

Pentecost Sunday
May 28th, 2023
10:00 a.m. at Messiah



On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: "O Day Full of Grace" ELW 627 - Verses 1, 2, 4

CALL TO WORSHIP:

*We stand before the Lord this day;
the Lord of the burning bush
and the cloud upon the mountain.*

**To God be praise and glory!
This is the One who has created and redeemed us.**

*We acknowledge the risen Christ—
our Savior and Master—
recognized along the dusty road to Emmaus
and in the breaking of bread.*

**To Christ be praise and glory!
This is the Savior who opens our eyes to all things new.**

*We acknowledge the Holy Spirit —
Our advocate and inspiration
seen in the descending dove,
heard in the rushing wind and tongues of fire.*

**To the Holy Spirit all praise and glory!
This is the One who empowers us.**

*Even now in this time ...in this place,
We have seen signs of God's greatness.
Come, let us sing our praise!*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *ELW Holy Communion Setting 10, page 205*

(Tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)



Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.



Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

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:

¹⁷"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.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷**These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works —

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

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GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20th 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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Sing as gifts are brought forward to the altar.*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

PRAYERS:

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all in need.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and
word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the
good news to all those who long for you.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Pour your spirit upon us in this
time and place. Inspire children, youth, and adults of all ages and abilities
to hear your voice and follow your call of love and service in the world.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through outreach ministries of our synod. Bring the will and the work of your Spirit into our synod assembly as it meets this upcoming week.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort (*especially*).

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*”

ELW 890

DISMISSAL:

Beloved, be filled with the Spirit's love, power, and grace!

Let the Spirit give you words when you have none.

Let the Spirit stop your tongue when listening is the answer.

Let the Spirit strengthen you when the way ahead is hard.

Let the Spirit comfort and keep you until we are together again.

Go in peace, take God's Spirit into the world!

Thanks be to God!



MEMORIAL DAY

— REMEMBER & HONOR —

