

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God Dieterich Buxtehude

Introit

“Alleluia, the Spirit of the Lord Renews” Iain Quinn

*Alleluia, the Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth;
come, let us adore him, alleluia.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Minister: *Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!*

People: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

Minister: *Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.*

People: Let your wind of hope swirl around us,
moving us from complacency.

Minister: *Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.*

People: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God’s presence
and love in everything we say and do. Let us worship!

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn 289 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples,
creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“Come, Holy Ghost” Eric H. Thiman

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love
enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes, give peace at home. Where thou art guide no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both to be but one
that through the ages all along this may be our endless song
praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 104:24–33 Old Testament, page 525

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-21 New Testament, page 111

Sermon Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 395 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) 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 Ghost,
 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

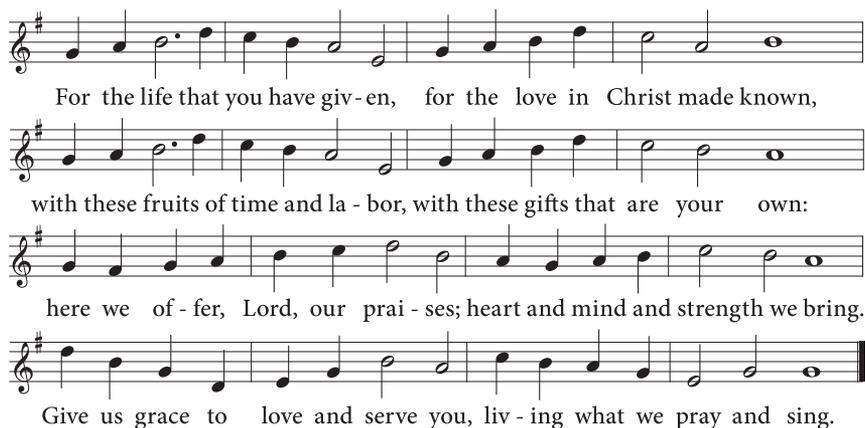
Officer Ordination

Offering

Offertory Solo

“Come, Holy Ghost” John Henry Newman
*Come, Holy Ghost, who ever one, are with the Father and the Son;
 come, Holy Ghost our souls possess, with your full flood of holiness.
 In will and deed, by heart and tongue, with all our powers your praise be sung;
 And love light up our mortal frame, till others catch the living flame.
 Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine, on these baptismal waters shine;
 and teach our hearts in highest strain to praise the Lamb for sinners slain.
 And as we rise with thee to live, O let the Holy Spirit give
 the sealing unction from above, the joy of life, the fire of love.
 Almighty Father, hear our cry, through Jesus Christ our Lord most high
 whom with the Spirit we adore and sing your praise forever more.*

*Offertory Response



For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

Minister: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

"A Wreath" Arlen Clarke

*A wreathed garland of deserved praise unto thee I give.
I give to thee, who knowest all my ways, my crooked winding ways wherein I live.
Wherein I die, not live, for life is straight as a line and ever tends to thee.
To thee, who art more far above deceit seems above simplicity.
Give me simplicity, that I may live. So live and like that I may know thy ways; know
them and practice them. Then shall I give for this poor wreath,
give thee a crown of praise.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread
and the one cup and made us one with Christ.
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Final from *Variations on "Veni Creator"* Maurice Duruflé

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Judith L. Watt, Sue Thompson

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THE DAY OF PENTECOST celebrates the birth of the church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Jesus. Red, which is the liturgical color for the day, symbolizes the pentecostal fire of the Holy Spirit, as described in Acts 2. The banners hanging in the Sanctuary present Pentecost themes, including creation, Hebrew law, harvest, Passover, and tongues of fire.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Hilary Richardson, on behalf of the Fourth Church Sunday School program.

THIS MORNING, COMMUNION IS SERVED BY INTINCTION. The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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