



Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

Christ Revealed - The Journey Continues

Fruits of the Spirit

Pentecost is a celebration of diversity, even as it unifies us with the gift of God's Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Carlson

Announcements

Call to Worship

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.

Come, Holy Spirit! **Come and unite us!**

For we are now children **No longer in bondage,**

Sharing the kinship **Of Jesus, our brother.**

Come, Holy Spirit! **Come and unite us!**

Opening Song

Send down the Fire

Refrain

**Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people,
and we shall be people of God.**

**Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love. *Refrain***

**Call us to learn of your mercy,
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace. *Refrain***

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Risen Lord,

We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.

Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of Day

Uniting God, You have gathered your children from every corner of the earth and called us your own. Continue to bring us together as the body of Christ, for the purpose of living your love and spreading the gospel of our risen Lord. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

People from all over the land gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Weeks—a celebration of early spring harvest and God’s gift of sustenance. It was a prime experience for celebrating diversity and the unity brought by the gift of God’s Holy Spirit.

Invitation to the 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 Reading

Galatians 4:1-7; 5:16-26

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; ²but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. ³So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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

Message

Special Music

“O Day Full of Grace”

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 of the People

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

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

As the fire of your gospel filled the disciples long ago, so ignite us and unite us for the work of your justice.

Prayer petitions response
Holy Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

Other petitions offered.

Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son our savior, Jesus Christ. **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.

Recognition of High School Graduates

† Jonathan Mahoney †

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May the message of the women who found the tomb empty, bless you with the death transforming love of our living Savior, Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Be amazed! The tomb is empty! Christ is risen!

Go and share this good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

"Spirit Blowing Trough Creation"



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Prelude/Postlude: Jordan Ortman
- Assisting Minister: Linda TeKrony
- Liturgy leaders: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues, Lisa Grimm, Janet Gustafson, Gaylene Szaltzer
- Opening & Closing Song: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues
- Special Music: Chancel Choir – Directed by Dave Gleason
Susie DiPaolo, Barb Hessel, Brenda Gleason, Denise Ikenberry, Linda TeKrony, Amy Evancheck, Mike Madsen, Ron Skabo, Larry Bradsby, Scott Ikenberry, Dave Gleason, John Reed
Accompanist: Jordan Ortman
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