

# THE GOOD NEWS FROM EMMANUEL

May 31, 2009 - Day of Pentecost



**W**hen 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.'

*The word "Pentecost" is derived from the Greek word for "fifty." The Day of Pentecost, as recorded above in Acts 2, occurred 50 days after Jesus' resurrection and 10 days after his ascension. The day celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples following Jesus' ascension. Pentecost is sometimes called "Whitsunday" which refers to newly baptized appearing in their white, baptismal garments on that day. The color of the day is red, symbolizing the tongues of fire that appeared on the disciples.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Shoreline Connection Concert featuring our very own Deb and Garnett Myers, Westbrook Green, May 30 at noon.

Cluster Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's, Northford.

Shoreline Connection Concert still featuring Deb and Garnett Myers, Aqua's in Clinton on Friday, June 12 at 9:30 p.m.

Bishop Laura Ahrens will be visiting our church on Sunday, June 14 at 10 a.m.

St. Paul's Tag Sale, Westbrook Green, Saturday, June 20 from 9-2.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday, June 21 after church and some fellowship time.

Four Seasons Summer Concert, Sunday, June 28 at 4 p.m.

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church, July 8 - 17 in Anaheim, California.

Community BBQ, Saturday, July 11 starting at 5 p.m.

Town Meeting to meet the candidates for diocesan bishop, Central Connecticut State University, Friday, October 2 at 7 p.m.

Diocesan Convention, including the election of the 15th bishop of Connecticut, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, October 23-24.

## OTHER STUFF

Children and youth are invited to meet with Leslie on Sunday mornings in the parish hall from 10-10:30 for the next two weeks. We'll be talking about what "episcopal" means we'll be making mitres, drawing bishops and figuring out how to we can help make Bishop Laura's visit special. Here's a link to the information Leslie will be sharing: [http://www.ctdiocese.org/images/customer-files/ChristianFormation\\_youth/BishopLauraVisitation.pdf](http://www.ctdiocese.org/images/customer-files/ChristianFormation_youth/BishopLauraVisitation.pdf)

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