



SERVICE OF THE WORD

PENTECOST

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

ⓑ Bishop ⓓ Preacher ⓐ Assisting Minister Ⓤ All

GATHERING

Service of Light

ⓑ Fifty days after Easter, we gather for the third great festival of the Church year – Pentecost. St. Luke tells us that the believers assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Suddenly there came a sound of a mighty wind. What looked like tongues of fire appeared over the heads of the believers, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit:

Ⓤ **The Spirit that moved over the waters of creation.**

ⓑ We celebrate the Holy Spirit:

Ⓤ **The Spirit that was poured out upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.**

ⓑ We celebrate the Holy Spirit:

Ⓤ **The Spirit which creates and sustains the Church.**

ⓑ We give thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven-fold gifts bestowed upon us in baptism: the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of understanding, the spirit of counsel, the spirit of might, the spirit of knowledge, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, and the spirit of joy in God's presence.

Ⓤ **We also give thanks for the guidance of the Spirit's leading of the Church to fulfill its mission to be Christ's body in the world.**

ⓑ We pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit, that we may be strengthened for service in God's kingdom.

Ⓤ **Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful people: set them on fire with Your love. Alleluia!**



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!

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Greeting & Prayer of the Day

☞ 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.**

☞ 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.

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

☩ A reading from Acts:

☩ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

☩ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

☩ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Tamika Jancewicz



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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Apostles' Creed

☐ We confess together the faith we share in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

☑ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Prayers of the People

- A** Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- A** We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- A** We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal all living things that struggle to breathe. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- A** We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort, especially those we lift up using the hashtag #demdprays. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in digital spaces. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

A Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Godspeed Prayer for Deacon Julie Stecker

SENDING*Blessing*

A The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit: may the blessing of God, Father, Son † and Holy Spirit abide with you and work through you, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Hymn**Spirit of Gentleness (v. 1 & 4, refrain)*

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Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness
 call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
 stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Dismissal

☩ Alleluia! Go in peace, rejoice in the Holy Spirit!

☩ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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