The Coming of the Holy Spirit and a Day of Special Remembrance May 28, 2023 Prelude

Opening Hymn



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Invitation and Invocation

P: God promised: "I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants." Jesus promised: "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Helper, to be with you forever, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

C: Jesus said: "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." Peter proclaimed: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself."

P: God keeps His promises! On the first Christian Pentecost Day the Holy Spirit was poured out on the believers in Jerusalem. We also have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out on us as through the water and the Word of Holy Baptism. He claimed us as His own through the words that call us together: In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Confession of Sins

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P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us humbly approach God and confess our sins to Him, asking Him to forgive us in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins,

C: O LORD, who could stand?

P: But with You there is forgiveness;

C: therefore You are revered.

All: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

P: Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You. For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

All: Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

P: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done; I ponder the work of Your hands. I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

All: Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust.

P: Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul. Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to You for refuge! Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

All: For Your Name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! And in Your steadfast love You will cut off my enemies, and You will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am Your servant.

P: People of God, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead, and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord God, on this day centuries ago, You sent Your Spirit to open the eyes and hearts of humanity. The Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel, enlightened us with His gifts, sanctified us, and continues to keep us in the true faith. Lead us by Your Spirit, as we bear witness to the wonders of Holy Scripture and our own lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴Moses 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. ²⁵Then 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.

²⁶Now 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. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But 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!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"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;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 2:1-21

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

John 7:37-39

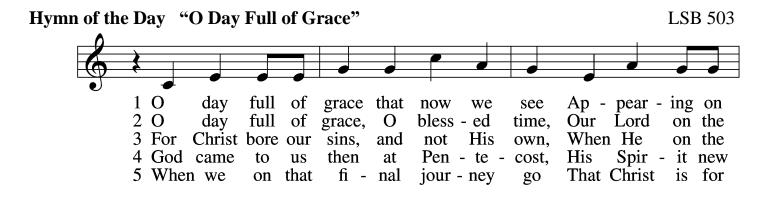
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

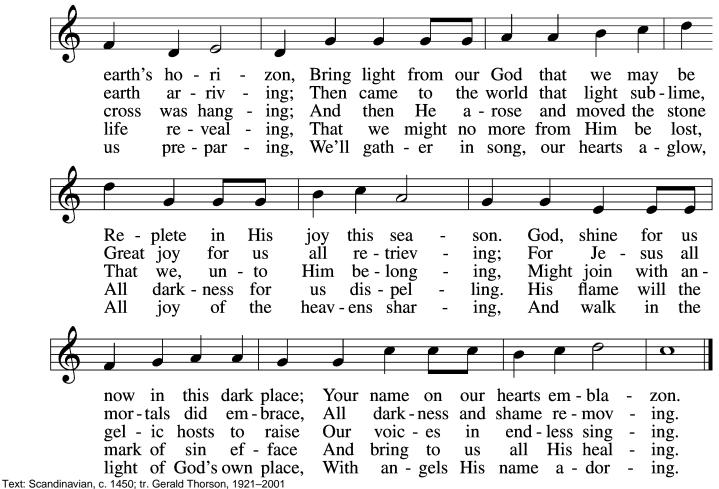
G Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁷On 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. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.





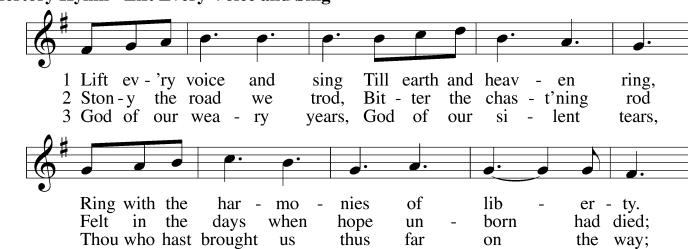
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Sermon

Offering - Let Us Thank the Lord with the Offering



Offertory Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing"



The Pledge of Allegiance

Apostles' Creed

C 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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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 Churrch

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the whole Christian Church on earth, that she would be filled, renewed, enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit as on the first Pentecost; that many more will be called by the Gospel; and that the Sacraments would be administered faithfully and all Christians be kept in the true faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For faithful pastors and church workers devoted to the service of God, who delivered His Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled it in Christ, who died for our sins and was raised for our justification, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P That all the people of God would show forth in holy lives the fruits of the Spirit, which He has promised in the Scripture; that all pride, prejudice and hate would be removed so that the Gospel is not hindered, but all may be welcomed in the name of Christ; and that we would have a servant's heart, seeking not our own ways but the path that leads to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

In thanksgiving for those who served our nation through military service and in grateful remembrance of those who gave their lives for us and the cause of freedom, that we may honor their sacrifice by using our liberty responsibly; for all who travel, that they would be kept safe; for our nation and its blessing; and for aid in protecting and increasing the benefits we have for those who follow us, looking always to God, from whom these gifts come, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- For the comfort of the Holy Spirit in a dark world; and that wounds would be soothed and healed, broken families restored, the depressed uplifted, the poor also aided, and all cries answered, [especially for _____,] let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That the Spirit of truth would clear away all distractions so that our hearts and minds may focus on Christ present in the bread which is His body and the cup of His blood, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will, comfort us in every temptation and misfortune, and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace for us by His death — obtain 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.



Lord's Prayer

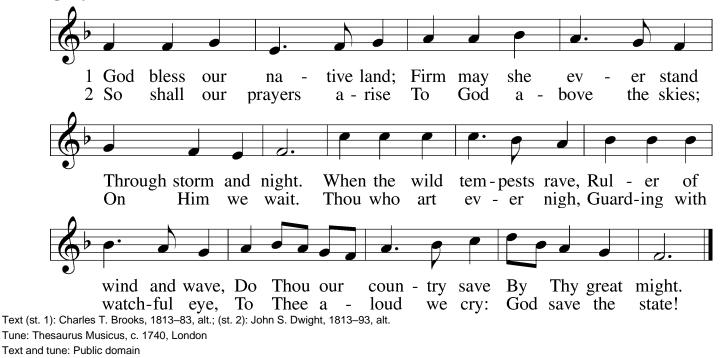
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Benediction

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- **P**: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- **C**: for His steadfast love endures forever!
- **P**: Let us bless the Lord!
- **C**: Thanks be to God!
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you + Peace.
- All: Amen.

Closing Hymn "God Bless Our Native Land"



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