

The GATHERING

PRELUDE

Stand
CONFESSIO and FORGIVENESS

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PROCESSIONAL SONG “GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING”

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GREETING

Alleluia!! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

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HYMN of PRAISE

“GLORY TO GOD”

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PRAYER of the DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit.

Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit’s flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit
ANTHEM

“BLESSED ASSURANCE”

Mary Cooley

The WORD

LESSONS

Acts 2:1-11 (NT pg. 123)
Romans 8:14-17, 22-27 (NT pg. 164)

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GOSPEL

John 7:37-39 (NT pg.103)

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SERMON

Rev. Gary Grindeland
Vice President of Church Relations
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HYMN of the DAY

“SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS”

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PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

PEACE

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The THANKSGIVING

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OFFERING

“SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD”

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LORD’S PRAYER

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The SENDING

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BLESSING

Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in the hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God, Father (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

“HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-11

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated 7 weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

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

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17, 22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruits of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. Meanwhile, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel: John 7:37-39

When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

At this liturgy we gather in vigilant prayer as the disciples did in the days preceding Pentecost. Our world waits for an end to war and violence. The whole creation waits for an end to suffering. With undying hope we pray for the crowning gift of Easter – the Spirit of the risen Christ among us.

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