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Worship Times

Sunday 10:15 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm



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May 31, 2020
Day of Pentecost

Gathering

✠INTRODUCTION

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

✠THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠HYMN OF REFLECTION – Veni Sancte Spiritus (ELW #406)

To be sung repeatedly as a prayer

1 Veni Sancte Spiritus. Veni Sancte Spritus.

2 Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Word

✠ FIRST LESSON – Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In 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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **GOSPEL – John 20:19-23**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

✠ **SERMON**

✠ **HYMN OF THE DAY – Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes (ELW # 381)**

Sing to the melody “Rock of Ages”

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| 1 Peace, to soothe our bitter woes,
God in Christ on us bestows;
Jesus bought our peace with God
With his holy, precious blood;
peace in him for sinners found
is the gospel’s joyful sound. | 2 Peace within the church still dwells
in our welcomes and farewells;
and through God’s baptismal pow’r
peace surrounds our dying hour.
Peace be with you, full and free,
now and through eternity. |
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✠ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P On this day of Pentecost we unite in prayer, asking God to send the Holy Spirit on the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P We pray for the church around the globe:
For the Eastern Orthodox churches, for the Roman Catholic church, for
Protestant and Anglican churches, for Pentecostal churches, for evangelicals and
independents, for our own congregation, and for everyone who searches for you,
we pray:

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P Restore with your breath the whole creation, especially the lands and waters laden
with pollution and the animals whose habitats are threatened. For your earth, we pray:

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P Send your Spirit on the leaders of nations, on legislators, and on judges, that the
people of the world will benefit from your justice and your peace. For the nations of
the world, we pray:

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P Visit all who are suffering, all who feel hopeless, and all who face death. Send
healing to those we name here before you now, silently or aloud. For all who are in
need, we pray:

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P Restore to health those who have contracted the virus. Uphold health-care workers,
grant jobs to those who are unemployed, and assist researchers in discovering a
vaccine. For all who are confronting the coronavirus, we pray:

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P Bless those who are graduating from schools and universities. Give our youth hope for their future. For our graduates we pray:

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P Show our nation and our churches how to connect with those whose language we cannot speak. For the speakers of every language under the sun we pray:

C Come, Holy Spirit!

P With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✠PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

✠LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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, forever and ever. Amen.

✠BLESSING

P May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **SENDING HYMN – Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove**
(ELW #404)

- 1 Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove,
with light and comfort from above.
Come, be our guardian and our guide;
o'er every thought and step preside.
- 2 The light of truth to us display
and make us know and choose your way;
plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,
that we from God may ne'er depart.
- 3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,
nor let us from his pastures stray.
Lead us in holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.

✠ **DISMISSAL**

- P** Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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