

DAY OF PENTECOST June 05, 2022

Welcome to the Story

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

A Story that Invites Us

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE – "Holy Spirit" – Myrna Emata Diaz, Kathleen Keating, and Michael Keating

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Fire of God's love is with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please Stand

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

- *P:* Loving Redeemer, you breathe life into our bodies
- All: and open your hand to fill us with good things, yet we act as if the world is against us.
- *P:* Caring Creator, you dance with us upon the mountaintop
- All: and call us to sing and rejoice in your presence, yet we act as if we are little more than dust.
- *P:* Spirit of gentleness, you come to us in our weakness,
- All: and intercede on our behalf with sighs too deep for words, yet we act as if we bear our burdens alone.
- *P:* Come once more in rushing wind and cleansing fire, that we may open our eyes to the glory of your world.
- All: Through your Spirit, who shows us the way, open our ears to the needs of your people. Amen.

Time for silent reflection

- *P:* God searches the heart, and the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
- All: For the Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of God.
- *P: Rejoice, for God's steadfast love endures forever.*
- All: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: In rushing wind, in cleansing fire . . .
- All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
- L: In courage found, in strength renewed . . .
- All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
- L: In visions born, in dreams restored . . .
- All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
- L: In hopes rekindled, in fears released . . .
- All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

- L: In the church's sudden birth, in possibilities untold . . .
- All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
- L: In rushing wind, in cleansing fire . . .
- All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Karen Narveson dances as the flame during the procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" vs. 1,2,3



INVOCATION

- *P:* The wind at our backs, we entered Jerusalem.
- All: Only to watch Jesus die on the cross.
- *P:* It spiraled so quickly.
- All: Trial. Torture. Crucifixion. Death.
- *P:* But on the third day the breath of God blew new life into our futures.
- All: Forty days with the risen Jesus.

- *P:* Before he ascended, Jesus reminded us that the Spirit will come.
- All: It was on Pentecost when the wind breathed into each and every one of us.
- *P:* Sacred breath, move through us. Unlock a song within your people.
- All: Breathe into us your hopes and dreams for a world filled with justice, love, and peace. Amen.

A LITANY FOR PENTECOST

- L: Flaming God of Pentecost, let us speak in tongues of comfort to those weeping over the bodies of their loved ones
- All: shot by troubled gunmen, killed in border clashes, dying from COVID-19.
- L: Let us speak in tongues of courage to those living in fear
- All: of the next shooting, the next bomb, the illness that threatens.
- L: Let us speak in tongues of condemnation against laws and policies that promote violence,
- All: prioritizing the preferences of some over the lives of others.
- L: Let us speak in tongues of care for the most vulnerable in our world–
- All: human beings, animals, and ecosystems.
- L: Let us speak in tongues of love for you and for your people,
- All: that your language might be our language.
- L: And when our tongues are still, when we have no words to speak,
- All: let our hearts burn with your fire,
- L: let our ears hear your words in our own native tongue,
- All: let our skin feel the wind of your Spirit–a mighty wind, blowing where it will. Amen





THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
- All: Speak to our empty lives.
- L: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
- All: Breathe life into our dying dreams.
- L: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
- All: Refresh our fading hopes.
- L: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
- All: Inspire our church with vision.
- L: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
- All: Pour out your power and love.
- L: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
- All: As we worship, inflame us with wisdom and purpose. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM – "Send Down the Fire"

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Wait! Do you notice something about this moment?

All: The Spirit is near, as near as our next breath.

- Reader: Breathe! Do you notice something about this breath?
- All: The Spirit is here, in our very breath—
- Reader: ready to speak, ready to move,
- All: ready to transform our lives.
- Reader: The first reading is from Acts, the second chapter, beginning with the first verse.

FIRST READING – Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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 nation 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." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In 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.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Reader: Here ends the first reading. The second reading is from Romans, the eighth chapter, beginning with the fourteenth verse.

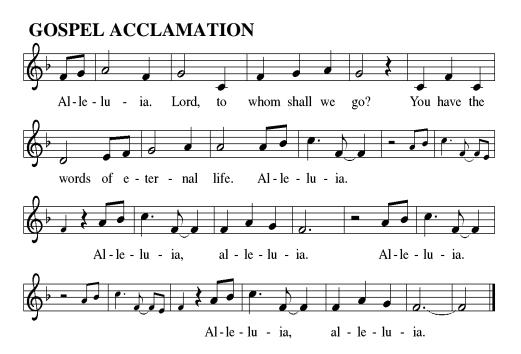
SECOND READING – Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

- Reader: Here ends the second reading. Jesus proclaimed: "Out of [the believer's heart] will flow rivers of living water."
- All: With the gifts of the Holy Spirit, may our hearts overflow with living water on this day of Pentecost, and on every day of our lives.

