

Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021, 9:00 am

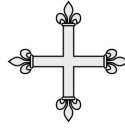


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Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.



Gathering

Prelude

Improvisation on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'

John Cook (1918-1984)

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

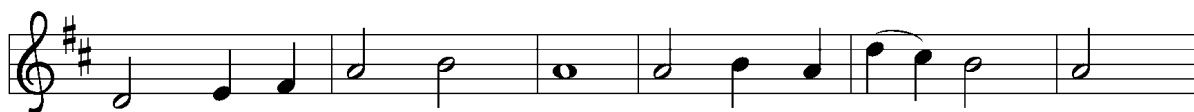
Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination may follow.

Most merciful God,

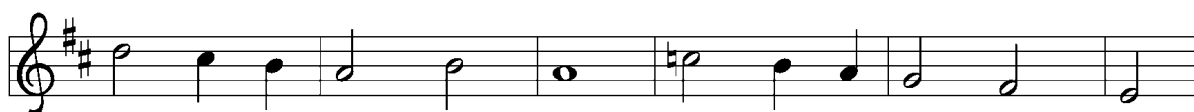
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890

Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



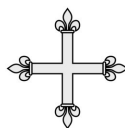
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Word

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

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.' "

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

*The choir sings the refrain the first time. Please sing the second time. The choir sings the verses. Please sing the refrain where indicated by **R**.*



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

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Choir Alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. (Psalm 85:7)

All Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

[[Jesus said,] “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

ELW 577

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove,
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry;
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold,
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part,
 5 Keep far from us our cru - el foe,
 6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,

de - scend up - on us from a - bove;
 to you, the gift of God most high,
 we God's al - might - y hand be - hold;
 and shed your love in ev - 'ry heart;
 and peace from your own hand be - stow;
 and you, of both, to be but one;

with grac - es man - i - fold re - store
 true fount of life, the fire of love,
 while you with tongues of fire pro - claim
 your own un - fail - ing might sup - ply
 up - held by you, our strength and guide,
 that through the a - ges all a - long

your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
 the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 to all the world God's ho - ly name.
 to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.
 no e - vil can our steps be - tide.
 your praise may be our end - less song.

7 Praise to your e - ter - nal mer - it,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

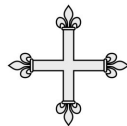
Life-giving God,
Send us your Spirit.

The prayers conclude:

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Peace

The risen Christ stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



Thanksgiving

Offering

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or on the Give Plus app.
You may also mail your checks to:

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Music at the offering

The Christ is throned as lord of all the worlds,
the name above all names, at God's right hand,
his praise the pulse that shakes the universe:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

He led his brethren to the mountaintop,
and blessing them with lifted, nail-scarred
hands,
commanded them to wait his promised gift:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

"Go out to all the world and tell my news.
You are my witnesses, for you have seen;
my heralds, for Yahweh will breathe on you!
The gale of God, the singing fire of life.

Above, around the hurricane unleashed
bore down upon the roof, a storm of sound,
vast beating wings of wind that rocked the
house:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

A wind that swelled and burst in trumpet call,
a vocal flame that flowered on the air,
and hung in garlands over ev'ry head:
the gale of God, the singing fire of life!

The gale of God, the singing fire of life,
the singing fire of God!

Christ Sends the Spirit
Text: Luke Connaughton (1917-1979)
Music: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, the whole universe sings a new song of praise; the rivers clap their hands, the hills ring out for joy. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, we offer to you these gifts, signs of your love you have first given us. Use these gifts and each of us to raise our voices and cry out for justice, proclaiming resurrection joy wherever your Spirit leads us. In Jesus' name we boldly pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

Sending

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

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1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedes en Contradansen*, 1710

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

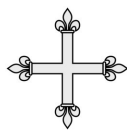
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Toccata on “Veni Creator”

Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939)



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Jeff Jox, *Bass*

Emi Carlsperger, *Flute*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given by several people in honor of Confirmands (11:30 service) and all who make the Confirmation Program possible.

By the Brauer family, especially in honor of Finn who is confirmed “Finn, we are very proud of you as you take the next step in your journey of faith. Love, Mom and Dad.”

By the Webb family, in celebration of the growth of our Saint Luke Confirmands and the support of the congregation, and in honor of all those who’ve dedicated their time to Christian Education.

By Pastor Zawistoski and Pastor Miller in thanksgiving for the privilege of seeing our Confirmands grow in faith, the joy that is yet to come in their lives, and in thanksgiving for all the teachers and staff, and prayers of the congregation, making this part of Faith Formation possible.

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