



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 of 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

“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 Gos-



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

pel. 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

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have focused on the charismata, or gifts of the Holy Spirit, listed in *I Corinthians 12* and *Romans 12*. Our view of the Holy Spirit and His role need not be tied to any single passage of Holy Scripture. Instead, we should take in the breadth of understanding of the Holy Spirit that we find from *Genesis* to *Revelation*.

the Holy Spirit need to be set in balance in our lives.

Cessationists have even maintained that 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 that indi-

Holy Spirit, the virtues of the Spirit, and the need for godly character, 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

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom

Understanding

Counsel

Fortitude

Knowledge

Piety

Fear of the LORD

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

cates that any of the gifts will cease except when the knowledge of all believers is made perfect 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

for that matter, to others on the basis of our gifts (or any basis at all). The gifts of all are needed for the Body to function properly and to be wholly united in love (*I Corinthians 12:14-30*). All our gifts have the purpose of edifying one another and the Church, giving glory

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to God as 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

Wordsworth’s hymn (Number 379 in the 1940 *Hymnal*):

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

Holy Spirit, it is also a gift of the Spirit, and God Himself is love, as St. John reminds us in his *First Epistle*:

Beloved, let us
love one another:
for love is of
God; and every
one that loveth is
born of God, and
knoweth God. He

Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Love *or* unconditional benevolence

Joy *or* delight in God

Peace *or* contentedness in all circumstances

Patience *or* refusing to avenge oneself

Kindness *or* repaying evil with good

Goodness *or* showing mercy to all

Faithfulness *or* overcoming temptation

Gentleness *or* nonviolence

Self-control *or* obedience unto death

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

Faith and hope
and love we
see,
Joining hand in
hand, agree,
But the greatest
of the three,
And the best, is
love.
Though divine love is
one of the fruits of the

that loveth not
knoweth not
God; for God is
love.

I St. John 4:7-8,
KJV

Both the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Festival of Pentecost speak to us of the transforming and energizing

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power of the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, what would the Church's historical witness to the Gospel have been like? The Holy Spirit led the Church to proclaim the Gospel through the preaching of the Apostles, the Evangelists, 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 and beyond.

Remember how the first disciples persevered in prayer in the upper room (*Acts 1:14*) until the Day of Pentecost (*Acts 2:1-4*), when the Holy Spirit was poured out on them all. We, too, must persevere in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to God and wait on God, that we will be filled with the Holy Spirit to share God's word effectively with others.

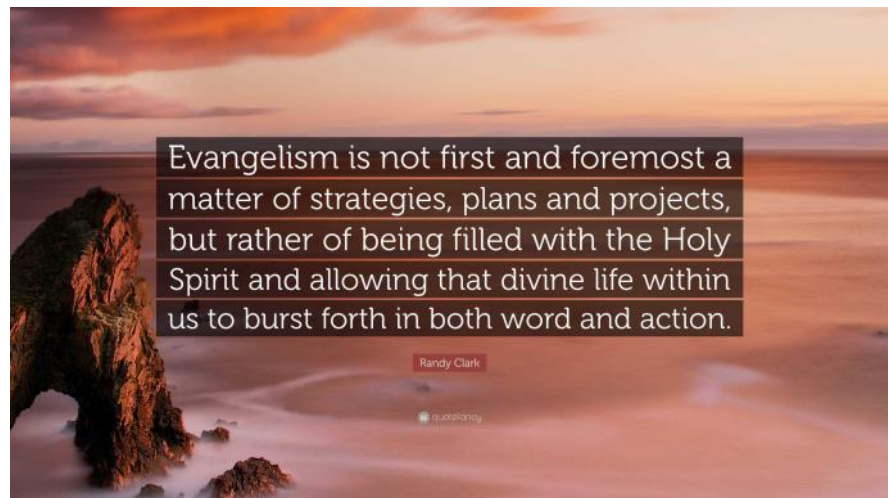
How will God use you and the spiritual gifts He has given you to reach out to unbelievers to bring them to a saving

knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?

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!

May God bless us all as we live in the power of the Holy Spirit following His direction!

– *The Reverend Chris Parrish*



Archbishop Beach's Call to Prayer

Easter greetings in the Name of Christ Jesus our Risen Lord!

By now, we have all seen the news of the strike on Israel by Islamist forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The crisis in the Middle East is complicated by the sectarian reality that this ultimately is a battle of good versus evil that has been waged against Israel and its supporters in the West. As Christians, we must remember that the whole of the Middle East is home to the Christian faith. Throughout the Bible we see God's chosen people and the Church dwelling in modern day Israel, Judea, Samaria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Syria, and Lebanon.

Areas such as Gaza and the West Bank have been home to Christian communities for hundreds of years before Islam was created. Today, we hear that Iran is home to one of the fastest growing Christian Churches in the world.

I ask all faithful Christians to join me in prayer while this crisis endures.