Please Stand

PENTECOST



- *P:* The Holy Gospel according to John beginning with the fourteenth chapter.
- All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – John 14:8-17, 25-27

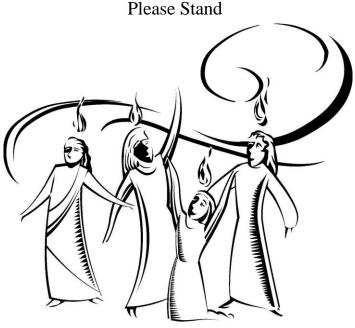
Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

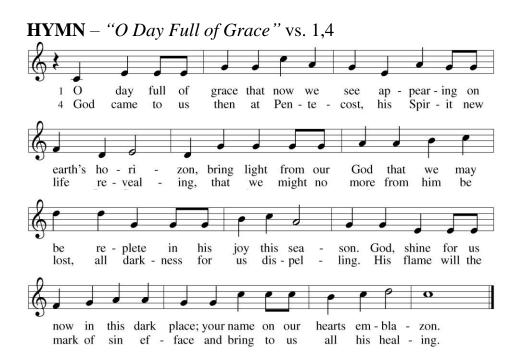
"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

P: The Gospel, the good news of God.All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME – Pastor Adisa Armand





Be Seated

MESSAGE – Pastor Adisa Armand

Please stand

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

- L: Bring your different gifts, your many languages, your unique ways of offering yourself to God and God's world.
- All: All of our gifts are welcome here, in whatever way we are ready to offer them.

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ... "Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring" vs. 1, 3 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble. 1 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you. 3 We do we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. not wor - ship as Lord, by your grace as hum-bly we now come to us. a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L: Holy Spirit, bless the gifts we bring with your powerful presence.
- All: Through these gifts, bring new life, new hope, new visions of life, new dreams of hope, and new possibilities for unity and love in our world. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

- L: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy,
- All: hear our prayer.
- L: Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy,
- All: hear our prayer.

- L: Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy,
- All: hear our prayer.
- L: Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering. Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy,
- All: hear our prayer.
- L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

- L: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- L: The Spirit is with you.
- All: And also with you.
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- All: We lift them up to God.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Spirit of God.
- All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- *P:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Spirit of God, creator of heaven and earth.
- All: You blew across the waters, formed us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life.
- *P:* When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast
- All: and your Spirit continued to work in and through us and all of creation.
- *P:* You delivered us from captivity, called us into covenant with you, and sent your Spirit of truth time and again,
- All: through the law and the prophets, through visions and dreams.
- P: Holy are you and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who was revealed to us through the power of your Holy Spirit on the day of his baptism,
- All: and again as he was anointed to proclaim good news to the poor, release of the captives, and justice for the oppressed.
- *P:* Through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus, and through the power of your Holy Spirit, you gave birth to the church,
- All: delivered us from captivity to sin and death, and called us into a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
- P: As we yearn with you for the new creation, which will bring all people into your covenant of justice and love, we remember the gift and the teaching of your Son, Christ Jesus, who on that night before his death, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, and gave it to the disciples, saying:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as children of your promises, daughters and sons of your prophetic power, visionaries and dreamers of your new covenant of love and justice, in union with Christ's compassion and grace, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

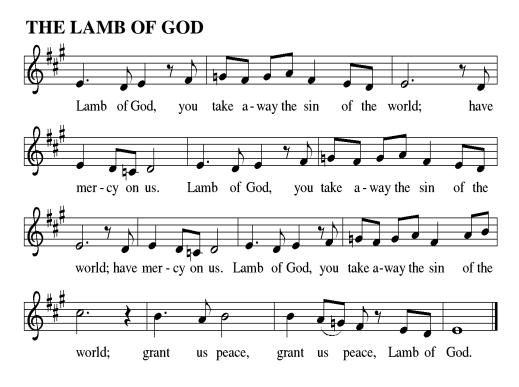
- *P:* Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.
- All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

- *P:* Children of God, celebrate this gift of life as we join in holy communion. Come to receive the bread that reminds of our unity as one body of Christ.
- All: We come to receive the new wine of God's Holy Spirit that flows through all us with unifying love.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.



DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is open to all. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

For communion at the altar rail:

You may come up the center aisle to the altar rail as space allows, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to dop the wafer into. Then take a cup of grape juice (white) or wine (red) from the assistant, partake, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls. For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit: You may come to altar rail as above, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake. Or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.





SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- *P:* As we have been fed at this table,
- All: We go to feed the hungry.
- *P:* As we have been set free,
- All: We go to set free the imprisoned.
- *P:* As we have received,
- All: We will give.
- *P:* As you have heard, proclaim. And the blessing that you have received from our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be always with you.
- All: Amen.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.
- All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

COMMISSIONING

- *P:* With rushing wind and holy fire, go forth in the power of the living God.
- All: We go forth as God's children.
- *P:* With tongues of flame and hope rekindled, go forth in the power of the eternal Christ.
- All: We go forth as heirs with Christ.
- *P:* With visions birthed and dreams restored, go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- All: We go forth as new creations in God's Spirit.
- *P:* With spacious grace and depth untold,
- All: We go forth in the mystery of the Holy One.





DISMISSAL

- L: Go and share the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- All: We go in Peace! Amen.

No Formal Ushering Out



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