



# Pentecost

The Day of Pentecost  
Sunday, May 28, 2023  
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# Welcome to St. Titus' Episcopal Church

Whether you are here for the first time or your family has been part of St. Titus' for generations, whether you're here in person or watching online, the Holy Spirit has brought you to this place. We're glad you're here! Our Mission and Vision Statements are printed below. You can learn more about this faith community on our website, [sttitusdurham.org](http://sttitusdurham.org). Our interim rector, Rev. Alicia or our deacon, Rev. Sarah would be happy to talk with you about who we are and what we do at St. Titus'. We invite you to join us on our journey of faith.

## Our Mission Statement

St. Titus' is a diverse and growing community committed to walking with Christ by serving others, pursuing justice and welcoming all.

## Our Vision Statement

God dreams for St. Titus' to be sacred ground where all of God's children experience the unconditional love of Jesus. In faithful response, we will offer Spirit-filled worship where people from diverse backgrounds encounter God. As an intergenerational community, we will deepen our faith through sharing scripture, Christian tradition and our own experience. We will be open and authentic with one another, and respond to the needs of our neighbors with compassion and creativity. Our passion for God's justice and peace will compel us to become agents for social, political, and economic transformation. St. Titus' will be Beloved Community.

<b>Serving Today: May 28</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Celebrant	The Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs	The Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs	The Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs
Eucharistic Minister	Lionell Parker	Lionell Parker
First Lesson	David Ross	Lisa Wilks
Epistle	Lew Myers	Trevor Wells
Intercessor	Lew Myers	Matthew Jenkins
Altar Guild	Willette Crews, Hazel Brown	
Tech Team	Livio Carnera, Chuck Hennessee	
Ushers	Brian & Lisa Wilks	

**The Day of Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**May 28, 2023 8:30 am & 10:30 am**

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*You are invited to enter the sanctuary in silence for meditation prior to worship.*

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**Opening Hymn:** *Hail thee, festival day!*

Hymnal 1982 #225

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Glory to God** [*spoken without refrain at 8:30 am, sung at 10:30 am*]

LEVAS II #243

*Refrain:* Glory, Glory, hallelujah,  
Lord we praise your Holy name,  
Glory, Glory hallelujah,  
Lord we praise your Holy name.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,

*Refrain*

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Refrain*

*The celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

### **Collect of the Day**

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 his 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 2:1-21*

**Reader** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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.' "

**Reader**      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37** *Benedic, anima mea*

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

**Reader** A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

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 one 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 the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn** *Come down, O Love divine*

Hymnal 1982 #516

*Then, all standing as able, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

### **The Gospel**

*John 20:19-23*

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."

*After the Gospel the deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs

*We will maintain a brief silence to allow for reflection.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*[Please stand as you are able.]*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
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 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 and the Son.  
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.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*The intercessor says,*

Peace be with you, brothers and sisters. In wonder and gratitude, let us pray, saying,  
“You send forth your Spirit:  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*”

Holy God, by your Spirit you gave birth to your Church: may our members be the one Body of Christ in this world. Give to each member of your Church the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

*Silence*

“You send forth your Spirit:  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*”



Holy God, you gave your disciples the ability to speak in the languages of the people; may we also speak about your deeds of power throughout the world, that all may know of your salvation.

*Silence*

“You send forth your Spirit:  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*”

Holy God, the earth is full of your creatures: may all who look to you be given food in due season. Open your hand in desolate places and fill the hungry with good things.

*You are invited to add your thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

“You send forth your Spirit:  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*”

Holy God, you poured out your Holy Spirit in your Holy City Jerusalem: pour out your Spirit in our own city. Raise up prophets and dreamers; give us vision.

*Silence*

“You send forth your Spirit:  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*”

Holy God, you give the gift of healing by your Spirit: bring healing and wholeness to all those on our hearts and minds this day. You renew the face of the earth; bring renewal to those in need.

We pray especially for: Marjorie, Ama, Dorothy, Lawrence, Ann, Murphy, Karen, Derek, Walter, Vivian, Danita, Lionell, Vincent, Howard, Sydney, Carol, Robert, Barton, Beverly, Harmon, Cedric, Allen, Damon, Chuck, Pam, and Denise.

