

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Come Down, O Love Divine. Herbert Sumsion

Introit

“Come, O Holy Spirit, Come” Nigerian melody (*arr. Samuel Solanke*)
Come, O Holy Spirit, come; come, almighty Spirit, come.

*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

Leader: *In the last days it shall come to pass
God’s Spirit is poured out on all flesh.*

All: Sons and daughters shall prophesy,
young men shall see visions,
and old men shall dream dreams.

Leader: *On the captives, both men and women,
God’s Spirit will be poured out and they shall prophesy.*

All: Let us call upon the name of the Lord,
who alone has given us salvation.

*Hymn 289 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious, Loving 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 timid 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

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Exchange of Peace

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

"Set Me as a Seal" René Clausen
*Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 104:24-34 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

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 286 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from A Brief Statement of Faith

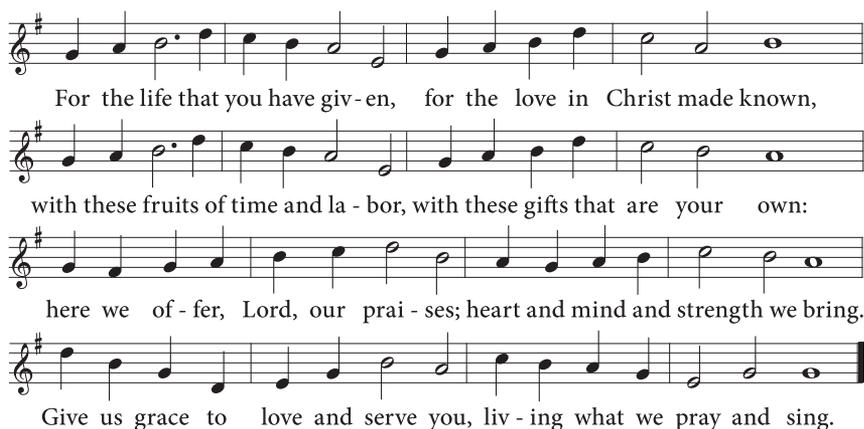
We trust in God the Holy Spirit
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus.”

Offering

Offertory Duet

Canon for Peace Johann Pachelbel
Latin Text and Setting by Patrick Liebergen
Dona nobis pacem. (Grant us peace.)

*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 up 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 . . .*

. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 565

**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, 566

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

"Litany to the Holy Spirit" Peter Hurford

*In the hour of my distress when temptations me oppress,
and when I my sins confess, sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When I lie within my bed, sick in heart and sick in head,
and with doubts discomfited, sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drowned with sleep,
yet mine eyes the watch do keep, sweet Spirit, comfort me!*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God,
may we who have received this sacrament
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 282 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Finale from *Veni Creator Suite* Maurice Duruflé

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The Music Today

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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Cole Seaton and Daniel Kazenel, soloists; Carol Carpenter, flutist

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 the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

WE THANK TODAY the Chancel Choir for their musical leadership during the past season. They will return in the fall.

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