

The Divine Service

The Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020



PENTECOST

AS WE GATHER

What can “top” the story of Easter? For fifty days, the Church has exalted in the glory of the resurrection of Jesus, shouting, “The Lord is risen” and “He is risen indeed.” “This is the feast of victory” we’ve said and sung. But our risen Lord has told us there is more—there is something greater. Today, on the great fiftieth day of our celebration, the Lord poured out in a dramatic way the Holy Spirit. Not as if the Spirit has been absent until now, for wherever faith is, there is the evidence of the working of God the Holy Spirit. Not a different helper, but the one true triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is poured out into the world. We hear the mighty acts of God in our own language to this day. We heard God the Father say at our Lord’s transfiguration, “Listen to Him.” Today our attention is diverted from the Holy Spirit as He means to tell us, “It is all about Jesus!”

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Confession and Absolution

P We are gathered to celebrate and embrace God, our Father, who created us; His Son, who poured out His life to save us, and the Holy Spirit who works in and with us to open the door of faith.

C **Come, Holy Spirit, open our hearts to your power and guidance.**

P Filled with the Holy Spirit's power, we come before our great God, admitting we sin in thought, word, and deed as we betray the Spirit's gift to us.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Father,

C **We confess that many times we live spiritually empty lives and ignore your Spirit's power. You call, gather, strengthen, enlighten and comfort us, and yet we fail to embrace these blessings. Rekindle in us the flame of your Spirit, breathe on us your life-giving Spirit, and empower our lives for your service.**

P In the church, the Spirit daily and richly forgives the sins of those who repent and believe the Gospel. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



Processional Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

LSB 913



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
 2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
 Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er.



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
 And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Greeting

P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Epistle

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and 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, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls up on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 7:37-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If any one thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Anthem **"Holy Spirit"**

Duet, Jeremy Becker and Katie Hutchinson

Sermon **"Where is God?"**

Pastor Scott Henze

Apostle's Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Petitions end, "Lord, in Your Mercy"

*Congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer**"*

Gathering of Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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

Recessional Verse "Hail Thee, Festival Day" LSB 489 verses 1,3,5

Refrain
All

Pentecost Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;

Day when the Ho - ly Ghost Shone in the world with His grace. grace.


All

Pentecost 1 Bright and in like - ness of fire, On those who a -
3 God the Al - might - y, the Lord, The rul - er of
5 Spir - it of life and of pow'r, Now flow in us,

wait His ap - pear - ing, He whom the
earth and the heav - ens, Guard us from
fount of our be - ing, Light that en -

Lord had fore - told Sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
harm with - out; Cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
light - ens us all, Life that in all may a - bide:

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Day when the Ho - ly Ghost Shone in the world with His grace.

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope and pray you had a chance to see Christ in a very personal and real way. If you have a prayer request or would like to talk to the pastor or one of our Stephen Ministers contact the church office at 954-384-9096 or by email at office@stpaulweston.org.

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