*You are invited to add your petitions, followed by silence.*

“You send forth your Spirit:  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*”

Holy God, we pray for our sisters and brothers who were baptized into the one body, who were made to drink of the one Spirit, and who now have died in Christ. May those who have called upon your name, O Lord, be saved forever.

*Silence*

“You send forth your Spirit:  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*”

### **A Prayer to End Gun Violence**

God of Justice, help us, your church, find our voice. Turn us from the worship of power. Give us courage to confront our false gods and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence. Help us rise above our dread that nothing can be done and grant us the conviction to advocate for change. For your dream of a world where children are safe and all of us live together without fear, Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.

### **A Prayer for a Rector Search**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
**People** *And also with you.*

*The Minister and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Ps 96:8*

**Offertory Hymn:** *Every time I feel the Spirit* LEVAS #114

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**People** *And also with you.*  
**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People**        *We lift them to the Lord.*  
**Celebrant**    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People**        *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Sanctus** [*spoken at 8:30 am*]

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.

**LEVAS II #255** [*sung at 10:30 am*]

Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
holy Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord, of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Titus and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

**The Lord's Prayer** [*spoken at 8:30 am, sung at 10:30 am*]

*The Celebrant says*

As our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymns** *Let us break bread together*  
*Breathe on me, breath of God*

Hymnal 1982 #325

Hymnal 1982 #508

### **Post-communion Prayer**

*The celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The celebrant and people say together*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Blessing

*The Celebrant says*

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn**

*Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*

Hymnal 1982 #530

**Deacon** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

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## Announcements

### Graduation Sunday June 4th

Calling all High School, College and Advanced Degree graduates: St. Titus' Episcopal Church will recognize you on Sunday, June 4th, 2023. Please send your name and your degree to the parish administrator at [st.titussecretary@gmail.com](mailto:st.titussecretary@gmail.com). Reach out to Robyn Furges or Lionell Parker with questions.

**Chestnut Chapel, Topsail Beach:** Rev. Alexis, Deacon Sarah, and several St. Titus' parishioners are away at Chestnut Chapel for Memorial Weekend. For any true pastoral emergencies, you may reach out to Rev. Alexis or Deacon Sarah.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28 for the Memorial Day holiday.**

**Pauli Murray Service – June 21, 2023, 7 pm:** A service to commemorate the life and work of The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray will be held at St. Titus' Episcopal Church on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7 p.m. The service will also be streamed on Facebook. Celebrant will be The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, preacher will be The Rev. Lisa Yebuah, and the community choir led by Ramon Holloway, Organist of St. Titus', will provide the music. Everyone is welcome!

**A Request from St. Titus' Communications Committee:** As we prepare for the coming of a new rector, we would like to have an updated database of St. Titus' parishioners that contains current, accurate information. We need your participation to make this happen.

Please provide the following information for each person in your household or family: name, address, phone number(s), email, birthday, anniversary if applicable. At this stage, the information will be for St. Titus' internal use only so will be kept confidential.

There are several ways you can submit your information:

1. Send it in an email to the parish administrator at [st.titussecretary@gmail.com](mailto:st.titussecretary@gmail.com).
2. Mail it to the church office at 400 Moline St., Durham, NC 27707.
3. Fill out the information when you come to church on Sunday (forms will be available).
4. Go to the announcement on our website [sttitusdurham.org](http://sttitusdurham.org), fill out and submit online.

**Support St. Titus':** If you would like to support our ministries you can make an online donation here by following the QR code or by visiting our homepage: [sttitusdurham.org](http://sttitusdurham.org). You can also mail or hand-deliver a check to St. Titus' at 400 Moline St., Durham, NC, 27707. Thank you.



**Stay in Touch:** To sign up to receive weekly email announcements from St. Titus', email the parish administrator at [st.titussecretary@gmail.com](mailto:st.titussecretary@gmail.com).

**Sign up for *The Titusian*,** St. Titus' monthly newsletter, on the St. Titus' homepage: [sttitusdurham.org](http://sttitusdurham.org), or by emailing the parish administrator.

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