

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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THE COMMON SERVICE

Stand and face the crucifix as it processes forward.

Hymn ----- Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit

CW 181

1. Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity!
May your power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.
2. Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.
3. With our spirit, Lord, bear witness That we are the saints of God
Who rely upon him solely When we're chastened by the rod;
For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.
4. Prompt us, Lord, to come before him With a childlike heart to pray;
Sigh for us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say.
Then our prayer is not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.
5. Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That we always strive to please you, Working for you willingly.
Let the gospel spread and grow, Bringing Satan's overthrow.

Stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



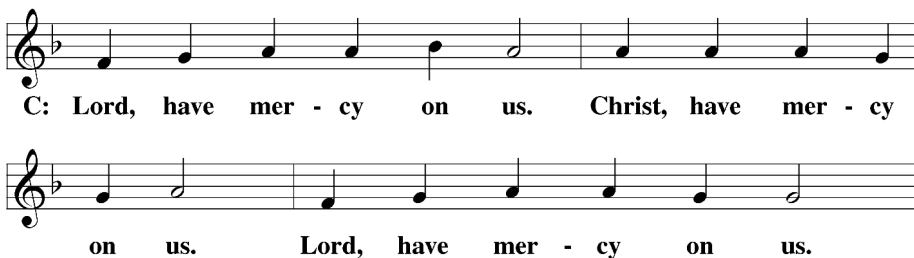
CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Praise the Almighty; my soul, adore him!
Yes, I will laud him until death.
With songs and anthems I'll come before him
As long as he allows me breath.
From him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, his holy name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God he will remain.
He helps his children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless. Alleluia! Alleluia!

DIALOG FROM ROMANS 8

M: So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

C: **For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**

M: The mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot.

C: **Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.**

M: But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you.

C: **If Christ is in you, your spirit is alive because of righteousness.**

M: Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, "Abba, Father!"

C: The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.

Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

CW 235:3,4

**C: Trust not in princes, they are but mortal;
Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal
When the dark grave will claim its prey.
Since, then, no one can help afford,
Trust only Christ, our God and Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise him solely,
With happy heart its Amen sings!
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, on this day you once taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore rejoice in his holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson ----- Genesis 11:1-9

The whole earth had one language and a single vocabulary. As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used mud brick instead of stone for building material, and they used tar for mortar. They said, "Come, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves, so that we will not be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people were building. The LORD

said, "If this is the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too difficult for them. Come, let's go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech."

So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city. It was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 51b

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Refrain

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare 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 within me.

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

Restore to me the joy of your salvation*,
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain 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 beginning*,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Second Lesson ----- Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? Parthians, Medes, and

Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

This is what God says will happen in the
last days:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions.
Your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the sky above,
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.
The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and
glorious day of the Lord.
And this will happen: Everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Verse of the Day

Antiphon for Pentecost

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



Stand.

Gospel ----- John 14:23–31

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me.

“I have told you these things while staying with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you

would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

“I have told you now before it happens so that, when it does happen, you may believe. I will not speak with you much longer, because the ruler

of this world is coming. He has no power over me. But I want the world to know that I love the Father and that I am doing exactly what the Father has instructed me.

“Get up. Let’s leave this place.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 176

1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! May all your graces be outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of your light In holy faith your church unite
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
This to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Come, holy Light, Guide divine, And cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright And call him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In him, our Lord, with all our might confide. Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Come, holy Fire, Comfort true; Grant us the will your work to do
And in your service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon ----- John 14:25-27

Hold on to His Word

Stand.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:





Be seated.

Offering

Rite of Confirmation

Stand.

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of the Gospel here and around the world.



Prayer of the Church

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the 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 Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord.

M: 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.

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

M: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, 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.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Lord's Prayer

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.

During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:

Hymn ----- Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

CW 188

1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind; Come, pour your joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free; May we your living temples be.
2. O Source of light, our Counselor, The Father's help to us assure.
Come down, as promised, with your fire,
And hearts with heav'nly love inspire.
Your sacred, healing message bring To sanctify us when we sing.
3. Giver of grace, descend from high In answer to our earnest cry.
Help us eternal truths receive And practice all that we believe.
Give us your wisdom that we see The glory of the Trinity.
4. Immortal honor, endless fame, Attend th' almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified, Who for all humankind has died;
And equal adoration rise To you, O Spirit, in the skies.

Hymn ----- God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

CWS 737

1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!

2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.
5. There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

Hymn ----- Let Me Be Yours Forever

CW 596

1. Let me be yours forever, My faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake you never Nor wander from your Word.
Lord, do not let me waver But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace and favor Your holy name I'll bless.
2. Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,
My only consolation, To you I all resign,
For you have dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since you have sought me, Eternal life obtain.

3. O gracious Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.
Give me your constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:

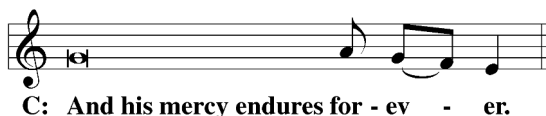
Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: 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.



Be seated.

Hymn ----- Go, My Children, with My Blessing
 CW 332

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
 In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
 Go, my children, with my blessing-You are my own.
2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
 Here you heard my dear Son's story;
 Here you touched him, saw his glory.
 Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.



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