

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Prelude on “Come, Holy Spirit” Libby Larsen

Introit :: “Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid” German chorale; arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Creator Spirit, by whose aid the world’s foundations first were laid, come, visit every humble mind; come, pour thy joys on humankind. From sin and sorrow set us free, and make thy temples worthy thee.

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Remember the promise of the Lord:*

People: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

Leader: *The Spirit helps us in our weakness,*

People: interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Leader: *The Spirit of God renews the earth.*

People: Bless the name of the Lord.

*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 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.

*Stand as you are able.

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 :: “The Spirit of the Lord” Tony Way

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world, alleluia. Pour out the wine of your Spirit, O Lord. May we be filled with your love. Then shall we be strong, our hearts and lips cleansed by your sacred flame.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final note held as a half note.

*Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 583

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 6/8 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!' and the second staff contains the melody for 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'.

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 288 “Spirit of the Living God”

*Litany for Pentecost

Leader: *Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.*

From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: *Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration the prophets spoke and acted in faith.*

You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: *Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus’ disciples;*

you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: *Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God;*

you make us the living temple of your presence;

you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: *Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create;*

you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety,

the spirit of the fear of the Lord,

that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Improvisation on “Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire” Maurice Duruflé

*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

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

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

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

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

Prayer

Leader: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . forever singing 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.**

Leader: . . . *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*) The Hymnal, page 35

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“Veni Creator Spiritus” Timothy C. Takach

Come, Creator Spirit, visit the minds of your own people; fill with grace from above the hearts that you have created. Glory be to the Father and also to the Son begotten, who from dead has risen, and to the Comforter Holy Spirit, for ages upon ages. Amen.

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 291 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Variations on “Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire” M. Duruflé

Finale

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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.

OUR “BIG QUESTIONS” SERMON SERIES, which continues today, invites us to explore the questions, topics, and biblical stories that members and friends have told us they would like to hear addressed from the pulpit. Today’s question is “What’s the deal with the Holy Spirit?” Next week we will consider the question “What does a Christian *have* to believe?”

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.

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