

### The Day of Pentecost Service of Holy Communion

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

#### +GATHERING+

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

#### WELCOME

PRELUDE When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. D. Wagner Handbell Choir

### GATHERING HYMN O Day Full of Grace ELW 627

- O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.
- 2 O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving; then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving; for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.
- 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging; and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging, might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.

- 4 God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing, that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r over us dispelling. This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.
- 5 When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing, we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing, and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

# GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

# PRAYER OF THE DAY.

### Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **men.** 

#### +WORD+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

# CHILDRENS' MESSAGE Recognition of Michael Lynch and Nikolas Shackford who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time today.

#### **FIRST READING**

#### Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### PSALM Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,

# living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

# <sup>27</sup>All of them | look to you

# to give them their food $\mid$ in due season.

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

# <sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are terrified;

# when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

# <sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

# <sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

# I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD. <sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!** 

#### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### HYMN O Spirit All-Embracing ACS 944



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# GOSPEL John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

# The holy gospel according to John **Glory to you**, **O Lord**.

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

# SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading ELW 401

 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.
 It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

- 2 Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.
   Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. Refrain
- Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.
  Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain*
- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness; unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. *Refrain*

## <u>Affirmation of Baptism</u> The Rite of Confirmation For Connor Pratt and Aiden (AJ) Trudel

#### PRESENTATION

**P.** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Those making affirmation are presented by their Confirmation instructors, Arlene Creswell and Bob Herold.

We present Connor Pratt and Aiden (AJ) Trudel who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

#### P. Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these our two brothers in the faith, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

#### Amen.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

#### I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.** 

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.** 

Do you turn to Christ as the way, the truth and the light for your life? **I do.** 

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

#### AFFIRMATION

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

Connor and AJ,

you have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these young men and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays individually for God's blessing for Connor and AJ.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing may be repeated for each person. Joined by parents, family members and baptismal sponsors, the minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

Stir up in Connor/AJ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

The confirmand's Bible verses are read:

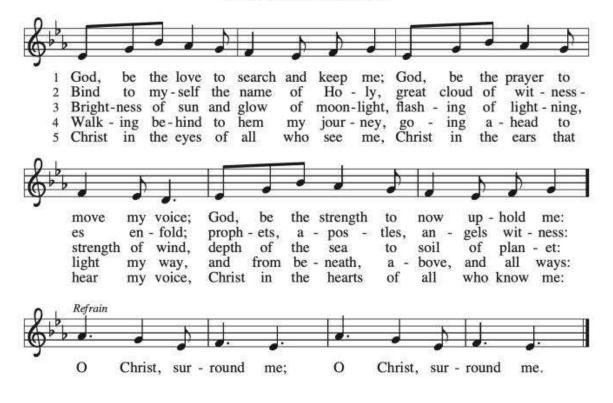
**For AJ:** Pursue a righteous life — a life of wonder, faith, love, steadiness, courtesy. Run hard and fast in the faith. Seize the eternal life, the life you were called to, to life you so fervently embraced in the presence of so many witnesses. (1 Timothy 6.11b-12)

For Connor: Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15.58) Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these brothers in Christ. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

#### HYMN God, Be The Love to Search and Keep Me ACS 1084

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me O Christ, Surround Me



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# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. A brief silence.

A Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

A Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

A Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

A Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort especially Bill, Marge, Arthur, Jim, Callum, Paul, Nancy, Charles, Steven, Johanna, Carole, Trudi, Anna, Marie, Jean, Susan, and those we name, here aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

(Pause for silence)

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

A Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

A Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

**A** Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

# Amen.

# SHARE THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

### +MEAL+

God feeds us in the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING** An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

# CHOIR ANTHEM Holy Spirit, Gift of God Arr. By J. Eggert, Text by J. Vajda

Holy Spirit, Gift of God, spread Your grace and peace abroad; plant the seed of life in all doomed to death in Adam's fall.

One is nevermore alone who is kin to God's dear Son; all are joined in unity in God's timeless family.

New in outlook, new in hope, heightened vision, broadened scope;

in them glows a love divine, through them Jesus' virtues shine.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three Yet One!

Never ending glory be to the blessed Trinity!

#### OFFERTORY HYMN God Extends an Invitation ELW 486



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# OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.** 

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

DIALOGUE The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





# Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

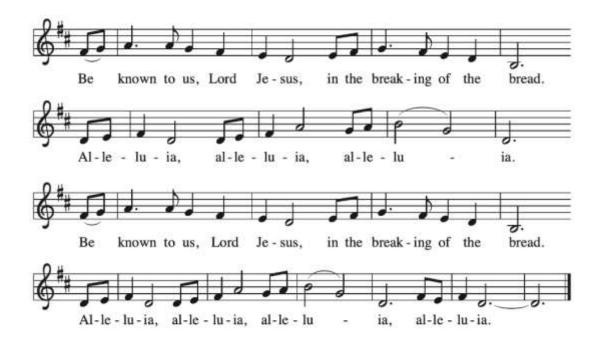
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the altar railing receive the Meal today. Please fill in along the railing from the pulpit to lectern sides. You may either stand or kneel to receive the Meal. The Meal will be served continuously. After you have received the Meal and after a quiet prayer of thanksgiving you may return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available as an alternative. Please ask. White grape juice, in the center ring of each serving tray, is available as an alternative to the wine. Praise God for the life giving presence of the crucified-risen Christ in the bread and wine of this holy meal!

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **COMMUNION** 

# COMMUNION HYMN "Be Known To Us in the Breaking of the Bread..." ACS pg. 40



### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

#### Amen

# POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

# +<u>SENDING+</u>

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# BLESSING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in + Christ Jesus.

# Amen.

# SENDING HYMN God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind ELW 400

 God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
 Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
 Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

- 2 God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!
- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
- 4 God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# POSTLUDE

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