



Day of Pentecost

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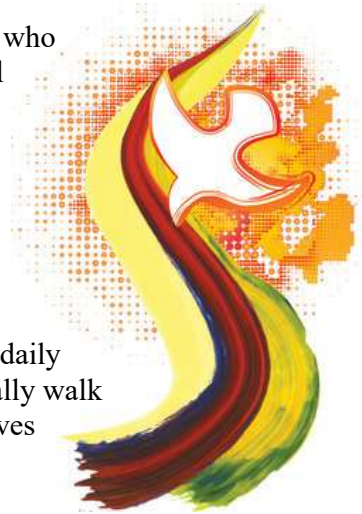
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The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

As We Gather

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth.



Organ Prelude

Ringling of the Tower Bell

PREPARATION

THE DAY OF PENTECOST - *Audio of Acts 2:1-21*

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude

came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and 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, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall
prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent
day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the
name of the Lord shall be saved.”

498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

- 1** Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.
- 2** To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.
- 3** In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.

- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.
- △ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:3, 5b; 66:4

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.
- P** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
C let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!
- P** Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
C my salvation and my God.
- P** All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;
C they sing praises to Your name.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8

- P** With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- P** I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.
C Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!
- P** I say to the LORD, You are my God;
C give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!
- P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

P In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

Called and Gathered

sts. 1, 3

1 Called and gathered, graced and gifted

By the Spirit's pow'r made one;
Truth-enlightened, hearts uplifted
In the Church-created home,
We as heirs of Christ inherit
Treasured peace for all our days.
Guided by the Holy Spirit—
Sanctified, we offer praise.

3 Called and gathered, Christ the center,

Word and water, bread and wine:
Here we heaven's portal enter;
Now we foretaste joy divine.
Holy Spirit, shape our living—
Pour upon us all that's best;
Fill us with the gift for giving,
Enter in and make us blest.

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.

¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Reading

Psalm 139:1-12

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there!**

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

¹²**even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.**

Gradual

Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10



C I will pour out my Spirit | on all flesh,*
and your sons and your daughters shall | prophesy.
With the heart one believes and is | justified,*
and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

Holy Gospel

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁶[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

502 Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven

sts. 1-4

- 1 Holy Spirit, the dove sent from heaven,
Ever one with the One who is Three,
From the Father You came,
Words of peace to proclaim,
Come and comfort us, speak tenderly.
You, the fragrance of life we are seeking;
Fill Your temple, Your altar make clean.
Joyous shelter of love,
Gracious friend from above,
In Your care we are resting, serene.

- 2 Holy Spirit, the fire celestial,
Who on Pentecost came as foretold,
To descend from on high
And the Church occupy
As the cloud filled the temple of old;
All the baptized You seal with Your promise,
All believers Your gift there receive,
So that all the elect—
All in Christ—may expect
To enjoy what by grace they believe.

- 3 Holy Spirit, the unction of blessing,
Sacred oil of the green olive tree,
Giving heat, giving light,
As the tent lamps ignite
And as Aaron praised God joyfully.
Blessèd living and life-giving water,
Now preserve us from evil within;
For in Jesus, God's Son,
All believers are one
In this washing that cleanses from sin.

- 4 Holy Spirit, the wind of great power,
Source of strength and of peace and of love,
Truest Comforter, plead,
As You bring all our need
To the throne of God's glory above.
Be the light that enlightens the Scriptures;
Keep our feet from each devilish snare;
Only You can make whole
All that troubles our soul;
By Your chrism, Christ's triumph we share.

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Sermon “The Wind of the Spirit” Acts 2:1-4

The Third Article *Sanctification*

- C** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P *What does this mean?*

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

Organ Offertory and Steward *MINUTE*

- Offering Prayer

SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is our duty and delight at all times and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have enlightened us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Grant that the Spirit, who has called and gathered us, guide us in all things, keeping our witness strong so that more people may confess Your power and experience Your everlasting love. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim

shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P We thank You, almighty God, that Your rule is without end and that Your power extends over all the earth. We bless You for making us and knowing us and caring for us and calling us in this life to be united to You as Your people on earth. We rejoice in all that You have done for us and find strength in the assurance that at every turn You are with us. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him the universe was made. In Him we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Therefore, gracious God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and die, but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of the whole creation; that glorified at Your right hand, He speaks on our behalf; and that He will come to judge the living and the dead on the day You have appointed. Send Your Holy Spirit among us that we be Your people and serve You in all blessedness. With grateful hearts, we beseech You to hear us, to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and to teach us to pray as our Lord has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution of Holy Communion

693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

- 1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace
That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace
And truly serve Him ever.
The hour of death cannot bring loss
When we are sheltered by the cross
That canceled our transgressions.

- 2 Help us that we Thy saving Word
In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford
New grace in richest measure.
O make us die to ev'ry sin,
Each day create new life within,
That fruits of faith may flourish.

- 3 And when our earthly race is run,
Death's bitter hour impending,
Then may Thy work in us begun
Continue till life's ending,
Until we gladly may commend
Our souls into our Savior's hand,
The crown of life obtaining.

650 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.

795 Voices Raised to You We Offer

- 1 Voices raised to You we offer;
 Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
 Hearts and hands we bring in tribute
 For Your gifts through all our days.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Triune God, to You we sing!
- 2 All creation joins to praise You;
 Earth and sky Your works display.
 Art and music, gifts You lend us,
 We return to You today.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 God, Creator, source of life!
- 3 Christ, the song of Love incarnate,
 Touching earth with heaven's grace,
 For Your living, suff'ring, dying,
 For Your rising, hear our praise!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!
- 4 Spirit, flaming through creation,
 Kindle faith within each heart.
 Lift our voices high in chorus;
 Through our hands Your love impart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Spirit, Helper, breath of life!
- 5 How can any praise we offer
 Measure all the thanks we owe?
 Take our hearts and hands and voices—
 Gifts of love we can bestow.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Triune God, to You we sing!

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior's face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

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