



Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

*You are invited to light a candle
as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*



Prelude

Send Down the Fire

Call to Worship

You have called us to be your people, O God.

Breathe into us your Spirit so we may live!

You have called us together as a church, O God.

Set us on fire that we may worship you with passion!

Gathering Song

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

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Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.

It's your leading that we're needing,

help us to follow you.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.

Bless the faithful, may they flourish,

strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Holy Spirit, how we need you! Our vision is dim, our dreams too small.

Come, Holy Spirit: inspire and direct us.

Our body is broken, our unity breached.

Come, Holy Spirit: heal and revive us.

Our lives are cluttered, our souls clogged.

Come, Holy Spirit: blow life into us.

Our hearts are cold, our faith feeble.

Come, Holy Spirit: kindle a fire within us.

Fill this place with songs and praise. Fuel our lives with power and grace. Renew this church, this community, this world, we pray, that we might glow with the light of your love and show forth your salvation. Amen.

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit – a helper, an advocate, God's own presence within us. Receive the Spirit of God, and may the fresh winds of forgiveness blow freely within you.

We are filled with the Spirit, filled with God's forgiveness. Alleluia! Amen!

Sharing God's Peace

The Spirit of peace be with you always. **And also with you.**

Invitation to God's Word

**Holy Spirit rain down, rain down
O Comforter and Friend, How we need Your touch again
Holy Spirit rain down, rain down
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word
Holy Spirit rain down**

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

*Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.***

Acts 2:1-21

Video Presentation

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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.' "

The Word of the Lord.

Message

Song

O Day Full of Grace

– arr. by David Cherwien

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

The Spirit Intercedes for Us

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Sung before prayers

***The Spirit intercedes for us
with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh***

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

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

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Creator God, whose Spirit hovered at creation,
hover over you and bless you abundantly!

The Saving God, whose Spirit claims you as God's forever children,
dwell in you and bless you abundantly!

The Sustaining God, whose Spirit walks alongside and empowers the church,
walk with you and bless you abundantly!

In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
let the people say, **Amen.**

Sending Song

Spirit of Gentleness

Red ELW 396 vv. 1, 4

Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain***

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

Sending

With the Spirit resting on your heads and in your hearts, GO and bless the world with God's light and abundant life. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Reader: Dave Irwin
- Special Music: Association of Lutheran Church Musicians
- Musicians: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues, Mike Madsen