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The Day of Pentecost

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## Prelude

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

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

**And kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

**And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.**

*Romans 8:16–17*

## Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

♪ Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

♪ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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## Confession and Absolution

Jesus said, “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.”

**“And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”**

*John 16:7–8*

So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. *Romans 10:13*

*A Time of Silence*

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

**Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.**

You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

**Yet, too often we remain speechless.**

You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

**Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to You, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.**

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.”

*1 Corinthians 12:3*

Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise** *Please Be Seated*

“Beautiful Savior”

♪ Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

♪ Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

♪ Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

♪ Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

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## **Old Testament Reading**

Numbers 11:24–30

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

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 people 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.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

♪ Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidst the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

♪ O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain  
By mountain pass, or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,  
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.

♪ O Spirit, Whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle's flight,  
And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev'ry peril in the air.

## *Please Stand*

♪ O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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## **The Holy Gospel**

John 7:37–39

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

## **Children’s Message** *Please Be Seated*

## **The Hymn**

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

♪ Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

♪ Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:  
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

♪ 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.

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## **Proclamation of the Word**

“Optimistic! Only By the Grace of God”

Acts 2:14–21

## **Offering and Musical Offering**

### **Preface** *Please Stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Colossians 3:1*

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Psalm 136*

## **Proper Preface**

## **Words of Our Lord**

### **Proclamation of Christ**

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26 & Revelation 22:20*

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:

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **The Peace of the Lord**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### **Distribution Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

**"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"**

- ♪ I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- ♪ He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- ♪ He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- ♪ He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- ♪ He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- ♪ He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- ♪ He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- ♪ He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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### **Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Spirit of power and life,

**Ignite our hearts with holy fire.**

## **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

- ♪ Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine!  
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.
- ♪ Let me see my Savior’s face, Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.
- ♪ Holy Spirit, pow’r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin’s bondage set me free.
- ♪ Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.
- ♪ Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev’ry idol throne, Reign supreme and reign alone.

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## **Postlude**