

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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### Welcome to God's House

Jesus ascended into heaven. That does not mean the gospel has stopped



marching around the world! Jesus promised to send another advocate to represent God to the world: the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be the constant companion of believers in these Last Days. Which raises an important question. If God now reveals himself by his Spirit, where is the Holy Spirit found? Jesus himself

answers that question. When he promised to send the Spirit, he indicated that his work would be connected to words, specifically God's Word. As a result, we need never wonder where we can find the Holy Spirit. Always in God's Word.

# **Order of Service**

# **Opening Hymn**

God's Holy Spirit Came #479

God's Holy Spirit came with rushing wind and fire, Christ's presence here to comfort, bless, and to inspire. The Spirit thus began God's holy work on earth at Pentecost, a gift that gave the Church its birth.

God sent the Spirit forth, fulfilling prophets' word, to those who followed Jesus and who called him Lord. And as disciples met near temple courts for prayer the Spirit blew and rested on those gathered there.

God's Spirit filled each one, as Jesus had foretold. In many tongues they spoke God's Word, renewed and bold. "Repent and be baptized," preached Peter in that hour, and thousands came believing by the Spirit's pow'r.

God's Church alive today continues to proclaim salvation by the Spirit's pow'r in Jesus' name.
Let all believers now their tongues and lives employ.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, our highest joy

#### Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+) and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Amen.

# **Dialogue for Pentecost Day**

O Lord, where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

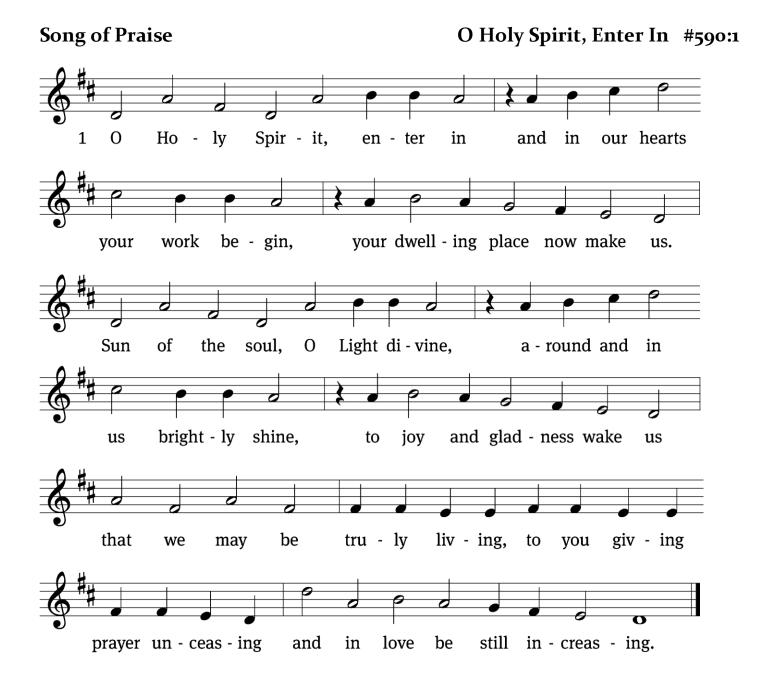
Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!



## THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup> As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

<sup>3</sup>They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

<sup>5</sup>But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. <sup>6</sup>The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

<sup>8</sup>So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup>That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

## The Word of the Lord

### Thanks be to God.

## Psalm of the Day

### Lord, Send Out Your Spirit - #104

# Refrain



LORD, send out your Spir-it and re-new the face of the earth.

#### Tone



How many are your / works, Lord!

In wisdom you / made them all.

All creatures / look to you

to give them their food at the / proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather / it up;

when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. *Refrain* 

May the glory of the Lord endure for- / ever;

may the Lord rejoice / in his works—

he makes winds his / messengers,

flames of fire his / servants.

I will sing to the Lord / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be-/ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

Second Reading Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

"Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you;

listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

- <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
- <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Acclamation**



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. *Refrain* 

Gospel John 14:23-27

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

### Hymn of the Day

# Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord #585

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! May all your graces be outpoured on each believer's mind and heart; your fervent love to them impart. Lord, by the brightness of your light you gather and in faith unite your Church from ev'ry land and tongue: this to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, holy Light, guide divine, and cause the Word of life to shine. Teach us to know our God aright and call him Father with delight. From ev'ry error keep us free; let none but Christ our master be that we in living faith abide, in him, our Lord, with all our might confide. Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, holy Fire, comfort true, grant us the will your work to do and in your service to abide; let trials turn us not aside.

Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart, and to our weakness strength impart that bravely here we may contend, through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia, alleluia!

#### Sermon

# **Confession of Faith**

**Explanation of the Third Article of the Creed** 

Martin Luther's Small Catechism

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the

whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead; and he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

# **Prayer of the Church**

Blessed and gracious Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, you proceed from the Father and the Son, and, together with the Father and the Son, we worship and glorify you!

On this holy day, so soon after our Lord ascended to his throne in glory, you descended among his joyous followers with your holy wind and igniting fire. You opened their eyes to see the clarity and completeness of the good news just as Jesus promised you would. You ratified their ministry in the sight of the nations and conferred on them gifts and courage to be witnesses to the ends of the earth as Jesus called them to be.

Pour out your power on us again, dear Spirit, and ignite our minds and hearts to find our purpose in proclaiming the message of Christ. When success seems scarce, console us with the gentle, quiet whisper of your Word. When some will listen, open our lips to speak the truth in love. When enemies attack, defend us not with the edge of a sword but with the power of the gospel. What we pray for ourselves we pray for your whole church and especially for those who go in our stead to many places around the world.

Guide us deeper every day into the mysteries of Christ, and enlarge our grasp of his will and ways. Provide insights to those who teach your Word to others that they may expound your truth carefully and precisely. Bless our schools as they prepare men and women to preach, teach, and model your love.

Breathe into the hearts of those enduring serious afflictions, enduring pain, and wrenching doubt and renew them with your power. [Especially bless . . . ] Instill your sweet comfort in those who grieve and mourn.

According to your design, grant to us another Pentecostal harvest, that multitudes from every nation, tribe, people, and language may join the assembly of the church to worship you and give you glory.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Amen.

# Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

## Hymn

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness #602

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:** Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain* 

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain* 

## **Prayer**

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of our salvation, that we may walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

# Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

# **Closing Hymn**

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise #931

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise.

Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease, then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way; with thee began, with thee shall end the day.

Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; turn thou for us its darkness into light.

From harm and danger keep thy children free, for dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life, our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.

Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.