



# THE FEAST DAY OF PENTECOST

May 24, 2026

Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In the gospel according to John, the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.

## Prelude

## Litanies (Prayers)

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

When the Christian soul in its distress cannot find words to implore God's mercy, it repeats ceaselessly and with a vehement faith the same invocation. Reason has reached its limit, faith alone can go higher.

- Jehan Alain

## ENTRANCE RITE

## Hymn

## O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,  
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength  
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is  
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing,  
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

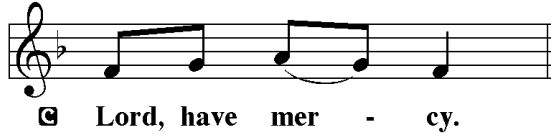
## Apostolic Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## Hymn of Praise



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow - er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

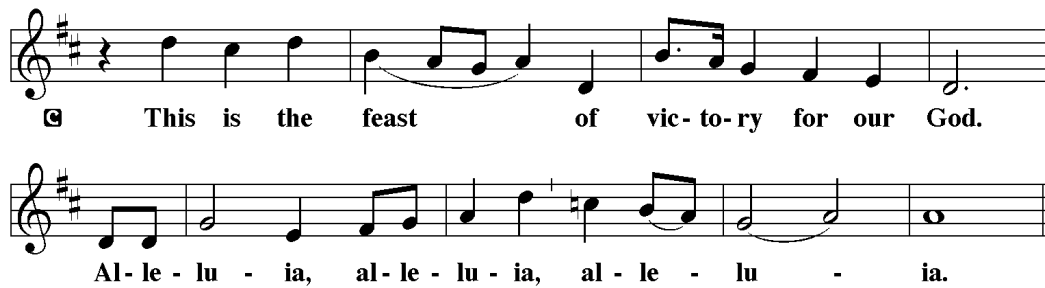
join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.

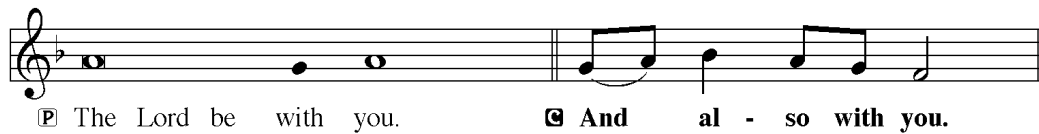
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.



### Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

**ALL: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Lesson - Acts 2:1–21

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. The author of Luke-Acts portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ Jesus' resurrection.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."



<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

(sung in unison)

*This psalm describes the wonders of the world created and renewed by the Lord's Spirit.*

<sup>25</sup>O Lord, how manifold | are your works!\*

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

<sup>26</sup>Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too man- | y to number,\*  
creatures both | small and great.

<sup>27</sup>There move the ships, and there is | that Leviathan,\*  
which you have made for the | sport of it.

<sup>28</sup>All of them | look to you\*

to give them their food | in due season.

<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;\*  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>30</sup>You hide your face, and | they are terrified;\*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return | to their dust.

<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;\*  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>32</sup>May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;\*  
may the Lord rejoice in | all his works.

<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth | and it trembles;\*

he touches the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>34</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;\*

I will praise my God while I | have my being.

<sup>35</sup>May these words | of mine please him;\*

I will rejoice | in the Lord.

<sup>37</sup>Bless the Lord, | O my soul.\*

Hal-| lelujah!

Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity.*

*The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all.*

*We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts, because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel - John 20:19–23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*The risen Christ appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

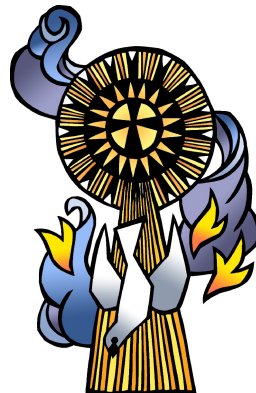
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection



Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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 Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila  
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Apostles' Creed

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we believe:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## The Prayers

- A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- A: O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your Church into one. We pray for our companions in the New Guinea Islands District of Papua New Guinea and for the congregations of the Virginia Synod. Strengthen us in our shared ministry, deepen our faith, and unite us in prayer, encouragement, and witness as followers of Jesus the Christ. Come, Holy Spirit, and guide us as we journey together. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of Holy Baptism. May all be encouraged by this community of faith to live out their baptismal promises. Inspire us to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom we encounter. Bless the work of interfaith dialogue. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Help us protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in harm's way. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Help us provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst. Soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ALL: Amen**

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## LITURGY OF THE MEAL

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### The Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

### Offering

#### Offertory Anthem

*Spirit, Come!*

Evelyn Larter (b. 1953)


*Spirit, come, bring your Fire, all your people inspire.  
Holy Wind, Holy Fire, show the Savior's glory, tell the ancient story!  
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!  
Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story!*

*Spirit, come in the flame, to your people proclaim:  
Christ our God, man became, that we may inherit God the Holy Spirit.  
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!  
Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story!*

*Spirit, come, bring your Light! We would serve you aright.  
Through your gifts grant insight to your congregation, blessing every nation.  
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!  
Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story!*

*Holy One, Spirit blest, ever our welcome guest,  
Be all honor addressed, endless praise be given to the Lord in heaven.  
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!  
Come in wind, come in flame, lead us on to glory!*

## Offertory



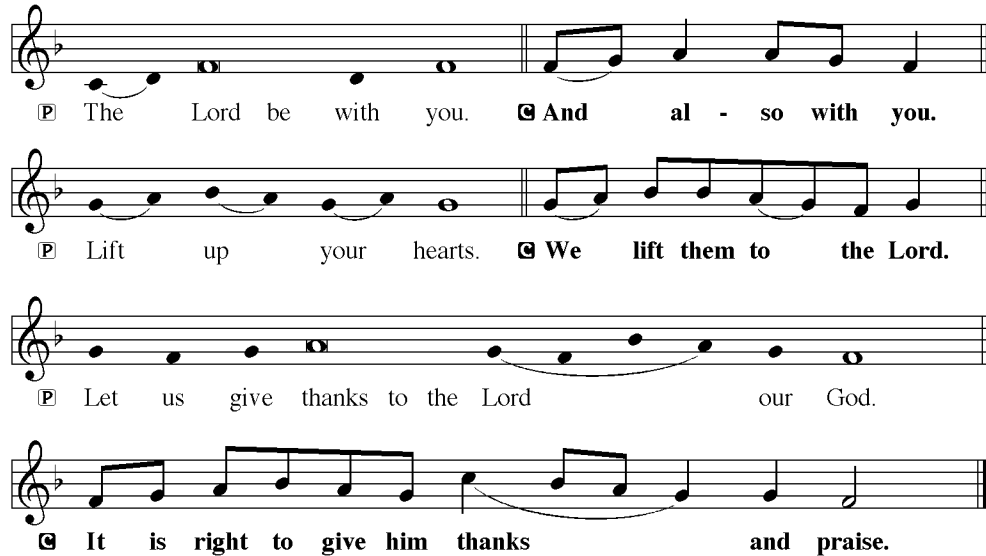
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**ALL: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

