

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

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn



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; Quick - 'ning, 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 gifts and fruits un - priced.  
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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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

<sup>24</sup>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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## New Testament 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 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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

John 7:37–39

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

**C** 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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Hymn of the Day “O Day Full of Grace”

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1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be  
 earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,  
 cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone  
 life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,  
 us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all  
 That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -  
 All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the  
 All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.  
 light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

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## Sermon

## Offering - Let Us Thank the Lord with the Offering

### Offertory Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing"



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 Felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning skies,  
Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry feet  
Thou who hast by Thy might Led us in - to the light,



Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
Come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee;



Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get Thee;



Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day be - gun,  
Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we stand at last  
Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for - ev - er stand,



Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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## The Pledge of Allegiance

### Apostles' 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 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 Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** 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.**

**P** 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.**



**P** 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.**

**P** 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.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**C** **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!

**P:** 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"



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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