

Pentecost Choral Evensong

Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM



Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

9100 Colesville Road

Silver Spring, MD 20910

Prelude

Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 651
(Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Opening Sentence

Officiant: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

Officiant: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

***All:* Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

Officiant: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve.

The Invitatory and Psalter

The choir sings.

Opening Preces

setting: Rachel Aarons

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

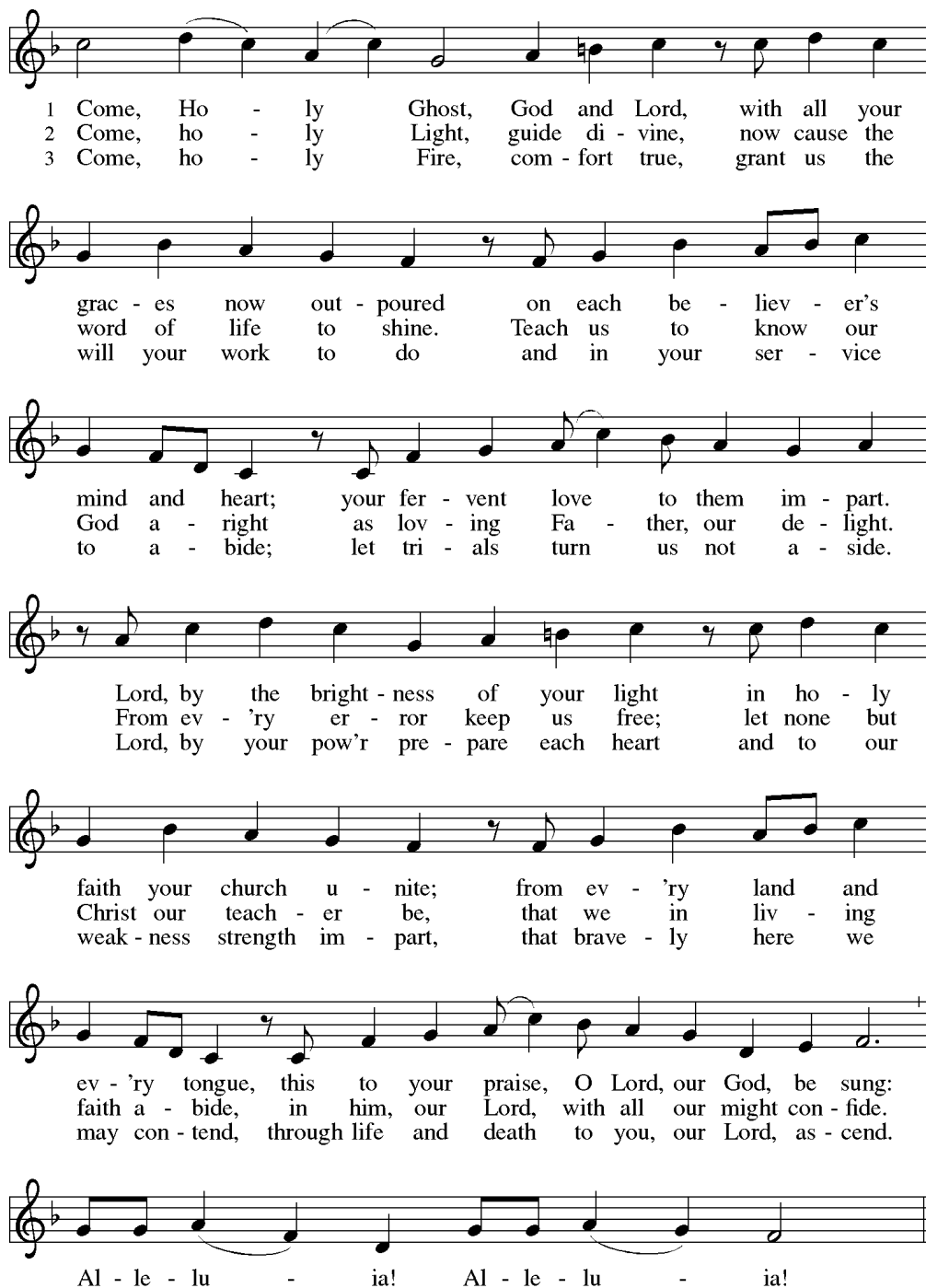
Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, now cause the
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the

grac - es now out - poured on each be - liev - er's
 word of life to shine. Teach us to know our
 will your work to do and in your ser - vice

mind and heart; your fer - vent love to them im - part.
 God a - right as lov - ing Fa - ther, our de - light.
 to a - bide; let tri - als turn us not a - side.

