THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit to Equip the Church for Service



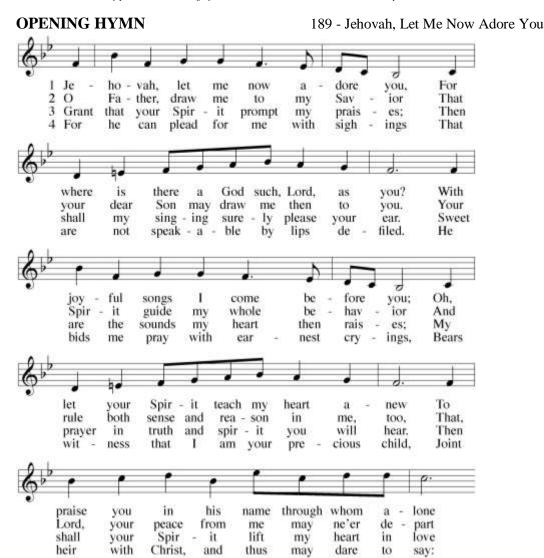
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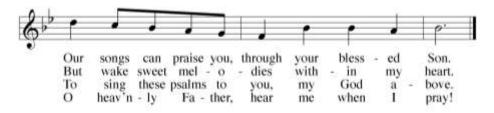
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Service of the Word

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INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord

We now implore God the Holy Ghost For the true faith which we need the most, That in our last moments he may be friend us And, as homeward we journey, attend us. Lord, have mercy!

Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light, That we Jesus Christ may know aright, Clinging to our Savior, whose blood has bought us, Who again to our homeland has brought us. Lord, have mercy! (190:1,2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.





Romans 5:5, NRSV

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14

When God's Word is preached, the Spirit gives life to those who are spiritually dead.

EZEKIEL 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' "

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet--a vast army.

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "

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O Lord, open | <u>my</u> lips,* and my mouth will de | <u>clare</u> your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would | <u>bring</u> it;* you do not take pleasure in burnt | <u>of</u>ferings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise. Refrain

Create in me a pure | <u>heart</u>, O God,* and renew a steadfast spirit with | in me.

Do not cast me from your | <u>presence*</u> or take your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal | <u>va</u>tion,* and grant me a willing spirit, to sus | <u>tain</u> me.

Then I will teach transgressors | <u>your</u> ways,* and sinners will turn | <u>back</u> to you.

Glory be to the Father and | <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy | <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be | <u>ginning</u>,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Acts 2:1-21

The Lord pours out the Holy Spirit on his disciples so that they can share the Word with the world.

ACTS 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹⁷ " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

- ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 14:25-27

Jesus promised that he would give the disciples the Holy Spirit so that they could remember his words... and his peace.

JOHN 14:25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Text: German hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis, 1941, alt. Tune: Komm, Helloger Geist, Herre Gott (78 88 88 10 8) Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein, Erfurt, 1524.

SERMON

Psalm 51:10-12

Capture the Spirit of Pentecost, Pray for:

- 1. a steadfast spirit
- 2. the Holy Spirit
- 3. a willing spirit

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Eternal God, by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess You to be the one true God. Accept our thanks today for Your Spirit's work in our lives. Help us daily to rely upon the Spirit's important work of teaching, rebuking, reminding and comforting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless the work of proclaiming Your one message of salvation into many languages. Guide those individuals and organizations who endeavor to translate Your Holy Word into foreign languages. By their efforts, bring more people to a knowledge of Your salvation. Today we especially remember the work of Missionary Paul Nitz and his family as they labor for your kingdom in the mission fields of Africa. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of the Church, by Your Holy Spirit You pour out Your love into our hearts. Renew Your faithful people by Your mercy, sustain them in their hope and faith, and work in them a zeal to show Your mercy to others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity not only to the nations on earth but to the Christian Church, including our own church body. Give Your servants a spirit of Christian love as they seek to conduct the affairs of our church in all humility and godliness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O merciful Father in heaven, guide all who have authority over us, especially our president, the Congress of the United States, our governor and all who make, administer and judge our laws. We humbly pray that these, Your servants, will fulfill their civic duties, recognizing that they are Your instruments by promoting stability and tranquility in our communities. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

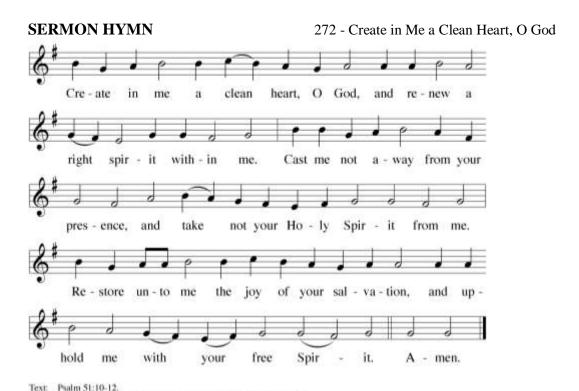
Almighty and Everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the
weak, may the prayers of those who are in any tribulation or distress graciously come
before You, [especially,] that they may rejoice in Your manifold help and
comfort. Graciously abide with those who mourn the loss of loved ones [especially
those who die in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

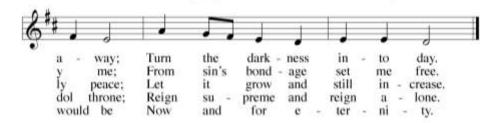
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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Text: Andrew Reed, 1787-1862, abr., alt.

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Tune: SONG 13 (77 77) Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625, alt.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



"Create ean heart, and put a and right new within me. Psalm 51:10