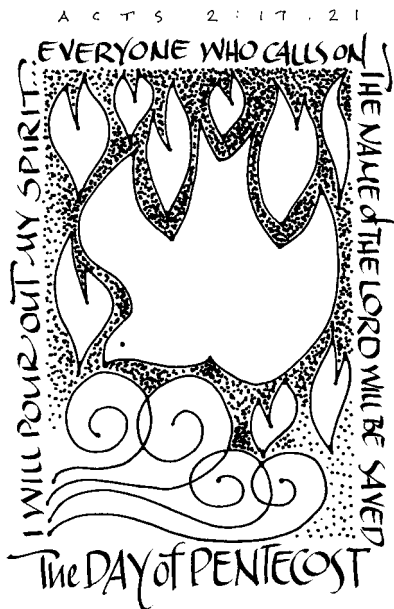


THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

The Holy Spirit Comes with Blessing



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OPENING HYMN

179 - Hail Thee, Festival Day

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be
hal - lowed for - ev - er, Day when the Ho - ly
Gh'ost shone in the world with his grace.
1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hear how in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his
wait his ap - pear - ing He whom the Lord had fore -
cho - sen a - pos - tles, Preach to the ends of the
Refrain
told earth sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends.
Christ and his won - der - ful works.

Verses 2 and 4 on following page.

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with heav - en - ly
 4 See the com - mun - ion of saints in - crease through the

wis - dom and cour - age, Pour - ing up - on the new
 gos - pel of Je - sus. Praise to the Spir - it of

Refrain
 church pow'r to pro - claim and bap - tize.
 life; praise to the Spir - it of pow'r!

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr., refrain, st. 1, 3; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2, 4; tr. composite, refrain, st. 1, 3.
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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.

**O Holy Spirit, enter in And in our hearts your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we May be Truly living, To you giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing. (184:1)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gifts 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.





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 11:1-9

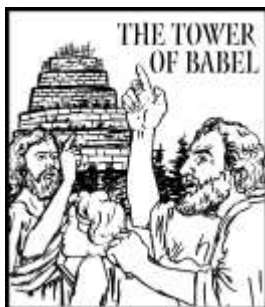
The Tower of Babel and the confusion of languages.

GENESIS 11:1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ² As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

³ They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. ⁶ The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why it was called Babel--because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.



PSALM

Psalm 51b

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Refrain



Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Psalm tone



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

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

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would | bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt | offerings.

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 | heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit with | in me.

Do not cast me from your | presence*
or take your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal | vation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sus | tain me.

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

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

SECOND LESSON Acts 2:1-21

Christ pours out the Holy Spirit as he had promised. On this day the Spirit allows the Gospel to be preached in the languages of 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?”

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:

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.

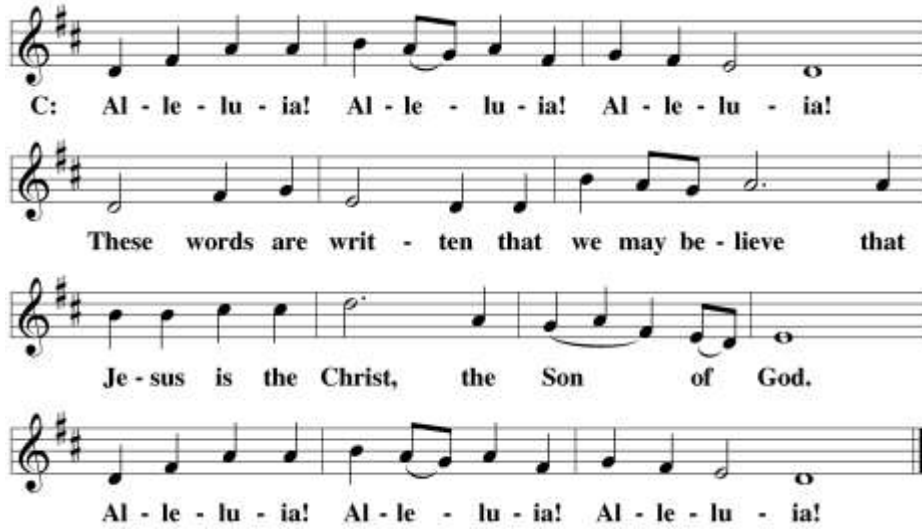
¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