Lord, by the bright - ness of your light in ho - ly
 From ev - 'ry er - ror keep us free; let none but
 Lord, by your pow'r pre - pare each heart and to our

faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry land and
 Christ our teach - er be, that we in liv - ing
 weak - ness strength im - part, that brave - ly here we

ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
 faith a - bide, in him, our Lord, with all our might con - fide.
 may con - tend, through life and death to you, our Lord, as - cend.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite
 Music: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

The choir sings.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

setting: William Crotch

- 24 How manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.
- 26 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you made for the sport of it.
- 27 All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
- 28 You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 29 When you hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 30 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord, rejoice in all his works.
- 32 He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 34 May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 35b Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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.’”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The choir sings.

Canticle The Song of Mary

Magnificat

setting: Richard Shephard

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth *
 all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
 and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him *
 throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm; *
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
 as he promised to our forefathers,
 Abraham and his seed for ever.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The choir sings.

Canticle The Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis

setting: Richard Shephard

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
 according to thy word;
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.



Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Suffrages

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the state.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hears within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

The Anthem

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living Make us sacraments of thee,
That be caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Text: Percy Dreamer, 1867-1936
Music: Harold Friedell, 1905-1958

Closing Prayers

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Officiant: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let you holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

All: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

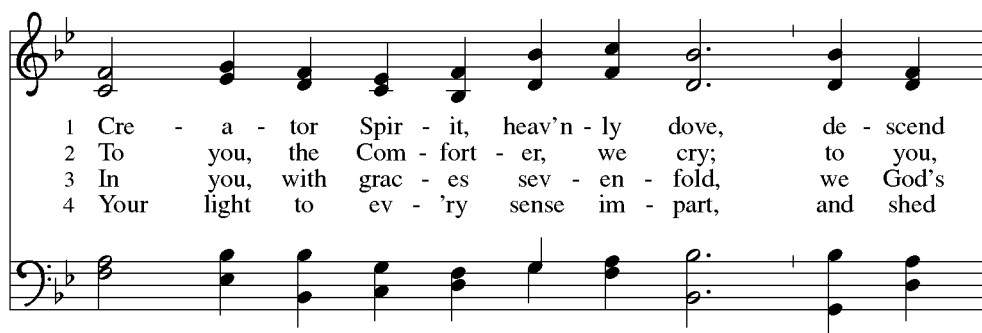
All: Thanks be to God.

The Grace

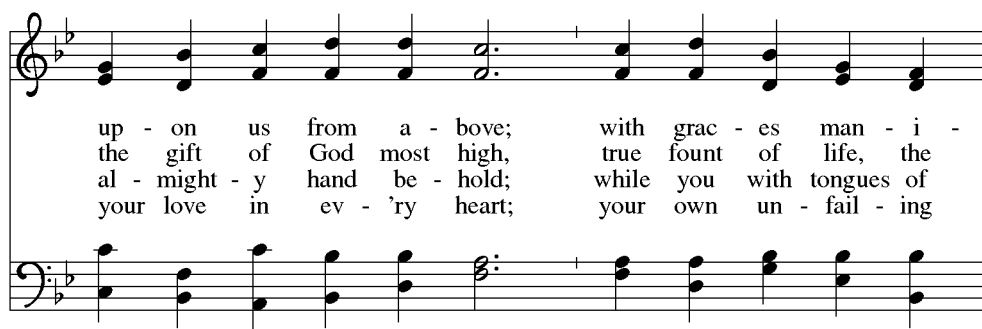
Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All: Amen.

