



The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector:

The Holy Spirit and the Call to Evangelism

The coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples on the Day of Pentecost was a very significant event in the life of the Church. Some have called it the birthday of the Church. In Anglicanism, the Feast of Pentecost has often been overshadowed by Trinity Sunday, which follows it. Even in the tenth century, the Feast of the Trinity had begun to displace the celebration of the Octave (eight day period) of Pentecost. The name *Pentecost* was adopted from Judaism, and means “fiftieth” day. The Jews knew the festival as the Feast of Weeks, a time of thanksgiving for the wheat harvest. In our Lord’s time, the Jews also commemorated at this feast the giving of the Law and the foundation of the Jewish community. The English and other northern European people gave this day the name White Sunday

(conflated to Whitsunday) because of the white clothing worn by the newly-baptized on this day (the climate in these northern regions was more suitable for baptisms at Pentecost than on Easter Day).

The Collect for Whitsunday in the historic Prayer Books conveys the traditional Anglican



understanding of the Holy Spirit: that He provides illumination to Christians (“the light of the Holy Spirit”) as well as the grace to discern the truth accurately (“by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things”). He also strengthens and empowers Christians for work and witness (suggested by the phrase

“and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort”). Collects for Pentecost in prayer books more recent than the 1928 Book of Common Prayer in various provinces of the Anglican Communion tend to emphasize more boldly the role of the Holy Spirit in enabling the effective proclamation of the Gospel. We must realize that historically, Anglicans have viewed the Holy Spirit as enlightening the reason, wisdom, and understanding. This view was the traditional Catholic view of the Holy Spirit for many centuries and derives from *Isaiah 11:1-2*. Pentecostal Churches have majored on the *charismata*, or gifts, of the Holy Spirit listed in *I Corinthians 12* and *Romans 12*. However, our view of the Holy Spirit and His role need not be tied to *Isaiah 11:1-2* or to any single passage of Holy Scripture. Instead we should take in the breadth of un-

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 derstanding of the Holy Spirit that we find from *Genesis* to *Revelation*.

One of the most refreshing insights about the Holy Spirit is to be found both in His gifts of grace (*I Corinthians* 12:4) and in His fruit, or harvest, in our lives (*Galatians* 5:22-23). The

gifts of the Holy Spirit lasted only for the Apostolic age, after which they were no longer used or required for the growth of the Church. However, there is no teaching in the New Testament itself that indicates that any of the gifts will cease except when the knowledge of all

function properly and to be wholly united in love (*I Corinthians* 12:14-30). All of our gifts have the purpose of edifying one another and the Church, giving glory to God, the Giver of the gifts.

The “more excellent way,” as St. Paul teaches us in *I Corinthians* 13, is the way of divine love, the practice of which should be our highest goal for, without divine love, or charity, we amount to nothing in God’s view even if we have received many spiritual gifts which we use effectively (*I Corinthians* 13:2). Love is the most excellent gift and virtue, since it abides forever together with faith and hope (*I Corinthians* 13:13). This reminds me of the first and last stanzas of Christopher Wordsworth’s Hymn (Number 379 in our Hymnal):

Gracious Spirit,
 Holy Ghost,
 Taught by Thee
 we covet
 most
 Of Thy gifts at
 Pentecost,
 Holy, heavenly
 love.

Faith and hope
 and love
 we see,
 Joining hand
 in hand,
 agree,
 But the greatest
 of the three,

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gifts and the fruit of the Holy Spirit need to be set in balance in our lives. Some traditions have emphasized the fruit of the Holy Spirit and others the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but both are vital and should be nurtured.

Cessationists have even maintained that the

and perfect knowledge replaces partial knowledge (*I Corinthians* 13:8-10). On the other hand, the gifts of the Holy Spirit must not be so emphasized that we lose sight of the fruit of the Holy Spirit—the virtues of the Spirit—and the need for godly character, which develops as the result of the sanctifying work of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Connected with this balance in our

view of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is the insight given us through St. Paul that none of us in the Body of Christ can claim superiority, or inferiority for that matter, to others on the basis of our gifts—or even on any basis at all—but the gifts of all are needed for the Body to

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And the best, is love.

