

**St. Paul's, Brunswick**  
**Non Traditional Eucharist**  
**May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday**

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*We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life.*

*May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.*




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**Opening Song: Sweet, Sweet Spirit (sing 2x)**

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There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
 And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
 There are sweet expressions on each  
 face,  
 And I know they feel the presence of the  
 Lord.

**Refrain:**

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,  
 Stay right here with us, filling us with Your  
 love.

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
 Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,  
 When we shall leave this place.



**Celebrant:** God is here!

**Response:** God is here!

**Celebrant:** Let us bless God!

**Response:** Let us bless God!

**Celebrant:** Glory to you, God, for ever!

**Response:** Glory to you, God, for ever!

**Celebrant:** God be with you.

**Response:** And also with you

**Celebrant:** Let us pray together.

**Collect** *(Collect assigned or the day) Art: pixabay.com*

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in your holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



**First Reading, Acts 2:1-41** *from Celebrate Wonder Storybook Bible*

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**Reader (Lector):** A reading from the book of Acts.

The disciples were waiting in a house. Suddenly, a sound like a wind filled the entire house. The disciples looked around and saw little flames of fire on each of them. It was the Holy Spirit- God's Spirit that would be with them always. The disciples began to speak other languages. They were all surprised. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?"

People outside the house heard the noises. "What is happening?" the people wondered. Peter told the people: "God has sent the Holy Spirit to us. That is what you have heard."



The people listened to Peter. He told them about Jesus. Peter helped the people to believe in Jesus and told them to be baptized. "The Holy Spirit will be given to you!" Peter told the people. The people believed and were baptized.

**Reader (Lector):** The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song: We are Marching in the Light of God

We Are Marching In The  
Light Of God

We Are Marching In The  
Light Of God

We Are Marching In The  
Light Of God

We Are Marching In The  
Light Of God

We Are Marching  
Marching

We Are Marching Oh Oh

We Are Marching In The  
Light Of God

We Are Marching  
Marching

We Are Marching Oh Oh

We Are Marching In The  
Light Of God

We Are Living In The Love  
Of God

We Are Living In The Love  
Of God

We Are Living In The Love  
Of God

We Are Living In The Love  
Of God

We Are Living Living

We Are Living Oh Oh

We Are Living In The Love  
Of God

We Are Living Living

We Are Living Oh Oh

We Are Living In The Love  
Of God

We Are Moving In The

Power Of God

We Are Moving In The  
Power Of God

We Are Moving In The  
Power Of God

We Are Moving In The  
Power Of God

We Are Moving Moving

We Are Moving Oh Oh

We Are Moving In The  
Power Of God

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We Are Moving Oh Oh

We Are Moving In The  
Power Of God

## Gospel Reading, John 20:19-23 *from the Celebrate Wonder Bible*

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy.



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily/ Sharing Time**

**Prayers** Let us pray for the life of the world...

For the things we are thankful for...

For our loved ones ...

For those who teach us...

For those who lead us...

For the sick and poor...

For ourselves...



**Special Blessings/ Prayers** *(do you have a birthday/ anniversary/ something special you'd like us to pray for?)*

**Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

**People: And also with you!**

**Announcements**

**Offertory Music** *(the parade to bring up the elements while collection plate is passed)*

*Eucharistic Prayer written by The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund*

**Great Thanksgiving**

God 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 God thanks and praise.*

**Celebrant:** God, you are the Creator of the heavens and the earth. You have filled the world with the beauty of oceans and rivers; mountains, granite, apple trees and lupine; moose, deer, chickadees, cats, dogs and lobsters. Thank you for this earth “our island home.” You sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. He died to redeem us and all Creation. Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life and make the world new. That’s why we shout out our praise! We shout with the throngs of angels, archangels and with all the heavenly host. We shout our praise together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD,  
 God of power and might.  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of  
 the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We bring you bread and wine as our offering. Bless them with your Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus. On the night of his last supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it apart, shared it with his friends, and said, "Take, eat. This bread is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they finished supper, he took the cup of wine. Jesus gave thanks to God and said to his friends, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is poured out for you. It is poured out for all to save us from our sins. Drink this to remember me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Gather us up by this bread and wine and make us the Body of Christ in God’s church. Make us new people in Christ’s Spirit. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**AMEN!**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Fraction** *(break bread)*

Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

**We share one bread together.**

**Invitation** Holy Food for Holy People.

**Administration of Sacrament** The body of Christ, the bread of life!

*Welcome to our digital congregation. We invite you to connect with Christ's communion by saying the following prayer.*

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*



**Thanksgiving (Post Communion Prayer)** – Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

### **Blessing**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you for ever.  
*Amen.*

### **Song: Go Now In Peace**

Go now in peace  
Go now in peace  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, Everywhere  
You may go!



### **Dismissal**

Leader: Let us go forth in peace in the love of Jesus! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**