

Sunday, June 4, 2017  
Day of Pentecost

## **INTRODUCTION**

*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 John's gospel 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**                      **"In Thy Temple, Lord, We Enter"**                      Camil Van Hulse

## **\*GATHERING SONG**    **"Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"**

**Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
with light and comfort from above.  
Come, be our guardian and our guide;  
o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.**

**The light of truth to us display  
and make us know and choose your way;  
plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,  
that we from God may ne'er depart.**

**Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
nor let us from his pastures stray;  
lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.**

**Lead us to heav'n, that we may share  
fullness of joy forever there;  
lead us to our eternal rest,  
to be with God forever blest.**

## **\*GREETING**

☞ *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.**

## **\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!  
Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!  
And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.  
And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ *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!**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**  
Sharmyn Thompson, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

## FIRST READING

**Numbers 11:24-30**

*The Spirit of God rested upon seventy elders in Israel who had been chosen to share the burden of leadership with Moses. When some became jealous that two others also had the spirit and could prophesy, Moses said that he hoped that all of God's people would be prophets.*

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

### **Reflection**

*This text comes in the context of the people of Israel complaining to Moses that he isn't doing enough for them, and Moses complains to the Lord that he is carrying too heavy a burden. (Read Numbers 11:1-23) What is God's response? (verses 24-25, see Numbers 15:16-17) What happened outside the tent of meeting? (verse 26) What was the response of the young man and Joshua, Moses' assistant? (verses 27-28) What did Moses think of all these other people having the Spirit of the Lord? (verses 29-30) What happens when we expect one person (or even a small group of people) to lead us all the time? One of the things that is true of our congregation is that a lot of people do a lot of different things in ministry. What happens to the work of the Lord when we work like that? What if we expected one person (say, our pastor) to do all that work? Who among us has the Spirit of the Lord? (Hint: look around!)*

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

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

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

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them | look to you**

**to give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah!**

### **Reflection**

*“Manifold” means “many and varied.” (I looked it up in our big American Heritage Dictionary.) How does the psalmist illustrate the manifold—many and varied—works of the Lord? (verses 24-26) What if there were only one kind of creature in creation? Think of as many different (many and varied) creatures you see on a daily basis—or even that are with you, even if you don’t see them. Science is a great help as we reflect on this! Elizabeth did her graduate research on proteins—and they were many and varied! What do all the manifold works of the Lord have in common? (verses 27-30) What does the Lord think of the manifold works of creation? (verses 31-32) Think of the manifold ways in which these creatures “sing to the Lord!” (verses 33-34, 35b) How will you join in the celebration of the Lord on this Day of Pentecost?*

### **SECOND READING**

### **Acts 2:1-21**

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke 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’s resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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.’ ”

### **Reflection**

*Who is gathered together in one place on Pentecost? (verse 1—see Acts 1) What happens to them? (verses 2-4) What is one of the “manifold” gifts of Pentecost? (verse 4) Who else (a manifold number) is in Jerusalem on Pentecost? (verse 5) What happened to the apostles was not a quiet thing! What do these others hear? (verses 5-11) What gift did these other people receive on Pentecost? (verse 8) What do they all want to know? (verse 12) What is one explanation? (not the right one!) (verse 13) I’m convinced that the gift of the Holy Spirit was not so much in the speaking as in the hearing—because they all understood Peter! (verses 14-21) What does Peter tell them? (This is the beginning of his sermon.) What might it mean for us as an assembly of many and varied people if we understood that the gift of the Holy Spirit is a listening mind and heart? What might we hear from one another? What have you heard in the last few months that has convinced you that you have the gift of hearing given by the Holy Spirit?*

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”**

**Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.**

### **\*GOSPEL**

**John 7:37-39**

*Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as living water, quenching the thirst of all who come to him and filling the hearts of believers till they overflow.*

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living

water.’ ”<sup>39</sup>Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

### **Reflection**

*In order to get the context of this text, you may want to read all of chapter 7. This is the Festival of Booths, which Jesus went to secretly (John 7:10) because “the Jews [the leaders] were looking for him” ...“to kill [him].” (John 7:19, 25, 32) What did Jesus proclaim at this Festival? (verses 37-38) What happens when we receive the Spirit of Jesus? (verse 38) When did the Spirit come into the lives of the followers of Jesus? (verse 39) What does it mean to you that Jesus has told us that “out of the believer’s heart (that is, our hearts!) shall flow rivers of living water”? What is this living water? Where do we, as believers, get it from? When were you brought through the water? What does our baptism have to do with Pentecost?*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Misty Coyle

### **SERMON**

**"One Spirit for All"**

Rev. Roger Lenander

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

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#### **Refrain**

**Shine, Jesus, shine  
fill this land  
with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow  
flood the nations  
with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord,  
and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me: (refrain)**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me: (refrain)**

### **\*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!**

**\*PRAYER SONG**                    *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" vv. 4*

**Have thine own way, Lord,  
have thine own way.  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Inspire us with your Spirit. Unite us in your love. Raise up faithful leaders from among our youth and our elders to guide your church throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the earth. For city parks and wildlife refuges. For community gardens, farms, and ranches. For agricultural workers, seafood harvesters, and subsistence farmers. Nourish the earth with seasonable weather and adequate rainfall. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations. For people of every land and language. End violence, warfare, and ethnic strife. Lead us from fear to friendship, from injustice to equality, from oppression to freedom. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. For those who are neglected or abused. For the unemployed. For those who struggle with addiction. For those nearing death, those who grieve, and all who are ill *especially Roberta, Bill, Ron, Doris, Dorothy, Terry, Owen, Gerald, Peggy Ann, Chester, Samantha, Sheylin, Stephanie, Terry, Dorothy, Linda, Scott,*

*and Alva.* We also pray for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (*pause for 10 seconds*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. For those who work with children. For those discerning a call to ministry. For all the baptized and those who have newly affirmed their baptism. For visitors, new members, and those who are absent from us today. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. We especially lift up to you, Jason Shields. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness and bring us to the fullness of your promise of resurrection and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen!**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ **And also with you!**

**OFFERTORY**

***"Spirit Song"***

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love,  
let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
Oh, let him have those things that hold you,  
and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.  
Jesus, oh Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, oh Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE    *"All Creatures of Our God and King"***

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia!**

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** *Be known to us, O Lord,*

**G** **in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen!**

### **\*DIALOGUE**

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

**G** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**G** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **\*PREFACE**

**P** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

### **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** *In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*



**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**☩ Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen!**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**☩** *Let us celebrate the Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life. For the love of Christ, shown to us in this feast. Come, all is ready.*

**\*BLESSING**

**☩** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*  
**☩ Amen!**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**☩** *Life-giving God,*  
**☩ in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen!**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**☩** *May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.  
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.*  
**☩ Amen!**

**\*SENDING SONG**

***"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"***

***Refrain***

**Ev'ry time I feel the spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.**

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
All Around me looks so fine,  
ask my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

Jordan river, chilly and cold,  
chills the body but not the soul.  
Ain't but one train on this track,  
runs to heaven and right back. *Refrain*

I have heartache, I have woe,  
I have trouble here below.  
While God leads me I'll not fear,  
I am sheltered by God's care. *Refrain*

**\*DISMISSAL**

☞ *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

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

☞ *You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news.*

☞ **Thanks be to God!**