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The Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

Prelude

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Lambolette

516 Hymn

Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.
Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God

The First Lesson Acts 2:1-21

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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.' "

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 (all chant the psalm on the following tone)



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- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your **works!** *
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your **creatures.**
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to **number,** *
creatures both small and **great.**
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that **Leviathan,** *
which you have made for the sport of **it.**
- 28 All of them look to **you** *
to give them their food in due **season.**
- 29 You give it to them; they gather **it;** *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good **things.**
- 30 You hide your face, and they are **terrified;** *
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their **dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are **created;** *
and so you renew the face of the **earth.**
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for **ever;** *
may the LORD rejoice in all his **works.**
- 33 He looks at the earth and it **trembles;** *
he touches the mountains and they **smoke.**
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I **live;** *
I will praise my God while I have my **being.**
- 35 May these words of mine please **him;** *
I will rejoice in the **LORD.**
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my **soul.** *
Halle**lujah!**

The Epistle I Corinthians

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all

of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

513 Sequence Hymn *Like the murmur of the dove's song*

Bridegroom

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

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The Holy Gospel John 20:19-23

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Dear People of God: on this Day of Pentecost, the Church calls us to celebrate the gifts of the Spirit, and as a sign of our Baptism in the Spirit calls on us to renew our Baptismal Vows and reaffirm once again the promises which bind us to Christ and to each other.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

***People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

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

***People I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.***

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***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.***

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Prayers of the People for the Day of Pentecost by The Rev. Canon Cliff Carr, alt.

God gives us gifts of the Spirit for the common good. Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the whole human family saying, *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob our bishop, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Holy Innocents, Seven Springs, and La Sagrada Familia, Newton Grove, that in the power of the Spirit we may be signs of God's love, joy, and peace.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For the grace to love in the truth that the Spirit of God will lead us into a greater understanding of who we are and of what God is asking of us.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For all who seek peace, that God will break the hatred in human hearts, end violence and establish a season of peace in places of conflict.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For all those who must make difficult decisions about safety and health, that in this uncertain time we may be driven, guided, and directed by a love that always seeks the good and welfare of others.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For those for whom we ought to pray, remembering especially

Katherine Ward, Ashley Burnett, Jeanine Wilson, Al Cowand, Randy Tyler, Ben Procter, Joan Leggett, Kay Barnacascel, Becky Godwin, John Tolbert, Coley McCally, Karen Gudiksen, Bobbie and Rendol Cobb, Libby Smith, Marian Watts, Lena Evans, Charles Taylor Spruill, Larry Watson, Julia Credle, Joey Ezelle, Racheal Coward, Peggy Parker, Karol McLaughlen, Sylvia Dawson, David Dunn, Elsie Benson, Hunter Stone, Brian Stone, Riley Raines, Jack Cooper, Marc Rentzer, those who are suffering from COVID-19, and others known to us, that they may be comforted and strengthened by God's life-giving Spirit.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, remembering especially the 100,000 people who have died of COVID-19 in the United States, that they may find rest and peace in God's presence for ever.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Thomas, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O God, who sends us the Spirit of truth. Hear the prayers we offer this day and let your Holy Spirit kindle in us the welcome fire of your love, that we who are many may be one body, serving the world in your name, through Jesus Christ the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen**

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

(an Episcopal-Lutheran prayer for Pentecost Sunday through the first Sunday in September)

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

512 Hymn

Come Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

Mendon

1 Come, gra-cious Spi-rit, heaven-ly Dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis-play, and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv-ing way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full-ness of
 com-fort from a-bove; be thou our guard-ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho-ly fear in
 from his pre-cepts stray; lead us to ho-li-
 joy for ev-er there; lead us to God, our
 thou our guide o'er ev-ery thought and step pre-side.
 ev-ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de-part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin-al rest, to be with him for ev-er blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt.

Music: Mendon, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1821; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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*Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Postlude

Concluding Voluntary

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Lectors today: Dr. Karen Ray and Dr. John Hill

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