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

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

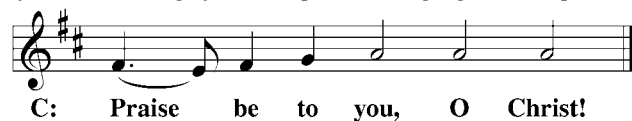
GOSPEL John 15:26,27

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son so that he might bring to light the work of the Son.

JOHN 15:26 “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

176 - Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your gra - ces
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, Guide di - vine, And cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, Com - fort true; Grant us the will your



be out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
 And call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light In ho - ly faith your church u - nite
 keep us free; Let none but Christ our Mas - ter be
 pare each heart, And to our weak - ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue; This to your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483-1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
 Tune: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT (78 88 88 8 10 8) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524.

SERMON

Notes:

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

Sung by a small group

He Reigns

*Its the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
Its the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain*

*The song of Asian believers
Filled with Gods holy fire
Its every tribe, every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir*

*Refrain
It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns*

*Let it rise about the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground*

*Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples
None rings truer than this*

Refrain

*And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard
Cause all the powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word*

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecostal baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water and the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus Christ as our Lord. In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

C **I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.**

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all people.

C **In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M *Lord of the Church, we come before You on behalf of Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong together with Pastor Kevin Stellick and his family, who serve in their midst. Keep those whom You have called as Your children safe while they live in a country not entirely accepting of the Gospel. Let the truth of Your death and resurrection move them to courageously share the Good News, that more may hear, believe, and be saved.*

- M** Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and dreary last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: “Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you.” And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.
- C** **On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. 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.**

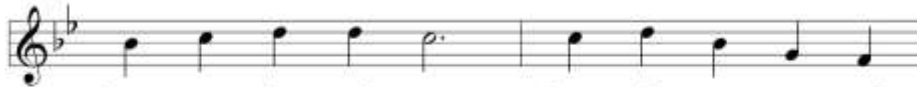


SERMON HYMN

177 - Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
 2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
 3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
 4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -
 5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
 gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
 love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
 bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -
 both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
 tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.
 ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 Praise we the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,
 And may the Son on us bestow
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.
 Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER (LM) Klug. *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533.



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost

PRAYER

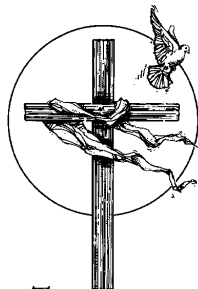
M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you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



*The Lord lift up
His countenance
upon you
and give you peace.*
-Numbers 6:26

CLOSING HYMN

572 - Send Forth, O Lord, to Every Place



1 Send forth, O Lord, to ev - 'ry place Swift mes - sen -
2 Send men whose eyes have seen the King, Men in whose
3 To bring good news to souls in sin, The bruised and
4 Since you have died, your vic - t'ry claim; As - sert, O
5 Arm each one with the Spir - it's sword, The sword of



gers be - fore your face, The her - alds of your
ears his sweet words ring; Send them your lost ones
bro - ken hearts to win, In ev - 'ry place to
Christ, your glo - ry's name; And far to lands of
your own death - less Word, And make them con - qu'rors,



won - drous grace, Where you your - self will come.
home to bring; Send them where you will come—
bring them in Where you your - self will come.
pa - gan shame Send men where you will come.
con - qu'ring Lord, Where you your - self will come.

Text: Mary C. Gates, 1842–1905, abr., alt.
Tune: ISLEWORTH (888 6) Samuel Howard, 1710–82.

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