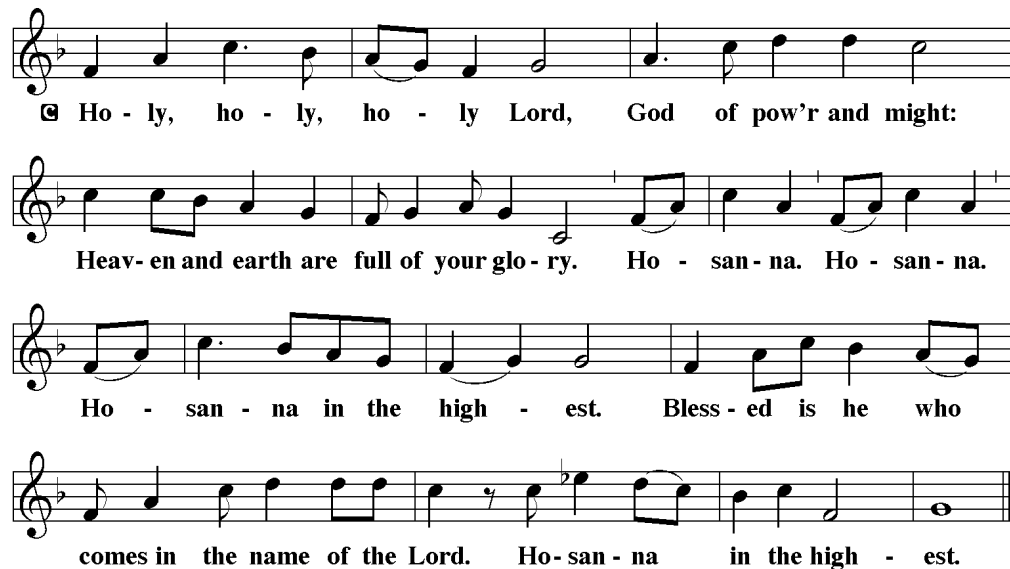
Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en 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 who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

