

The Day of Pentecost

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

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THE SERVICE – SETTING ONE

THREAD: *He lives to pour out his Spirit.*

Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

CW 592



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

realms of light, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try, teach - ing, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,

o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it,
through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it,
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free, Ho - ly Spir - it,

ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high, liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ, you we
ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul in com -

life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.
mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



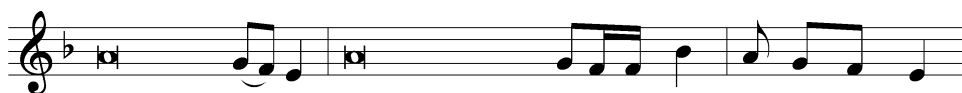
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:1–21

We are all familiar with this account of Pentecost. The violent wind was a sign, but not the gift. The tongues of fire marked its arrival, but was not the gift. Speaking in foreign tongues was the result, but not the gift. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit; that was the gift. Moses wished it, Joel foretold it and the disciples lived it. The last age of the earth results in people being united into the church of Christ.

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“ ‘In the last days, God says,
 I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
 Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
 your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
 I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
 and they will prophesy.
¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood
 before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹And everyone who calls
 on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: LORD, Send Out Your Spirit

Psalm 104A

Refrain



LORD, send out your Spir-it and re-new the face of the earth.

Tone



How many are your / works, LORD!
 In wisdom you / made them all.
 All creatures / look to you
 to give them their food at the / proper time.
 When you give it to them, they gather / it up;
 when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. **Refrain**

May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;
 may the LORD rejoice / in his works—
 he makes winds his / messengers,
 flames of fire his / servants.
 I will sing to the LORD / all my life;
 I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

**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. Refrain**

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3–11

When God pours out his Spirit, it is for the benefit of the believer and the church. This pouring out of his Spirit causes a unity of faith and a diversity of gifts, but it is the same God that does the work and it is for the common good of the church.

³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Antiphon for Pentecost

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 7:37-39

In the early part of this chapter, we see that the people were conflicted as to who Jesus was. While he may have failed to meet the people's expectations, he met every one of Scripture's. Jesus declares he is the source of salvation and the joy that accompanies it. The promise of living water had to wait until his death, resurrection and enthronement.

³⁷On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 585



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite
 keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your
 that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our
 that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Sermon

Acts 2:1–21

The Holy Spirit Begins the Harvest

- All the World is His Field
- His Word is His Seed
- He Makes It Grow

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

... Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

Offering – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:*

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Let us pray:

God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Hymn: Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

CW 484



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my
2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der for soul and
3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion has brought you
4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing, be yours, O
5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness? Shall I not



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
bod - y, no - bly joined; I praise you, guard - ian kind and
down to ran - som me. Your pit - ying heart sought my sal -
Spir - it of all grace, whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful
praise you ev - er - more and tri - umph o - ver fear and



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
ten - der, for all the dai - ly joys I find so rich - ly
va - tion; you bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly, brought me from
teach - ing give me a - mong your saints a place. What - ev - er
sad - ness, al - though my cup of woe runs o'er? Though heav'n and



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me.
spread on ev - 'ry side and free - ly for my use sup - plied.
bond - age full re - lease, made me your own, and gave me peace.
good by me is done is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.
earth shall dis - ap - pear, your end - less love is ev - er near.

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Silent prayer – Announcements

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