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Setting Ten

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it – to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts.

Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth.

We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit.

Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

# Joys & Concerns

## Prelude

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P. Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C. Amen

## Gathering Hymn

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*

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## Greeting

P. Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray

C. **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.**



## First Reading

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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.' "

P. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

spoken responsively

How manifold are your <sup>l</sup> works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full <sup>l</sup> of your creatures.

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

There go the ships <sup>l</sup> to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the <sup>l</sup> sport of it.

**All of them <sup>l</sup> look to you  
to give them their food <sup>l</sup> in due season.**

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

**When you hide your face, <sup>l</sup> they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return <sup>l</sup> to their dust.**

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

**May the glory of the LORD en- <sup>l</sup> dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in <sup>l</sup> all your works.**

You look at the earth <sup>l</sup> and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains <sup>l</sup> and they smoke.

**I will sing to the LORD as long <sup>l</sup> as I live;  
I will praise my God while I <sup>l</sup> have my being.**

May these words of <sup>l</sup> mine please God.  
I will rejoice <sup>l</sup> in the LORD.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul. <sup>l</sup> Hallelujah!**

**Bless**  
**THE**  
**LORD**  
**Oh my**  
**SOUL**



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.

P. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

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.

P. The holy gospel according to John, chapter fifteen.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "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.

"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.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon**

“Gentle, Restless, Placid”

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

**Hymn of the Day**

*Spirit of Gentleness*

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## *The Nicene Creed*

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,  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
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 with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

## Prayers of Intercession

- P. Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence*

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God.

- C. **your mercy is great.**

- P. In the hope of new life in Christ, O Lord, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- C. **Amen**



## The Peace

- P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

- C. **And also with you.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

## Blessing

- P. May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

- C. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



**Altar flowers this week are given by Sylvia Lambert in loving memory of Ralph, Johnnie, Cora & Stanley.**

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