

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV

DAY OF PENTECOST
May 19, 2024

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May 19, 2024
10:00 AM – Pentecost Sunday
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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's vision, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

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

WELCOME TO THE STORY

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

A Story that Invites Us

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: “*Indescribable*” – Bell Choir

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. 1,2,4



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: (Refrain)

L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: (Refrain)

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: (Refrain)

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: (Refrain)

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

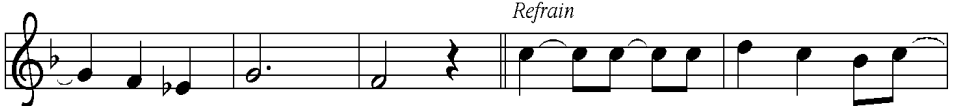


1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy Spirit, blow through our gathering

All: as you blew through that Pentecost gathering so many centuries ago.

L: Breathe in us your new creation,

All: that we may be renewed and revived to be your people once more.

L: Speak through our differences and our diversity,

All: and bind us together in unity and love. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Holy Spirit, Rain Down”*

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

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

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

R: Breathe! Do you notice something about this breath?

All: The Spirit is here, in our very breath—

R: ready to speak, ready to move,

All: ready to transform our lives.

R: 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.'”

R: Here ends the 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.

CHILDREN’S TIME – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John beginning with the fifteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL: *John 15:26-27;16:4b-15*

When the Paraclete comes—the Spirit of Truth who comes from Abba God, whom I myself will send from my Abba—she will bear witness on my behalf. You too must bear witness, for you’ve been with me from the beginning.

I didn’t tell you this at first because I was with you. Now I am going to the One who sent me—yet not one of you has asked, ‘Where are you going?’ You’re sad of heart because I tell you this. Still, I must tell you the truth: it is much better for you that I go. If I fail to go, the Paraclete will never come to you, whereas if I go, I will send her to you. When she comes, she will prove the world wrong about sin, about justice and about judgment. About sin—in that they refuse to believe in me; about justice—because I go to Abba God and you will see me no more; about judgment—for the ruler of this world has been condemned.

I have much more to tell you, but you can’t bear to hear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth. She won’t speak on her own initiative; rather, she’ll speak only what she hears, and she’ll announce to you things that are yet to come. In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me, for she will take what is mine and reveal it to you. Everything that Abba God has belongs to me. This is why I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and reveal it to you.

P: The Gospel, the good news of God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SONGS: “*You Are My All in All*” and “*Every Move I Make*”
– Youth Choir

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Spirit of Gentleness” vs. 1,2

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,



Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.

Be Seated

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Freely and abundantly, the Spirit has poured gifts into our lives.

All: We are invited to return those gifts, that others may know the new life available through the power of God's Holy Spirit and the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: O God of all creation, we gather on this Pentecost Sunday to celebrate the outpouring of your love and the grace-filled gift of your Holy Spirit.

All: As your Spirit moves among us and through us, encourage our generosity and thankfulness in the sharing of our tithes and offerings. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, whose promise of the Spirit fulfills our lives. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,

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 of grace,

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

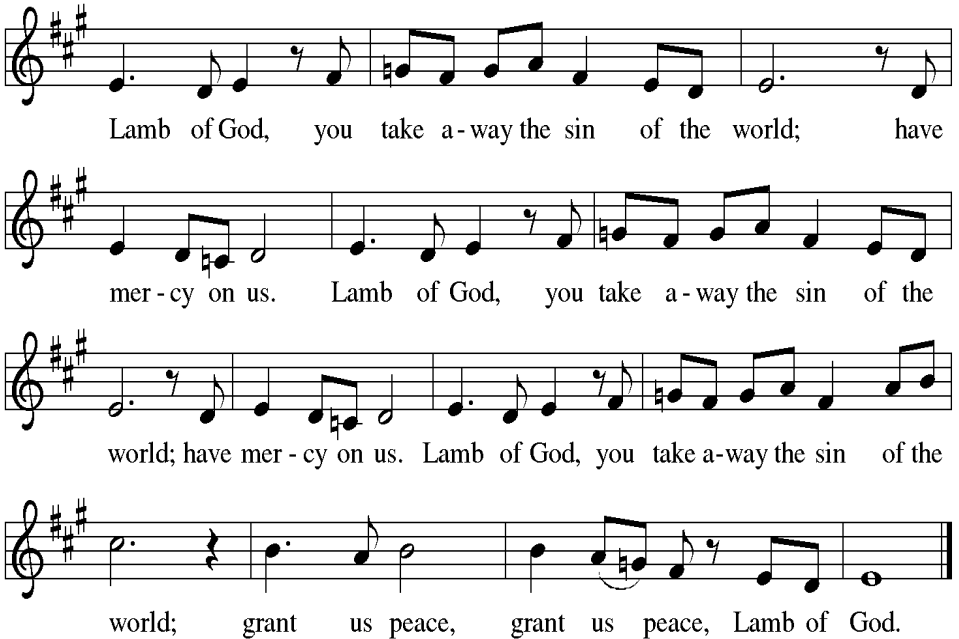
P: At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit flung the invitation far and wide to participate fully in the body of Christ. Following her example, we set this Table as a place without limits, entrance requirements, or any type of finitude.

All: Let all come who wish to take part in the joyful feast.

Be Seated

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

THE LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For communion at the altar rail:

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN: "O Day Full of Grace"



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



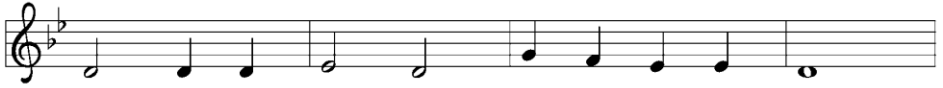
be re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all his heal - ing.
light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.



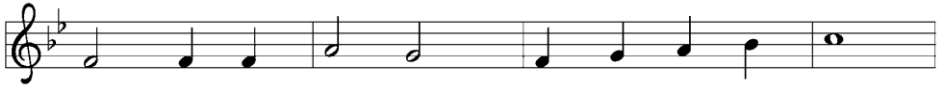
COMMUNION HYMN: “*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*”



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Let this meal set our hearts ablaze, O God. As we experience the real nourishment of these real elements,

All: we long for bread and wine to transform us for the work of your love.

P: Just as you are always creating and re-creating, make us new.

All: And as we become more like the people you call us to be, help us shape your Church for the greater work still to come.

P: Restore us with the hope that that the Holy Spirit is—
even now—

**All: igniting new possibilities for our shared life, faith,
and thriving. 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: In rushing wind and cleansing fire, go forth in the power
of the living God.*

All: We go as children of God.

*P: In courage found and strength renewed, go forth in the
power of the eternal Christ.*

All: We go as heirs with Christ.

*P: In visions born and dreams restored, go forth in the
power of the Holy Spirit.*

All: We go as new creations in the Spirit.



SENDING HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

vs. 1,2,4



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

DISMISSAL

L: Go and share the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

All: We go in Love! Amen.

POSTLUDE

No Formal Ushering Out

Pentecost

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