

Pentecost, May 23, 2021, Order of Worship

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

Call to Worship—Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Gathering Song: Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove** (public domain) LBW 284, ELW 578

Sing to the Doxology, LBW 565, ELW 883, HP 2507

***Creator Spirit, heav'nly dove, descend upon us from above;
Your light to ev'ry sense impart, and shed your love in ev'ry heart;***

***Praise we the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow the gifts that from the Spirit flow***

***The Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day: 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, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children’s Time:

A reading from Acts, the 2nd chapter (1-21) One of the spectacular events of the first Christian Pentecost was that the Spirit descended on the disciples, and they began to speak in foreign languages. I’ll read the first 4 verses, in English. When I say **Now**, please read the words below together. I’ll be reading them in foreign languages. We won’t all finish at the same time.

Now there were many God-fearing Jews in Jerusalem, from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in confusion, because all the people were hearing their own languages. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that we all hear them in our own native languages? We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

I’ll read Peter’s speech, which ends with these words:

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Repeat twice after I read it, louder each time—outside voices the last time!

A reading from Ezekiel, the 37th chapter (37:1-14)

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

***The holy gospel according to John, beginning in the 15th chapter (15:26-17; 16:4b-15)**

Glory to you, O Lord! (before)

Praise to you, O Christ! (after)

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** *Creative Spirit, by Whose Aid* (public domain) LBW 263, ELW 539
Sing to *My Hope Is Built*, LBW 294, ELW 597, HP 1638

*Creator Spirit, by whose aid the world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit every humble mind; come, pour thy joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free, make us, thy temples, fit for thee.*

*O Source of uncreated light, O promised Spirit, ever bright,
Come now to us, O font of fire, our hearts with heavenly love inspire;
Thy steadfast love and mercy bring to sanctify us while we sing.*

***The Apostles' Creed**

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 of the Church** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 188, Augsburg Fortress)

Alive in the risen Christ, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear and answer us.

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 we may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so they may exercise your gracious will in the lives of all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying, **Our Father**

Benediction

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. **Amen.**

Sending Song *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* (public domain) LBW 257, ELW 398, HP 2235

*Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.*

*Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle ev'ry high desire; purge me with your holy fire.*

*Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm this tossing sea, stayed in your tranquility.*

***Dismissal**

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Now go in peace and share the good news! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!