Morning Prayer Pentecost Gathering

DIALOG

Alleluia, the Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world,! O come let us adore him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

God, come to my assistance. Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Alleluia, the Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, **O come let us adore him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise our joyful praise to God with psalms.

For our God is a great God and a ruler great above all gods.

In God's hand are all the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are God's also.

The sea is our God's for he made it, and God's hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For God is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Word

READINGS

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. Romans 8:26

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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 people 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." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Acts 2:1-10

Following the readings there is a time of silence for reflection. The silence concludes:

All were filled with the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

They began to speak as the Spirit gave them ability - alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All were filled with the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

The Canticle of Zachariah is read responsively.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. God has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old

that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

God promised to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to Sarah and Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer

In Christ is healing and life, wholeness and salvation: let us bring the needs of our lives, our neighbors and our community to God.

Silence

Christ the Lord has gathered his Church in unity through the Spirit. With sure hope let us ask him: *Lord, make the whole world new.*

Lord Jesus, when you were raised high upon the cross, streams of living water flowed from your pierced side,

- pour out on us your life-giving Spirit, and make the whole world new

In glory at the right hand of God, you gave the Gift of the Father to your disciples, - send forth your Spirit to and make the whole world new.

You promised us the Holy Spirit to teach us all things and remind us of all you had said, - send us your Spirit to enlighten our minds in faith and make the whole world new.

You promised to send the Spirit of truth, to bear witness to yourself,

- empower us as your faithful witnesses, and make the whole world new.

Hear us O God, for the deepest needs of our hearts, for the needs of our neighbors, community and world, as we bring them before you aloud in our own words, or in the silence of our hearts... Here we may offer our prayers and petitions.

The prayers conclude with the Collect of the Day and the Morning Collect.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the splendor of your glory may shine forth upon us
and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit,
the light of your light may confirm the hearts
of those born again by your grace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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 glory,
Forever and ever, Amen!

Blessing & Benediction

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.