



OLD first REFORMED CHURCH

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E BULLETIN FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

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Please have ready your bowl with water, a cloth, your candle, your bread, and your cup of wine or juice.

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I. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE *Andante (from Sonata in Major)*

W. A. Mozart

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

HYMN 381

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising earth-bound souls to thrones on high;
living, life imparting Spirit; thee we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:
thee we praise with endless worship, for thy fruit and gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry,
quickenng, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding, age to age soul to soul
in a fellowship unending, thee we worship and extol.

ACCLAMATION AND SALUTATION

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
the first-born of the living and dead.

Amen and Amen, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE COLLECT The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, 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 2:1-21

Trevor Nieuwenhuis

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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

O Lord how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.
There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it..
All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Be still and know that I am God.

**God be in my head, and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes, and in my looking.
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and at my beginning.**

SONG **I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray

I'm gonna cry when the Spirit says cry

I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Jenny Burrill

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we are all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

QUARTET *This Is My Song* Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness

FINLANDIA, by Jean Sibelius

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

Jenny Burrill

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: THE SIGNS AND WONDERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Pastor Meeter

ASCRIPTION AND SILENCE

HYMN 379

Of all the Spirit's gifts to me,
I pray that I may never cease
to take and treasure most these three:
love, joy and peace.

He shows me love it is at the root
of every gift sent from above,
of every flower, of every fruit,
that God is love.

He shows me that if I possess
a love no evil can destroy
however great is my distress
that this is joy.
Though all ahead is mystery,
and life itself is ours on lease,
each day the Spirit says to me,
"Go forth in peace"

We go in peace, but made aware
that in a needy world like this
our clearest purpose is to share
love, joy, and peace.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made a man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you all. (*We pass the peace via Zoom.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's service
Wednesday evening Vespers
Virtual Coffee Hour
Godly Play / Children-in-Worship
Baroquelyn
Other Announcements

PRAYERS OF PEACE AND INTERCESSION

Pastor Meeter

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Intercessions

In need: Georgia, Andrew, Jean, Barbara, Eva, Albert, Nancy, Keileigh, Viola, Michael, Blas, Stephen, Elisabeth, Spencer, Maryanne, Ron, Susanna, Lelita Keire family in Minneapolis.
In ministry or service: Dr. Jessica, Dr. Paul, Jabe, Jack, Jeff, Housing Plus, and CHiPS.

OFFERING

The Deacons

While we worship together online, we can still make our offerings. Our preferred method is the digital platform [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly/), which you can find as a smart-phone app or as a link at [OldFirstBrooklyn.org](https://www.OldFirstBrooklyn.org). Please consider covering the processing fee to make your gift go farther. If you prefer to mail a check, please note whether your gift is for the general fund, mission, or the capital campaign. And please consider giving for our mission work with CHiPS and Housing Plus.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

RINSING YOUR HANDS: I am baptized.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

SETTING YOUR TABLES

CANDLE-LIGHTING

The Light of Christ. **The Light of Christ.**
Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord 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 our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, O God, and our joyful duty, to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. You created the heaven with its host and the earth with its plenty. You have given us life, and being, and you preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love by sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty savior, who has reconciled us to you, we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole church on earth, and all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!

Holy and righteous Father, we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice once offered on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection, and in expectation of his coming again, we offer to you ourselves, as holy and living sacrifices, proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen, **Christ is risen.**

Christ will come again. **Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the body and blood of Christ. Grant that being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him who is the head, even Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into these loaves, and these grapes from many hills into these cups, grant Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so come Lord Jesus, Maranatha, Amen.

Through Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

INSTITUTION

**The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it,
and he gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.”**

*Take the bread
Raise the bread
Break the bread*

Share the bread.

**After the same manner also he took the cup
when they had supped, saying,
“This cup in the new testament in my blood,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Take, drink it in remembrance of me.”**

Take the cup

Raise the cup

Drink from the cup.

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside still waters,
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.
For thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

HYMN 466 (stanzas 1&3)

**O mighty God! Creator and Redeemer,
in strength enrobed, in majesty arrayed,
above the storms enthroned serene, exalted,
controlling wisely all that you have made:
O mighty God, your blessed promise saves,
your Word is peace, your love is true;
that love is mightier than the raging waves;
Lord, I believe! I trust in you.**

**O Holy Spirit, rushing wind of heaven
your cosmic power made known when all began;
O faithful Spirit, strong, life-giving tender,
gentlest of judges, mightiest of friends:
O Holy Spirit! tell me of my Lord,
how high his love, my doubts how base:
show me the things of Christ, my King adored,
how small my fears, how great his grace!**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord's countenance be lifted upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

ii. Announcements

WE HAVE A DIRECT EMAIL for prayer requests. Send your request to prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR follows the service. To log-on, Ctrl+click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/402156419>.

WE EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES to Jane Barber upon the death last week of her mother, Elva Hively, in Akron, Ohio. Because of the pandemic, Jane was unable to be with her parents in her mother's last days.

MID-WEEK VESPERS on Wednesday evenings from 9:00 to 9:45 p.m. is hosted by the Elders. We greet one another, read the Vespers liturgy and the week's scripture; reflect, share and review prayer requests from our community. Please use this zoom link to join. <https://zoom.us/j/314004075>

OUR MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE: HousingPlus provides housing and services for women who have been marginalized in New York City—including an apartment to call home. They support women and their children in overcoming poverty, homelessness, addiction, trauma and the impact of incarceration. About 150 women and 94 children now call HousingPlus home. Most of the women are veterans who previously lived in city shelters, Rikers Island or on the street.

CHiPS is Community Help in Park Slope, a soup kitchen on 4th Avenue. Right now CHiPS cannot serve hot meals, but it's feeding hungry people by handing out bag lunches every day. Our CHiPS cooking team is providing 45 of those meals every week, so any amount you give would be appreciated.

OUR INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH Team has a nominee, who will be interviewed by the Consistory this week..

JOIN BAROQUELYN today at 3pm ET to spend a lovely half hour with our favorite Park Slope countertenor Jeffrey Mandelbaum and his favorite arias. To attend, subscribe at www.baroqueilyn.com.

iii. Schedule

This week

Sunday, May 31

 Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online

Wednesday, June 3

 Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

Look Ahead

Sunday, June 7

 Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online

 Rev. Melody Meeter will be preaching

Monday, June 8

 Elders meeting - 7:00 p.m., online

 Deacons meeting - 7:00 p.m., online

Wednesday, June 10

 Vespers - 9:00 p.m., online

iv. Roster

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Wayne Adams	2023	Philip Alexander	2023
Jabe Ziino	2023	Kelly Greene	2023

Officers

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GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Cooking for CHiPS: Second Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. Cook for the homeless and hungry.

Contact: Steve Lappert (718) 230-0448.

Sunday School Teachers: Joanna Franchini, Matt LeBreux, Pastor Meeter, Jessica Stockton Bagnulo, Rev. Melody Meeter, Virginia Bouillerot, and Jabe Ziino.

Nursery Staff: Renee Espinosa, Sally Ragudo, and Bailey Olander.

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