- Pray for lasting peace and a cessation of all hostilities in the region.
- Pray that our Lord Jesus Christ would reveal Himself to all the people of the Middle East so that they would come to know the Prince of Peace as their Lord and Savior.
- Pray for healing and recovery for the injured and traumatized on all sides, rest for the weary, and wisdom for those in authority.
- Pray for our US service members across the region who are in harm's way and our ACNA Chaplains who minister to them.

Amazing things happen when God's people pray!!

Sincerely in Christ,
Archbishop Foley Beach
Archbishop and Primate,
Anglican Church in North America



Our Chapel Family Prayer List

***This prayer list
was current
as of April 23rd,
and the people
of St. Luke's
will pray
for each need
until
we are notified
that it
has been met. Please
contact
Father Parrish
to add
or remove names.
Thank you!***

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 Richard Lipka,; Canon Michael Penfield,; 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 Joe Biden; and Governor Gavin Newsom; 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:

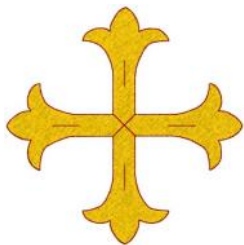
the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, guardians, border patrol, coasties, police officers, firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day; our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world; all refugees; the leaders and people of Ukraine; all who are affected by the war between Hamas and Israel; the ACNA College of Bishops; Jim and Edna Davis; Joya de Rossett; Debbie; Scott; Brittany; Tanya Theiler; Mark Quinn; Lisa; Ben; Marian; Flo; Max; Dan and Kendra Pack; the Stanko family; Yoshihiko Ikegami;

Mary Frances Reaves; Mrs. Kitt; Jon Carter; Frank Capone; Rose Handwerker; Ann and Frank MacVoy; Bishop Ilgenfritz; Moe Martinez; Victoria Grace; Christina; John and Heidi Donnelly; Father Harley and Donna Crain; Carl; Judith Boreham; Marie and Wade; Heather; Susan; Helen Vanderberg; Farshad; Deacon Herman and Betty Roark; Philip Slattery; Patrick Slattery; and Julie Sine; 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.



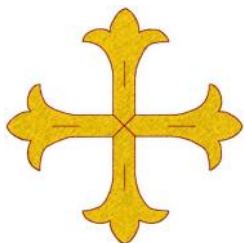
A Prayer for the ACNA College of Bishops

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously upon Thy Church, and so guide the minds of the College of Bishops to elect Thy choice of an Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church in North America and grant them wisdom and discernment in their consideration of the Bishop Coadjutor-elect of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints that we may receive faithful pastors who will preach the Gospel, care for Thy people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



A Prayer for the Middle East

O God, the Creator of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in Your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before You in Jesus Christ; in whose Name we pray. Amen.



A Prayer for Our Congregation

O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills with Thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

Your Article Here



Parish Postings

Please note that, due to a combination of our regular worship schedule and liturgical festivals, Holy Communion will be celebrated every Sunday in May.



Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 6th through 8th, are Rogation Days. Rogation Days are Days of Solemn Supplication to God for:

- fruitful agricultural seasons;
- honorable industry;
- honest commerce; and
- faithful stewardship of Creation.



The United States will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12th. Don't forget to thank God

for the mothers (birth, adoptive, and spiritual) He has given you!



You are invited to join Joanna's Prayer Circle during fellowship on Sunday, May 12th, in McNelly Hall. This group is for anyone who has special prayer requests, wants to share joys or sorrows, longs for a moment of quiet contemplation, or needs some support. Members of Joanna's Prayer Circle intercede daily as individuals for those on the Chapel Family Prayer List and meet as a group on the second Sunday of the month to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to pray at His direction. All are welcome!



The Vestry will meet on Sunday, May 19th, following the celebration of Holy Communion for Pentecost and fellowship.

Any interested parishioner is invited to observe the meeting.



Our Community Mission Project for this quarter is to raise funds for Second Harvest Food Bank. When donating to this project, please write *Second Harvest* on your offertory envelope or check memo line. Thank you!



SECOND HARVEST
of SILICON VALLEY

If you have a favorite hymn you would like to share with your Chapel Family, please tell Father Parrish so that he may match it to our Scripture lessons and make arrangements with our organists.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 1st

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Friday, May 3rd

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, May 5th

The Fifth Sunday after Easter Day

Rogation Sunday

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
10:00 AM

Monday, May 6th

Rogation Day

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Tuesday, May 7th

Rogation Day

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Wednesday, May 8th

Rogation Day

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Thursday, May 9th

Ascension Day

Friday, May 10th

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, May 12th

The Sunday after Ascension Day

Mother's Day

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Joanna's Prayer Circle
during fellowship

Wednesday, May 15th

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 17th

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, May 19th

Pentecost, *commonly called* Whitsunday

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting
following the worship service and fellowship

Wednesday, May 22nd

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Friday, May 24th

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, May 26th

Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Wednesday, May 29th

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Friday, May 31st

Pray for ACNA College of Bishops

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, June 2nd

The First Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
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 and fellowship 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
(with Healing Service on First Sundays)
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Feast Days occurring on second and fourth Sundays.

If you cannot join us physically in the Chapel,
please contact Father Parrish
to be added to each service's Zoom invitation.