Pentecost Prayer Walk, Port Royal VA Sunday, May 20, 2018, St Peter's Episcopal Church

Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray for God's kingdom to come on this earth. Today, calling on the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray that God's kingdom may come ever more strongly to this town of Port Royal, bringing healing, hope, reconciliation, and transformation to this community through us, the people of God.

(Right on Water St, right on King St, to the King St Pier)
Let us pray.

Almighty God, creator of earth and sky and sea, we give you thanks for the Rappahannock River, for its beauty, for tides that renew it, for the fish, the turtles, and all creatures that live in and around it. We thank you for the peace and relaxation that the river brings to those who venture out onto it. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this river and those who live and work all along its banks.

We thank you for living water and for the power of your Holy Spirit.

We thank you, God, for your gift of water in our Church's story. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, into the Spirit filled lives you have laid out for us to live. We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

We give you thanks for water, and may we never take our water, or our baptisms, for granted. In the name of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ, the living water that springs up to eternal life, and in the name of the Holy Spirit through whom we are reborn, we pray. Amen.

(King Street to Memorial Baptist Church)
Let us pray.

God, we pray for our brothers and sisters who worship at Memorial Baptist Church. We pray that you will pour out your Holy Spirit on them in their ministry to the children of this community and in their love for one another. Give them, through the power of your Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come, and pour out your power and your peace on all at Memorial Baptist Church.

(King St to Masonic Lodge)
Let us pray.

God, in many ways this town seems to be crumbling back into dust before our eyes, but we live in hope, knowing that you, and you alone, make all things new. Give us wisdom and discernment and pour out your Holy Spirit on us, so that we may honor our history in this place, and bring new life to these old spaces, as we bring the resurrecting love and new life of your Son, Jesus, to all who live, work and visit here.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come, and pour out your power on all who work in this town, including the members of Historic Port Royal, to make old things new.

(King St Town Hall and Port Royal Library)
Let us pray.

Almighty God our heavenly father, we thank you for those who are willing to give their time as they serve in public office. Fill the people who hold public office in this town and in this county with the power of your Holy Spirit. Give them your wisdom and openness to the creative work of the Holy Spirit. Fill them with love for one another and give them hearts for justice; and empower them to faithfully serve you and the common good.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come, and pour out your creative power on those who serve this community through public office.

Let us pray.

God, we give you thanks for words. As your Holy Spirit moved over the chaotic waters, you spoke all that is into being. We thank you for the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. We thank you for the words of scripture that guide us into the way of life. May we speak and breathe your unifying love into all that we say and do. And we give you thanks as we read, write, speak, and pray, and we ask that our words may always be filled with the transforming power of your Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come and pour out your power in our thinking, in our speaking and all that we do. Fill us with the fullness of God's love in every one of our words, spoken and unspoken.

(Port Royal Fire Department)
Let us pray.

God of fire and flame, Moses met you in the burning bush. You led your people through the wilderness with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. And on Pentecost, your Holy Spirit came as tongues of fire. We thank you for the power and the majesty of fire, for its light and for its warmth. Set this town on fire with the power of the Holy Spirit and may your flames of love never be quenched.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Pour out your flames of love on this town. Set us all on fire with love for you and for one another.

(King Street to corner of Back Street and Market Street) Let us pray.

God of compassion and mercy, pour out your Holy Spirit and bless all the people who live here in the Port Royal. Bless us with what we need to live. Bless us with hope. Bless us with love for one another and may we find Jesus in our midst.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Come and bind us together, so that we all may be One, as you and the Father are One.

(Market Street to Shiloh Baptist Church) Let us pray.

God, we bring for you today our brothers and sisters who worship at Shiloh Baptist Church and since this is Men's Sunday, especially for the Sunday, especially for the

men of this congregation. We pray that you will pour out your Holy Spirit on them in their ministry to this community and in their love for one another. Give them, through the power of your Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come, and pour out your power and your peace on all at Shiloh Baptist Church.

(Market Street to new water system) Let us pray.

God, and Jesus Christ, who is living water, we give you thanks for this new water system. Bless it, so that it may provide water abundantly and dependably for all in Port Royal. **Amen.**

(Market Street to Caroline Street)
Let us pray.

Almighty God, it's Pentecost! Teach us by sending the light of your Holy Spirit and help us to have right and good judgement in all that we do by the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us rejoice forever in your holy comfort, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

(Return to St Peter's)
Let us pray.

Come down, O love divine
Comforter, draw near
Heal our divisions
Fill us with ceaseless prayer
Give us power to love and witness
And give us your peace, the peace that passes all understanding.
Come, Holy Spirit, Come.
Amen.