On Sunday, May 6th, Noah Cummings will be confirmed in the faith. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, after Noah has affirmed his Baptismal vows and promised to follow Jesus Christ as Lord, Bishop Bill Ilgenfritz will lay hands on him and pray for him to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit. The strengthening gift of the Holy Spirit is essential for effective witness to the Lord Jesus Christ and to His Gospel, as well as to leading a sincere and holy Christian life. I pray that the Bishop's administration of this Sacrament will lead us all to appreciate the meaning of our own Confirmation and our life of service and witness to Christ. I pray also that any who have not yet been confirmed will be encouraged by Noah's example to take this important step towards being empowered for faithful witness, ministry, and service.

Both the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Festival of Pentecost (May 20th this year) speak to us of the transforming and energizing power of the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, what would the Church's witness to the Gospel have been like? The Holy Spirit led the Church to proclaim the Gospel through the preaching of the Apostles, the Evange-

lists, and many others. Ordinary people were emboldened to share the Gospel with friends, family, and strangers, and through the preaching of St. Paul and others, it spread quickly through the lands around the Mediterranean Sea. Let the power of the Holy Spirit transform us also, at whatever stage of

our lives we may find ourselves, so that American society may be reclaimed with the power of the Lord Jesus Christ and many be saved from bondage and sin!

direction and illumination!

— *The Reverend Christopher Parrish*



How will God use you and the spiritual gifts He has given you to reach out to unbelievers to bring them to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?

May God bless you all as you live in the power of the Holy Spirit and by His

2018 MDAS Women's Retreat

The 2018 Missionary Diocese of All Saints Women's Retreat will be Thursday, October 18th through Saturday, October 20th, at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland.

The Retreat Leader is Bishop Kenneth Myers, and the theme is based on *1 Corinthians 13:13*. Bishop Myers began in the ministry at a very early age. The son of an Assemblies of God pastor,

he embraced the Anglican tradition in 1993 and served as priest and bishop in his home state of Texas until 2014, when he stepped out into a new teaching ministry, Graceworks. Bishop Ken's several books, like his in-person teachings, make plain the deep things of God in ways that ordinary people can see them more clearly. Bishop Ken was married to the love of his life, Shirley, for almost 40 years until her untimely death in 2017. Their

children and grandchildren continue to be a joy to Bishop Ken. He also enjoys travel, photography, reading, and study.

Attendees must register for the retreat by September 17th. The registration form for this year's retreat can be found here:

<http://www.themdas.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Registration-Form-2018.pdf>

– Father Larry Hill



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 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. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

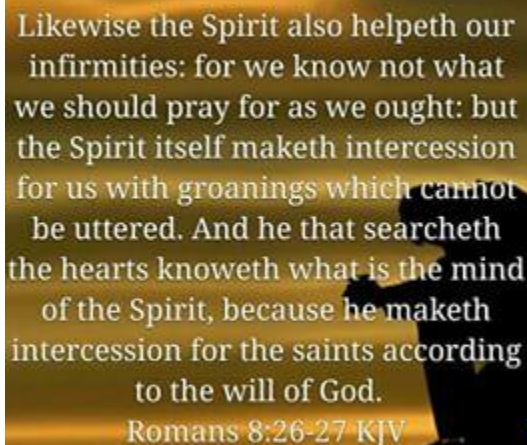
Archbishop Foley Beach;
Bishop Bill Ilgenfritz;
Canon Michael Penfield,
our Vicar-General;
Father Chris Parrish;
Deacon Peter Vogel; and
Deacon Linda Bracken;
also all those who serve
as Thy ministers in governing
our nation and state,
particularly:
President Donald Trump;
and

