

Festival of Pentecost

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In our Lutheran Tradition, liturgy reminds us that we are one in Christ, hence we do it together! Therefore, words in bold and designated by a "C" are the responses from the community.

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Joyfully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

The Prayer

Daychimers

Litany for Pentecost

P *God, today we give thanks for the good gift of your Holy Spirit, our helper.*

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P *The Spirit of God present among us.*

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P *As on the day of Pentecost, when your spirit rested on your followers as tongues of fire,*

C **rest on us now, O God.**

P *As they were filled with the spirit and began to speak and prophesy,*

C **fill us now, O God.**

P *Just as Jesus promised, just as the Father has promised,*

C **the Spirit of the Lord is upon us,**

P *empowering us to proclaim good news to the poor,*

C **release for prisoners,**

P *to exchange beauty for ashes,*

C **joy for mourning,**

P *a spirit of praise instead of despair.*

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P *We are your church, your body on earth, who trust in the Resurrected Christ,*

C **and in the Holy Spirit of God, here with us now. Amen.**

Entrance Hymn

O Spirit All-Embracing



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

P *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

C **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

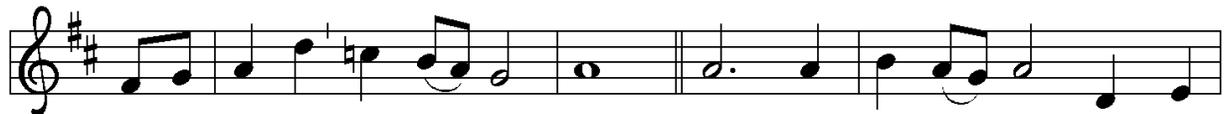


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

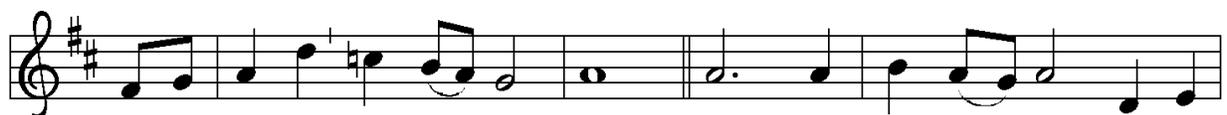


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray. O God,*

C **on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

A ¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon 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 upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.*

*¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.*

*²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.*

*²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.' "*

A *The word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Read Responsively

A *²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*

C **²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

A *²⁶There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.*

C **²⁷These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

A *²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

C **²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

A ³⁰*When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.*

C ³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works —**

A ³²*who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.*

C ³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

A ³⁴*May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.*

C ³⁵**Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A *A reading from first Corinthians. ^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord”
except by the Holy Spirit.*

⁴*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are
varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of
activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in
everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the
common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of
wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the
same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of
healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to
another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another
various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of
tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who
allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.*

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

A *The word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I

“Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Message & Sermon

The Rev. Alejandro Mejia

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

To Be Your Presence

No. 546



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion’s face and lis - t’ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

A *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.*
C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A *United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.*

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A *Hear us, O God.*

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

P *Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.*

C **Amen.**

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

After sharing the peace, please be seated.

Offering and Anthem

In Christ Alone

Chancel Choir

As the gifts are presented, please stand, as you are able.



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

A *Let us pray. Generous God,*
C **in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**

P *Lift up your hearts.*
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season; the congregation responds:



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

P *Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son.*

With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P *O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.*

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P *Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.*

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P *With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

P *Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:*

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.

P *Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

We welcome to the table all who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice. Just let the Pastor or Assistants know.)

If you require communion to be brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher.

During the distribution of communion, the following is sung:



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



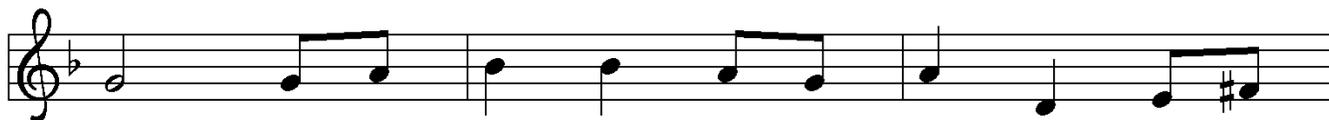
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

No. 403



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Loving Spirit

No. 397



1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

P *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

C **Amen.**

A *Let us pray. Gracious God,*

C **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.**

Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing of the Graduates (11am)

Graduates and their family are invited to the altar rail.

P *Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your mother's womb, God named you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life.*

Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray, God of our beginnings, we thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit.

Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light.

We ask this blessing upon each of them, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

P *The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.*

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

No. 400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

A *Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God by

Gail Fricke in loving memory of Robert Fricke

and by

Al & Tricia Horst in memory of their daughter, Laura

Pray for Those That Need God's Healing

*Ray, Shirley, Ken, Al, Donna, Lind, Joan, Doris, Theresa, Charles,
Elaine, Georgeann, Jean, Nicholas, Lois, Barbara & Bruce*

Pray for Members of the Military

*Josh, Michael, Nick, Ryan, Matt, Kyle, Christopher,
Andrew, Jason, and Matthew*

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Alexandra Burkhardt is graduating from York College with her Bachelor's in Psychology and minor in German. Alex will be continuing her education at Towson University to pursue a Master's Degree in school psychology.

Aaron Clarke is graduating from C. Milton Wright High School and will be attending James Madison University to major in Marketing.

Thomas Downey is graduating from C. Milton Wright High School. Tommy will be attending the University of Delaware this Fall to study Chemical Engineering.

Elise Holm is graduating from C. Milton Wright High School. Elise will be attending Harford Community College.

Brendan Lanahan is graduating from Patterson Mill High School. He will be working as a counselor at Mar-Lu-Ridge camp this summer and then will attend the University of Maryland, Baltimore County to study Mechanical Engineering in the Fall.

Kendall Marx is graduating from Bel Air High School. Kendall was dual enrolled at Harford Community College this year. She will continue at HCC to finish her degree in Computer Information Systems. She will be spending the summer as part of the staff at Mar-Lu-Ridge camp.

Gwyneth Steel graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor's in Computer Engineering. After the summer, Gwyn will return to VT to pursue her Master's Degree in the same field.

Nicholas VanBergen is graduating from Perryville High School and Cecil College (with an Associates Degree). Nicholas is still finalizing his plans for school or work this Fall.

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	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
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