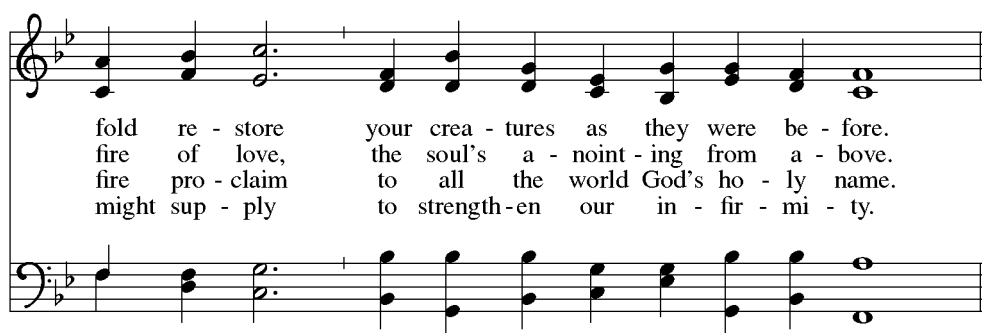
Hymn



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.
might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,
and peace from your own hand bestow;
upheld by you, our strength and guide,
no evil can our steps betide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
your praise may be our endless song.

Postlude

Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV 667
(Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost)

J.S. Bach

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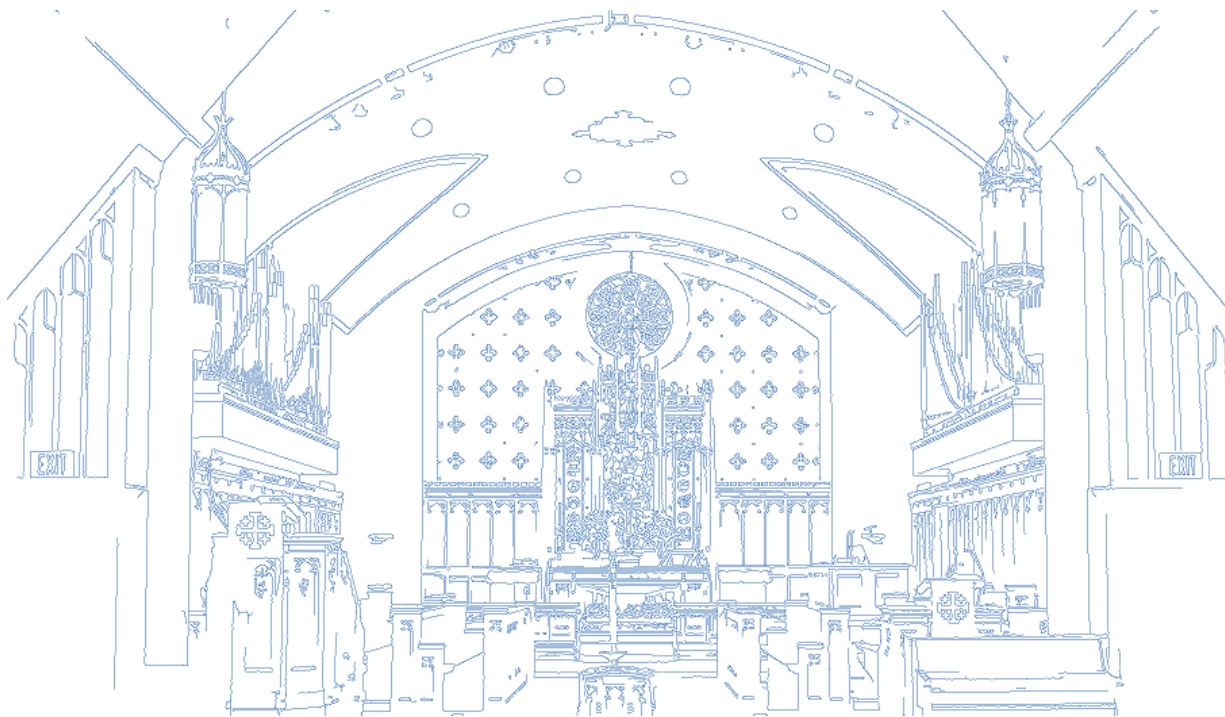
Schola Cantorum

Quartet

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