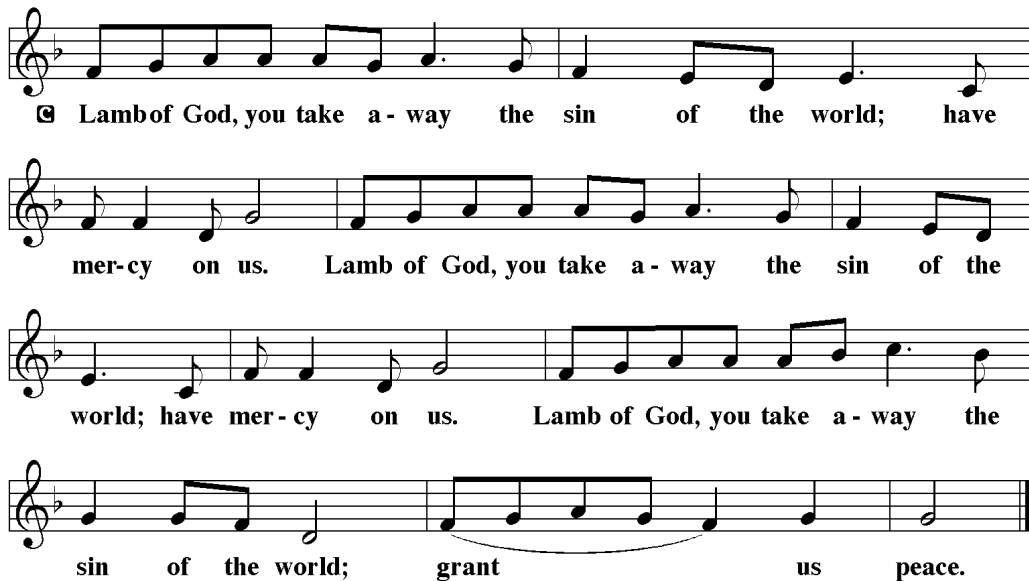
## Eucharistic Prayer

### 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**

## Communion with our Risen Lord

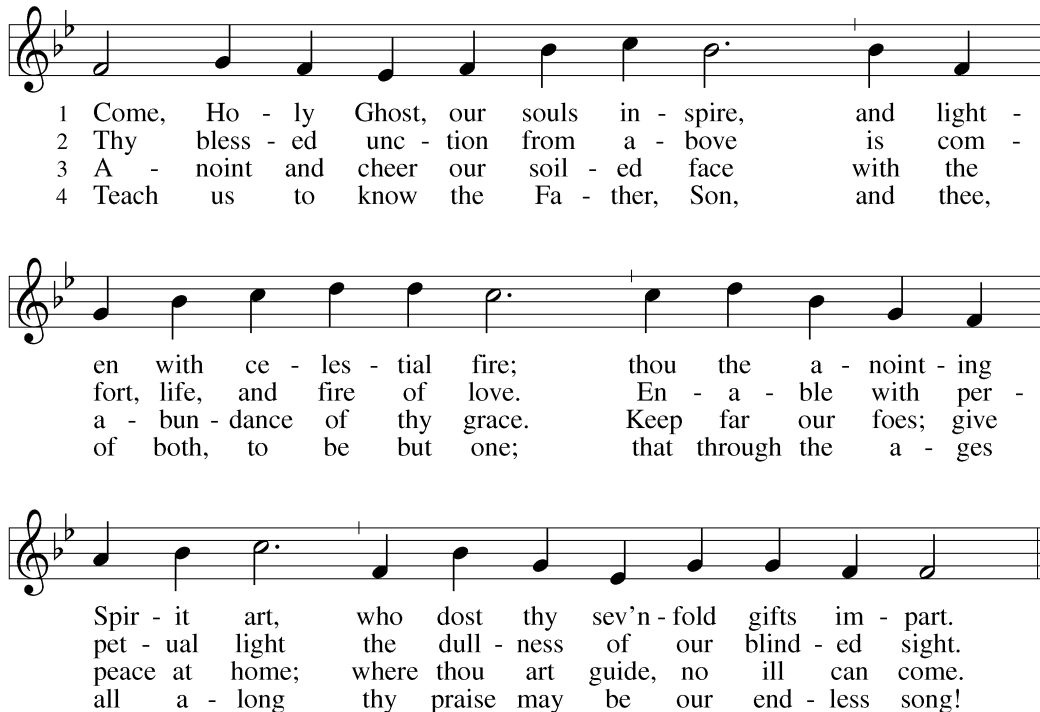
### Agnus Dei



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Hymns

#### Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light -  
2 Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com -  
3 A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the  
4 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee,  
en with ce - les - tial fire; thou the a - noint - ing  
fort, life, and fire of love. En - a - ble with per -  
a - bun - dance of thy grace. Keep far our foes; give  
of both, to be but one; that through the a - ges  
Spir - it art, who dost thy sev'n - fold gifts im - part.  
pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.  
peace at home; where thou art guide, no ill can come.  
all a - long thy praise may be our end - less song!

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. John Cosin, 1594–1672  
Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

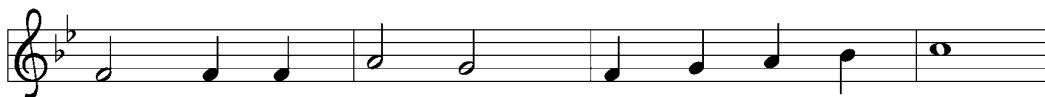
## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860  
Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

### Post-Communion Blessing

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen

### Post-Communion Canticle



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

## Benediction



Almighty God, Father,  $\dagger$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. **A - men**

## Hymn

### God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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## Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Don Carter  
in memory of his brother, Jim.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Barb & Simon Hatin  
in memory of Catherine Hertkorn.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY		
<b>Sunday, May 24</b>	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
<b>Monday, May 25</b>		Church Office Closed - Memorial Day
	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
<b>Wednesday, May 27</b>	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
<b>Thursday, May 28</b>	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
<b>Friday, May 29</b>	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
<b>Sunday, May 31</b>	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Trinity Youth (grades three - twelve)
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
	11:30 a.m.	Salad & Ice Cream Sundae Luncheon
	3:00 p.m.	A Gathering for Widows and Widowers

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