



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 31, 2020

Day of Pentecost

You will find the liturgy of the service laid out as it would normally be when we gather for worship in the sanctuary. You can choose to read it all together, or use the call and response format as printed. If you are going to follow along with the call and response it may help to select a liturgist for one or all the sections to lead you. This is good for any age person! If there are difficult words you can help each other out!

Prelude

Healey Wilian

“Holy Ghost, with Light Divine”

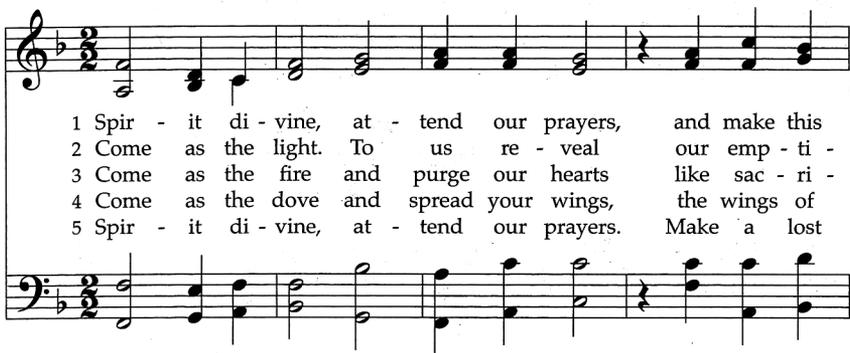
Call to Worship

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty. Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit. Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.
Let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and across all the places we inhabit, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

407 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers



1 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this
 2 Come as the light. To us re - veal our emp - ti -
 3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sac - ri -
 4 Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of
 5 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers. Make a lost



house your home. De - scend with all your
 ness and woe. And lead us in those
 fi - cial flame. Let our whole soul an
 peace - ful love. And let the church on
 world your home. De - scend with all your



gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!
 paths of life where all the righ - teous go.
 of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's name.
 earth be - come blest as the church a - bove.
 gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!

The subtle changes between the first and last stanzas here are important; they reveal how the gift of the Holy Spirit transforms and widens our concern from ourselves to the world around us. The tune is named for the text it first set, "Now let all thank and bring honor."

Call to Confession

We must confess our complacency, we must confess our squelching of the Spirit within ourselves and within others, we must confess that we have looked after our own good over the common good. So let us confess and repent as the body of Christ:

Prayer of Confession

Holy God it is easier to turn away than to look toward. We confess that we have too easily turned away from the harm caused to others. Harm that has resulted in death. We long to be led by your Spirit yet we fear the price we will have to pay: our comfort, our peace of mind, our ease of life. Compel us, challenge us, call us. Send your Spirit to reform us in body, mind, and spirit so that we will stand up for women and men who are killed at the hands of white supremacy, for families searching for a better life and left instead to lives of fear because of political games, for people striving to make a living who are met with economic systems that keep them two steps behind. May we hear their cries and join them in the pursuit of life abundant for one and all, so that your Spirit can live freely within each human being, each child of God....

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace and be restored to abundant life.

Prayer of Illumination

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence.

First Reading

Numbers 11:16-17; 24-30

The word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

Music Ministry

Everett Titcomb

“Behold Now, Praise the Lord”
Sanctuary Choir 2009
From Psalm 134

Behold now, praise the Lord!
All ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that by night, stand in the house of the Lord,
Even in the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
and praise the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Stewardship

(To Contribute to the Ministerial Alliance Transient Fund,
please indicate so on your offering)

With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us Offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world.

Offertory

Down Ampne

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Congregational Response Hymn 606 Old Hundredth Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Holy God, we have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us, and help us to bless you with dedication of our lives; through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn 280

Ebenezer

280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong-er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

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 MUSIC: Thomas John Williams, 1890
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Benediction

The Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

Postlude

Eugene Gigout

“Tocatta in B Minor”



The Reverend Ashley Drake Mertz, Pastor
The Reverend David A. Slyter, Associate Pastor
Marialice Parish, M.M., Organist and Director of Music

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