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month
Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Said Holy Communion
noon

Please note that both services on Feast Days occurring on these Sundays will be Holy Communion.

Third and fifth Sunday each month and Feast Days
Holy Communion
10:00 AM