Governor Jerry Brown;
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;
Kim Vogel;
Jim and Edna Davis;
Estelle Wilson;
Julia McNeely;
Joya de Rossett;
Sharon De Souza;
Debbie;
Scott;
Brittany;
Chuck;
Don Cottam;
James and Tanya Theiler;
Christian McKagan
and his parents;
Dale Quinn;
Lisa;
Ben;
Marion;
Max;
Bishop Richard Boyce;
Dorian;
Kate Ward;
Dan and Kendra Pack;
Ernst Hernandez;
Ray and Elodia Boreham;
Jan Martins;
Louanne Norman;
the Stanko family;
Yoshihiko and Hideko
Ikegami;
Elizabeth Ann
and her husband;
Stephen;
Scott Guinn;
Craig Cameron;

Lori Anderson;
Ali Hemphill;
Lori Hemphill;
safety on the highways
for all who commute,
especially during
rush hour;
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



Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
Romans 8:26-27 KJV

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 April 29th. Please contact Father Parrish to make corrections.

Parish Postings

The Right Reverend William Ilgenfritz, Bishop Ordinary of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints, will visit our parish May 5th and 6th. In honor of his visit, we will have a Cinco de Mayo Potluck Dinner on Saturday, May 5th, at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!



As part of his pastoral visit, Bishop Ilgenfritz will celebrate Holy Communion and confirm Noah Squire Cummings in the faith on Sunday, May 6th, at 10:00 AM. The Cummings Family will

serve brunch after the service in celebration of this joyous occasion.



The Bible Study class continues its study of the *Gospel According to St. Mark* most Sundays at 9:15 AM. (Please note that there will be **no** Bible Study on Sunday, May 6th.) All are welcome!



The Vestry will meet on Sunday, May 20th, immediately following the worship service. Interested parishioners are invited to attend.



Please remember our Emergency Food Pantry Mission when you do your grocery shopping. Please put your donations in the wicker basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 5th
Cinco de Mayo

*Cinco de Mayo Potluck
in honor of Bishop Ilgenfritz's visit*
6:30 AM

Sunday, May 6th
Rogation Sunday
The Fifth Sunday after Easter

*Holy Communion
with Confirmation of Noah Squire Cummings*
10:00 AM

Monday, May 7th
Rogation Day

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Tuesday, May 8th
Rogation Day

Wednesday, May 9th
Rogation Day

Sunday, May 13th
Ascension Day (Observed)
Mothers' Day

Bible Study: St. Mark 9
9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Holy Communion
noon

Sunday, May 20th
Pentecost,
commonly called Whitsunday

Bible Study: St. Mark 10
9:15 AM

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting
immediately following the worship service

Sunday, May 27th
Trinity Sunday

Bible Study: St. Mark 11
9:15 AM

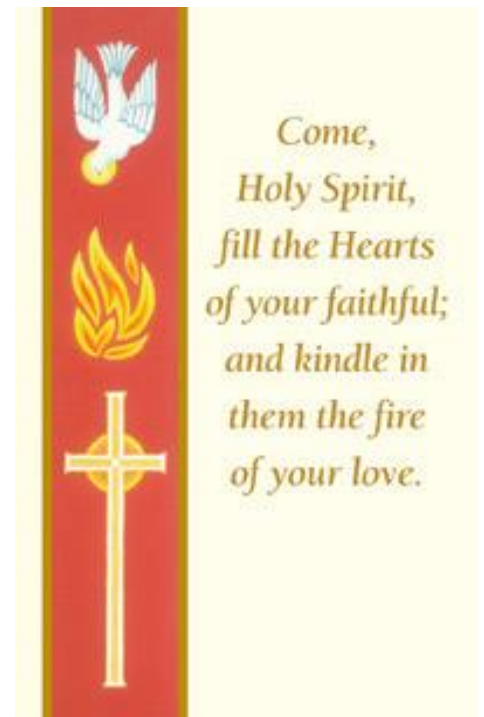
Office of Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Holy Communion
with Healing Service
noon

Sunday, June 3rd
The First Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: St. Mark 12
9:15 AM

Holy Communion
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, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Said Holy Communion
(with Healing Service on Fourth Sunday)
noon

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