

The GATHERING

PRELUDE

Stand
CONFESSION 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.

KYRIE

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HYMN of PRAISE *"GLORY TO GOD"*

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PRAYER of the DAY

Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world.
Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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

Tender Branches

The WORD

LESSONS

Acts 2:1-21 (NT pg. 123)
Romans 8:22-27 (NT pg. 164)

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GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (NT pg.114)

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SERMON

Rev. Gary Grindeland
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HYMN of the DAY

"I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY" #732

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BLESSING of GRADUATES
The PEACE

Milestone Ministry
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PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

The THANKSGIVING

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OFFERING

"SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD"

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THANKSGIVING for the WORD

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LORD'S PRAYER

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The SENDING

Stand
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 2:1-21

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.

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.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "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.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Second Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

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.

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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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.

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

On the 50th day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism.

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