



THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, 31 MAY, 2020

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GATHERING

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the Trinity, Father, Son ✝ and Holy Spirit,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reforming God,

**You have promised to be with us and abundantly bless
yet in fear we are divided.**

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance,
failing to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We close our hand to our neighbor,
and use your good creation carelessly for our own benefit.**

**We place our hope in ourselves, yet our efforts fall short of your love
and your children suffer.**

**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, re-form us ;
so that the world may know us by your love. Amen.**

Beloved of God,

By the Spirit outpoured, mercy abundantly given
we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus.
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
and our sins are forgiven.

Walk in the power of the Spirit, and have hope for the days ahead. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

We sing or speak 'This is the Feast' as we are able.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let us pray *Silence for reflection*- O God, on this day you poured out the Spirit on the gathered disciples, and your Body the Church, was born. Open our hearts to the Spirit and empower us as your faithful people. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Readings

The first reading is from Acts, the second chapter.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, Jesus' followers 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:

¹⁷In 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!**

Acts 2:1-21

The second reading is from first Corinthians, the twelfth chapter

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The Gospel, from John 20, is offered

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

Come Holy Spirit and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia

The Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

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.

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Reflection

We sing or speak the hymn 'God of Tempest', tune: Cwm Rhonnda, as we are able.

1. God of tempest, God of whirlwind
as on Pentecost descend
Drive us out from sheltered comfort
past these walls your people send
Sweep us into costly service
there with Christ to bear the cross
There with Christ to bear the cross

2. God of blazing God of burning
all that blocks your purpose purge
Through your church Christ's living Body
Let your flaming spirit surge
Where deceit conceals injustice
Kindle us to speak your truth
Kindle us to speak your truth

3. God of earthquake God of thunder
shake us loose from Lethargy
Break the chains of sin asunder
For earth's healing set us free
Crumble walls that still divide us
Make us one in Christ our Lord
Make us one in Christ our Lord

4 God of passion, God unsleeping
Stir in us love's restlessness
Where the people cry in anguish
May we share your heart's distress
Rouse us from content with evil
Claim us for your Kingdom's work
Claim us for your Kingdom's work.

CONFESSIO OF FAITH & PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

When we were baptized into Christ, we received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, that we would be made part of the Body of Christ and be strengthened in the Spirit and power to follow Christ. Before God, and one another, let us confess the faith of the Church in trust and confidence. Do you renounce the glamour of evil, and the ways that draw you from God? **By the grace of God, I renounce them!**

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior? **In faith, I turn to Christ!**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

Sustained by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God, in power and love unite all who call upon your name and make us your Body, your Church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, breath of life: breathe upon us the Spirit of your power and love. Give us courage live out our faith, witnessing in ways and words that meet the needs of this time, and proclaim your redeeming love to all people Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here we may offer the needs of our hearts after each petition

Spirit of wholeness, come with power to restore us, to bring healing and new life. We lift before you:
all who need medical treatment from any and every cause...
for those engulfed by loss and grief...
those struggling and afraid for health in body, mind and finances....
Be our strength to meet the days ahead in faith and hope.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with the dying and those who mourn. Comfort us that you are ever present, and your arms embrace the dying, especially when ours cannot. Be with the nurses and chaplains, doctors and staff who have been keeping vigil with the dying, and strengthen them for the task. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With alleluias in our hearts and on our lips we commend to your care all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen!**

Pause to share Peace and offer thanks for God's gifts that sustain and bless us. If you wish, offer thanks out loud for blessings received, something or someone for whom you are grateful. Offerings can be made online at or set apart and mailed. Then continue:



Merciful God,
**our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,
but you make of them an abundance,
just as you do with our lives.
Feed us again with your Word
for service in your name,
in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.**

A Brief Silence

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever.

C Amen.

Let us pray in the words 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.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Dwell in peace, for Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We say or sing the hymn 'God of Grace and God of Glory'

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| 1 | God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour. | 3 | Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Make our broken spirits whole,
Make our broken spirits whole!. |
| 2 | From the evils that surround us
and assail the Savior's ways
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days, | 4 | Set our feet on lofty places
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set us free
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore. |

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