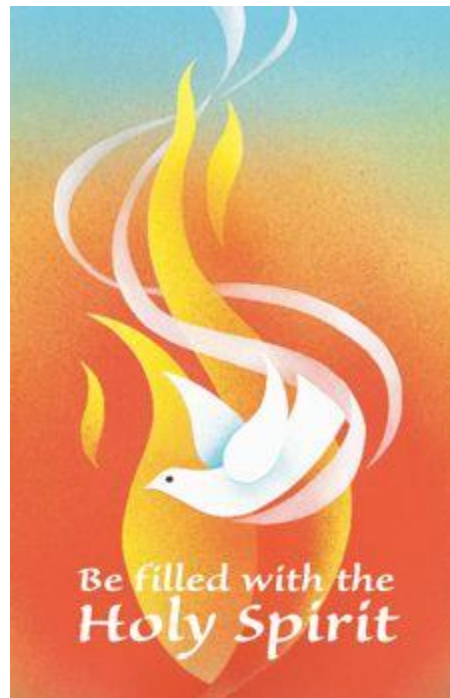


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May 31, 2020
PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**CALL TO WORSHIP**

There is no fear the Holy Spirit cannot overcome.
There is no door the Spirit of grace cannot breach.

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER

God, Spirit of Pentecost, open the doors of our shut up hearts. Set our tongues free to proclaim your praise. Bless our youth with visions, and our elders with dreams. Bestow our children with gifts of prophecy and renew the faith of your people throughout the world. Enter our lives, once more, Holy One, and help us find the strength and courage to become the people you call us to be. Amen.

REFLECTION MUSIC “Down to the River to Pray”

- Words: Ken Medema - Music: Mary McDonald

As I went down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.
O brother, let's go down, let's go down.
O brother, let's go down, down to the
River to pray.

O Lord, listen to your children prayin',
O Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
O Lord, listen to your children prayin',
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.
Something's gonna happen like the world
has never known, when the people of the Lord
get down to pray. A door's gonna swing open
and the walls come tumblin' down, when the
people of the Lord get down to pray.

O children, let's go down, let's go down,
come on down. O children, let's go down,
down to the river to pray, down to the river to pray,
down to the river to pray, to pray: Lord, listen
to your children prayin'. O Lord, send your Spirit
in this place. O Lord, listen to your children prayin',
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.
I went down to the river to pray,
I went down to the river to pray,
to the river to pray

HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

CHOIR RESPONSE

SERMON

“Pentecost!”

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

*THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 Spirit;
One holy and universal Christian Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

(Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1662*)

RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN “God Himself Is With Us”

God Himself is with us;
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him!
God is in His temple;
All within keep silence,
And before Him bow with reverence.
Him alone, God we own,
To our Lord and Savior;
Praises sing forever.

God Himself is with us;
Whom angelic legions
Serve with awe in heavenly regions,
“Holy, Holy, Holy,”
Sing the hosts of heaven,
Praise to God be ever given.
Bow Thine ear, To us here,
Hear, O Christ, the praises,
That Thy church now raises.

Lord, come dwell within us,
While on earth we tarry,
Make us Thy blest sanctuary,
Grant us now Thy presence,
Unto us draw nearer,
And reveal Thyself still clearer.
Where we are, Near or far,
Let us see Thy power,
Every day and hour. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

- Burkhardt

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore, we pray in Jesus’ name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

GO FORTH IN LOVE

HYMN "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" (vs. 1-3)

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me;
I myself would gracious be;
And with words that help and heal,
Would Thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek,
Would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me;
I myself would truthful be;
And with wisdom kind and clear,
Let Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly,
Speak my Lord's sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me;
I myself would mighty be,
Mighty so as to prevail,
Where, unaided, man must fail;
Ever by a mighty hope,
Pressing on and bearing up. Amen.

BENEDICTION

WE HOLD EACH OTHER IN SPIRIT

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds,
Is like to that above.

POSTLUDE

"He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him"

- Bach

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

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Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God's healing touch is of special comfort.

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