

## **Pentecost Sunday**

May 19, 2024

### **Opening Hymn #443**

#### *O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea*

1. O Lord of heaven and earth and sea,  
To Thee all praise and glory be.  
How shall we show our love to Thee,  
Who givest all?
  
2. The golden sunshine, vernal air,  
Sweet flowers and fruit, Thy love declare.  
When harvests ripen, Thou art there,  
Who givest all.
  
3. For peaceful homes and healthful days,  
For all the blessings earth displays,  
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise,  
Who givest all.
  
4. Thou didst not spare Thine only Son,  
But gav'st Him for a world undone,  
And freely with that Blessed One  
Thou givest all.
  
5. Thou giv'st the Spirit's holy dower,  
Spirit of Life and Love and Power,  
And dost His sevenfold graces shower  
Upon us all.

6. For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,  
For means of grace and hopes of heaven,  
What can to Thee, O Lord, be given  
Who givest all?

7. We lose what on ourselves we spend;  
We have as treasure without end  
Whatever Lord, to Thee we lend,  
Who givest all;

8. To Thee, from whom we all derive  
Our life, our gifts, our power to give.  
Oh, may we ever with Thee live,  
Who givest all!

### **Invocation**

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and  
confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners  
confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and  
that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed.  
Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and  
imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P & C O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.  
C ♪ **Amen.**

### **Gloria Patri**

C ♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Kyrie**

C ♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

### **The Collect for the Day**

P Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C ♪ Amen

### **The First Lesson – Ezekiel 37:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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.” <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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.” <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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 clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, 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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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.”

## **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 139**

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*Antiphon – Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love.*

- 1 O 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.**
- 3 You 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 alto- | gether.
- 5 You hem me in, behind | and before,\*  
and lay your hand up- | on me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;\*  
it is high; I cannot | attain it.
- 7 Where 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!
- 9 If 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.
- 11 If 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.
- 13 For you formed my | inward parts;\*  
you knitted me together in my | mother’s womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonder- | fully made.\*

**Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it | very well.**

15 My frame was not hid- | den from you,\*

**when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths | of the earth.**

16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every | one of them,\*

**the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were | none of them.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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### **The Second Lesson – Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and 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, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed

and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”<sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”<sup>14</sup> 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.<sup>15</sup> For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.<sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:<sup>17</sup> “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;<sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.<sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;<sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

### **Verse of the Day – Liturgical text**

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

### **The Gospel – John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

<sup>26</sup>[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.<sup>27</sup> And 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.<sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’<sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, 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.<sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world

concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When 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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

### **Confession of Faith** ***Apostle's 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Hymn of the Day #224**

#### ***Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!***

1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!  
Be all Thy graces now outpoured  
On each believer's mind and heart;  
Thy fervent love to them impart.



Lord, by the brightness of Thy light  
Thou in the faith dost men unite  
Of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;  
This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God be sung.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou holy Light, Guide Divine,  
Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine!  
Teach us to know our God aright  
And call Him Father with delight.  
From ev'ry error keep us free;  
Let none but Christ our Master be  
That we in living faith abide,  
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Thou holy Fire, Comfort true,  
Grant us the will Thy work to do  
And in Thy service to abide;  
Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart  
And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend,  
Thro' life and death to Thee, our Lord ascend.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### **Sermon Text – Acts 2:1-21**

#### **Sermon**

***The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the  
Righteousness of Christ***

#### **Offertory**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

## **Prayer of the Church**

P: Gracious Lord, Your Spirit fills the world and gladdens Your Church with the remembrance of all Christ Jesus has spoken. Glorify His name among us in every word and deed.

**1 Come down, O Love divine;  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;**

P: Lord God, comfort those who grieve. Assure them that, since Christ has gone to the cross and has risen victorious over death, so those who depart from us in this life will rise also to everlasting life.

**O Comforter, draw near;  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.**

P: We call on Your name, O Lord, praying in Your Spirit to help and save all [*especially* (silent prayer for those straying from the Church)]. Renew the face of the earth, look with favor on Your creatures and fill the hearts of Your faithful, kindling in them the fire of Your love.

**2 O let it freely burn,  
Till worldly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;**

P: Lord God, guide the Church into all truth by Your Holy Spirit through Your Word, that we may be guarded from all error and false doctrine and other great shame and vice.

**And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

P: God of comfort, give hope to Your people in the midst of this world of death and despair. Put Your Spirit within us to believe, to live and to serve according to Your promises and commands. Lead our homes to confess our confidence in Your power to raise the dead — now and at the Last Day.

**3 Let holy charity**

**Mine outward vesture be**

**And lowliness become mine inner clothing—**

P: Lord, send Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, that convicted of their sin they may also be convinced that the righteousness of Christ is theirs, and in such repentance and faith receive the forgiveness of Christ. Unite us by Your Spirit of truth in faith and confession, and comfort us with the knowledge that this world's prince is judged.

**True lowliness of heart,**

**Which takes the humbler part,**

**And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

P: Lord God, be near to those You have set in place to govern our land. Do not let the ruler of this world govern them and their decisions to our harm, but give us the benefits of good government.

**4 And so the yearning strong,**

**With which the soul will long,**

**Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;**

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised Your Holy Spirit, who would convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. Enlighten our hearts, that we would confess our sins; obtain everlasting righteousness through faith in Christ; and through every trial and temptation, abide in the consolation that Christ is Lord over the devil, death and all things. We ask that You would graciously deliver us from all affliction to

make us partakers of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**No soul can guess His grace  
Till it become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

### **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 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 Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
C ♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn #235 (v. 1-2, 6)** *O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in  
And in our hearts Thy work begin,  
Thy temple deign to make us;  
Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine,

Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us.  
That we, In Thee  
Truly living, To The giving  
Prayer unceasing,  
May in love be still increasing.

2. Give to thy Word impressive power  
That in our hearts, from this good hour,  
As fire it may be glowing;  
That we confess the Father, Son,  
And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One,  
Thy glory ever showing.  
Stay Thou, Sway now  
Our souls ever That they never  
May forsake Thee,  
But by faith their Refuge make Thee.

6. O mighty Rock, O Source of Life,  
Let Thy dear Word, mid doubt and strife,  
Be strong within us burning  
That we be faithful unto death,  
In Thy pure love and holy faith,  
From Thee true wisdom learning.  
Thy grace And peace  
On us shower; By Thy power  
Christ confessing,  
Let us win our Savior's blessing.

## **Silent Prayer**

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