

THE DAY OF PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION

31 May 2020

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

1. Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o’er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify.
2. Holy Spirit, ever living
as the church’s very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the church the mind of Christ:
you we praise with endless worship
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.
3. Holy Spirit, ever working
through the church’s ministry;
quick’ning, strength’ning, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending,
you we worship and extol. © Public domain.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast”

Refrain:

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life
and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

1. Now is the feast
of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God.

Refrain

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, to all baptized in your name, that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead. Give us passion, give us fire; make us transform the world from what it is, to what you have created it to be, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

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WORD

ANTHEM

“Come, Lord Jesus, Send Us Your Spirit” David Haas, comp.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ’s resurrection.

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THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Aaron Couch

HYMN OF THE DAY "We Know that Christ Is Raised"

1. We know that Christ is raised
and dies no more.
Embraced by death,
he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair
he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!
2. We share by water
in his saving death.
Reborn, we share
with him an Easter life,
as living members
of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!
3. The Father's splendor clothes
the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission
shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live
with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!
4. A new creation comes
to life and grows
as Christ's new body
takes on flesh and blood.
The universe
restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

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* AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Pastor: God has given Lily and Trey the gift of baptism, and today they are ready to publicly say yes to their baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you.... We ask this in the name of Christ.

People: Amen

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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

Pastor: And you, people of God, do you promise to support Lily and Trey, and pray for them in their life in Christ?

People: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God...

Blessing with laying on of hands for the confirmands...

Stir up in Lily and Trey the gifts of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen

Assistant: Let us give thanks for Lily and Trey as we share life in Christian community and carry out Christ's mission in the world.

People: As your sisters and brothers in Christ, we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism. Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: Rejoicing in the gift of God's Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition...

Assistant: Hear us, we pray:

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Gracious God, hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

SETTING THE TABLE

Refrain:

**As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

1. As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love.

Refrain

2. Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation shares
this feast with you.

Refrain

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love...

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in
your holy Church, both now and forever.

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Welcome to the table of the Lord.

The body of Christ is given for us. The blood of Christ is shed for us.

A brief time of quiet reflection...

BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: Amen

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of love,

People: through this meal you strengthen us to serve. Guide us by your Spirit that through our lives we may make Christ known. Amen

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us. May God look on us with favor and  give us peace.

People: Amen

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CLOSING HYMN

“Go to the World!”

1. Go to the world!
Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where
Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as
the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
2. Go to the world!
Go into ev'ry place.
Go live the Word of
God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence
in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
3. Go to the world!
Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give
way to joyous day,
as servant Church,
you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
4. Go to the world!
Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you
'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts
of glory cry “Amen!”
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace, rejoicing in God's Spirit!

People: Thanks be to God!