

The Order of Service • The Day of Pentecost

P This is the day that the Lord has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P We are transformed in Christ

C to share the hope of eternal life.

Welcome

The Sharing of the Peace

Opening Hymn • 913..... **“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”**

The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

John 7:37-39

P On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

C Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

P Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

C Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Introit

Psalm 104:24, 27-28; 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

P O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;

C the earth is full of Your creatures.

P These all look to You,

C to give them their food in due season.

P When You give it to them, they gather it up;

C when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

P When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

C and You renew the face of the ground.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

The Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

P In peace, let us pray in the fellowship of the Spirit.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray for the blessing of the Spirit.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray as we are united by the Spirit.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray as we rejoice in the Spirit.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise • 500 “Creator, Spirit, by Whose Aid”

△ *Please stand on the last verse.*

The Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Restore us, O Lord, God of our salvation, that we who were held captive in sin and marked for death may show forth the fullness of Christ’s light and life and, led by the Spirit, be brought to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(The valley of the dry bones hears the Word of the Lord.)

The 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. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’” ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: ‘Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And 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.’”

⁷ So 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. ⁸ And 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. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy 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.”¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then 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 indeed cut off.’¹² Therefore, 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.¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people.¹⁴ And 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.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

(The Spirit descended upon the disciples as Jesus had promised.)

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

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.⁶ And at this sound, the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But 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.¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.¹⁶ But 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Liturgical text

P Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

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

(“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.”)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

15 [Jesus said:] ²⁶“But 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.

16 ⁴“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.

The Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

- 1. Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**
- 2. Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**
- 3. Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.**

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The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Hymn • 795 “Voices Raised to You We Offer”

Please stand on the last verse as the offering is brought forward.

The Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for a plentiful harvest, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick, the suffering, and the dying, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For an increase of the Spirit and the work of witness, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For pastors, teachers, missionaries, church workers, and all who proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For unity in the congregations and for the unity of the church, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For a spirit of repentance and renewal, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for a spirit of reconciliation and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** In thanksgiving for those who have gone before and for our faithfulness unto death that we may receive the crown of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

The Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:2*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this, the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus ∞ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Almighty God, heavenly Father, who of Your goodness brought life to all that is and in Your mercy redeemed Your lost creation through the power of Your Son's obedient suffering and life-giving death, work in us by Your Spirit, that we may be restored to You and guided to the fulfillment of Your saving purpose in the world. Bring to our remembrance Your Word, that we may confess the Good News of our accomplished salvation to all the world. Grant us Your grace and favor, that we may approach Your altar with repentance and faith, that no sin may prove harmful to us, and we may be fed and nourished to everlasting life in this blessed Communion. As our Lord has taught us and in fulfillment of His own testament, grant that this bread feed us upon His holy flesh and this cup give us His precious blood to drink.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The 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 O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.

The Pax Domini ∞ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C** Amen.

The Agnus Dei ∞ The Lamb of God

John 1:29



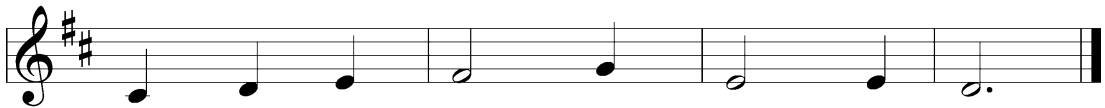
- C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



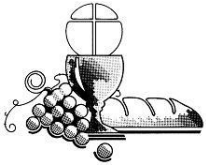
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



The Distribution of Holy Communion

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine. We believe the Lord's Supper is a means of grace in that it provides forgiveness of sins and strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal.

Participants are encouraged to ask these questions: Do I believe that I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior and that it is His true body and blood given to me along with the bread and wine? Do I intend with the help of God to repent of sin as I seek to follow Him?

If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold to a different confession of faith, please come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

Communion Hymn • 496..... **"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"**

Communion Hymn • 633..... **"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**

△ Please stand on the last verse.

Communion Hymn • 650..... **"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"**

The Nunc Dimittis ∞ The Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

O Lord, we give You thanks and praise that You have restored us as Your own children and brought us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. By Your Holy Spirit, continue in us that which You have begun, and use us by Your grace to serve Your purpose in life and to rest in Your grace in death, when we shall behold Your unveiled glory and see You face to face; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Closing Hymn • 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Announcements



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Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

*“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.”*



After completing the work His Father sent Him to do, the work of accomplishing our salvation, Jesus ascended to His place of authority at the right hand of the Father. Our Lord promised to send the Helper, the Holy Spirit, to His followers and, on the day of Pentecost, the gift was given.

Pentecost—the name means fifty—was also called the Feast of Weeks, because seven weeks after Passover, the Jews celebrated God’s gift of the harvest. On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after Jesus rose from the dead, the promised Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples, and a great harvest of souls was gathered into the church. Jesus had said of the Holy Spirit, “He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you” (John 16:14). On Pentecost, the Spirit glorified Jesus as the apostle Peter proclaimed the crucified and risen Savior as Lord and Christ. The day began as the little band of believers, numbering about 120 in all, gathered for prayer. By the end of the day, about 3,000 more people—enlightened by the Holy Spirit through the Word of the Gospel—were welcomed into God’s kingdom through Baptism.

The promised Spirit, Jesus said, would lead His followers into all the truth and carry out a threefold task: “When He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8). On Pentecost, the Spirit convicted those who heard Peter’s sermon. Upon learning that they had crucified the Lord of glory, the people were moved to repentance. Through the Word proclaimed, the people learned of the forgiveness found only through faith in Christ, who by His death and resurrection triumphed over sin, death, and the devil. Satan, the ruler of this world (see John 16:11) had been judged and defeated, and on Pentecost, 3,000 baptized souls were freed from the foe’s deadly captivity.

The Holy Spirit still carries out these same tasks today. Whenever and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, the Spirit is at work, glorifying Jesus. The Helper continues to convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. Through the church’s ministry, the Spirit quickens us, that is, gives us new life in the water and Word of Baptism. Through Word and Sacrament, we who were once captive sinners are absolved of sin and strengthened in faith, set free to serve Jesus Christ, the crucified and Risen One whom, as Peter announced on Pentecost, God has made “both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36b).

Holy Spirit, we pray that through the inspired Word, You would guide us into all truth, and— through our lives and our witness— glorify Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

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