



# May 31, 2020

***Pentecost***

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## **God Gathers The Body Of Christ**

*As the first believers of long ago gathered from different nations, the Word was preached and the Spirit was poured out – knitting them into one body with diverse gifts for the common good. This service has been knit together by MAC leaders from different denominations and offered for use by the believers of today in Montana. “Many tongues” – or different voices - are reflected in this liturgy. May God be glorified by our diverse gifts - shared for the common good of the church; may God be glorified by our unity - as we are sent to a beloved world.*

**Prelude**

Amber Richardson, Accompanist

**Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Call to Worship**

Celeste Pogachar

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

**All:** And also with you.

PM: Enter into God's presence on this Pentecost Sunday and prepare for surprises!

**All: Like a rush of mighty wind, Spirit fills the room**

PM: Fills us with vision and possibility.

**All: Fills us with hope and encouragement**

PM: God is at work in this place

**All: In us and through us and around us, to be the church for this time and space.**

### **Confession and Assurance Forgiveness**

PM: Prayer of Confession: Holy and Loving God, this Pentecost Sunday, we hear the promise of Christ again to us and to the Church: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses...” Today, we confess Your greatness, Your love for us and your Church, shown and gifted into the world in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is because of your great love that we may humbly and safely confess one of our main sins: that, while we do try to live faithfully, we often forget to ask for and live into the power and wisdom and love pouring forth from the Holy Spirit, which you have readily made available to us and all your people. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us from sin by Your Almighty Grace. And fill us with the Holy Spirit. Give us fresh resolve to start again, trusting that the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit to come forth in our lives. For it is in Christ’s Name that we pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness:**

PM: On that first Day of Pentecost 2,000 years ago, the Apostle Peter stood before the crowds in Jerusalem to preach. He quoted the prophet Joel saying, “And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!” As forgiven people, beloved and cleansed, let us live out the Christ-life in faith, hope, and love.

Spirit of Gentleness

*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.

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## Thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit

PM: Today, as we receive the gift of forgiveness and celebrate the coming of the Spirit to Christ's Church, we give thanks to God for the Spirit's coming even unto us, the Church of today in its variety of expressions:

AM: Spirit, you are the Life of the Creator, who moves over the waters in creation and calls true Life into being.

PM: Spirit you are Breath itself, called from the four winds to bring love to earth and holy relationship to all.

AM: Spirit you are Wind who blows wherever and whenever you will – unpredictable, uncontrollable -- tirelessly renewing the face of world and pouring new life into death.

PM: Spirit you are the Energy of holy relationship between God and all of God's creation, gushing and frothing into history, blissing out Jesus' followers so much we can't help but proclaim God's gospel.

AM: Spirit, you are the Empowerment of love that continuously creates the molten core of Christ's Church, empowering the community of Christ by calling and gathering us to live and love together in Christ's name.

PM: Spirit, you are the Courage of life who fills us, even in times of death, with the willingness and the courage to push forward into living Jesus Christ into the world.

*(AM give instructions for responses)*

AM: Let us pray,

Holy Spirit we thank you even as we continue to pray:  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

**All: and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

AM: Holy Spirit, seek us and permeate us,

**All: and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

AM: Holy Spirit, pray with us and for us,

**All: and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

AM: Holy Spirit, counsel us and enlighten us,

**All: and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

AM: Holy Spirit, transform us and raise us up,

**All: and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

AM: Holy Spirit, dwell in us and saturate us with your presence so that together we are forever equipped to build up the body of Christ and serve God's common good.

**All: Amen**

## God Speaks To Us In The Word

### First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

**Lector:** A reading from the 2nd chapter of Acts:

*Pentecost is 50 days after Passover and Easter. Pentecost was a time when Jerusalem celebrated the annual feast of Shavuot. People from all around the world gathered. At the celebration recorded in Acts after Jesus' resurrection something happened by God that had never happened before. Prompted by the Holy Spirit some people began to speak a message of God in ways that everyone else could understand regardless of language differences. The words spoken were all about the works of God. Peter recognized that God was doing a new thing and proclaimed that all people could be welcomed into God's realm, just as the prophets had foretold.*

<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.’ ”

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** (*Lector & PM*)

<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 many 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 endure 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. Hallelujah!**

**Lector:** A reading from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians:

*Paul writes numerous letters to the Church in Corinth. There is not a lot on “oneness” in Spirit in Corinth as this is Church weighted down with disagreements and divisions. Paul perhaps builds on Peter’s Pentecost message that professing life in Jesus makes people one in God. For all the differences that can get in the way of people getting along for the sake of Gospel, in the Spirit there are differences that work together for good. Paul writes here how the Spirit gifts people differently so that people of faith can be one in Christ Jesus.*

**A, B:** <sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

B: <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

A: <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

B: <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them...

**A,B: in everyone.**

B: <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,

A: and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

B: <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit,

A: to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

B: <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles,

A: to another prophecy,

B: to another the discernment of spirits,

A: to another various kinds of tongues,

B: to another the interpretation of tongues.

A: <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

B: <sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members,

A: and all the members of the body, though many,

B: are one body,

**A, B: so it is with Christ.**

A: <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body —

B: Jews

A: Greeks

B: slaves

A: free

**A, B: and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

**L: Holy wisdom, holy word... All: Thanks be to God.**

**Kids' Talk**

Pastor Paul Anderson

**Gospel Acclamation "Spirit of the Living God"**

Maranatha Praise page 277

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

## **The Gospel**

John 20:19-23

PM: The Holy Gospel according to John:

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The risen Jesus 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.”

PM: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

Pastor Paul Anderson

**Sermon Song** “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” ELW #800

## 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, 1841-1897

## Discerning and Offering of Diverse Gifts

PM: Each one of you has received gifts of the Spirit – yes, really, everyone! Yes, you too! -- because in our baptisms, we all drank of the same Spirit. “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good,” the apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12.

All of these gifts are activated by the same Spirit. Nobody has a lesser amount of the Spirit than anyone else; no one has a greater amount. Everyone gets an equal share, brimming with the abundance of God. And in that abundant Spirit, different gifts are given to different people so that all can play a unique and important role in serving the common good.

Today we give thanks for the many different gifts, callings and activities we’ve received from the Spirit.

For the gifts of speaking wisdom and knowledge and prophetic exhortation in the Spirit.

**All: We give thanks.**

For the gifts of faith and healing and miracles in the Spirit,

**All: We give thanks.**

For the gifts of discernment, and creativity, and evangelism in the Spirit

**All: We give thanks,**

For the gifts of leadership, ministry, and administration in the Spirit

**All: We give thanks,**

For the gifts of intercessory prayer and servant hospitality and teaching in the Spirit

**All: We give thanks.**

For the gifts of our many vocations and callings that serve God’s world,

**All: We give thanks.**

For the gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in the Holy Spirit.

**All: We give thanks.**

Our work and our rest, our gifts and our service are empowered by the Holy Spirit. By the Spirit's power, God has knit us into the one body of Jesus Christ. "Y'all are the body of Christ and individually members of it" and every member matters in Christ's body for the good of all.

Let us pray...Holy Spirit, activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they share your life and your love with all. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

### **Pass the Peace**

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you, and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.*

### **Offering Song**

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

**We lift our voices, We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You: We are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours:  
We are an offering.**

**All that we have, All that we are,  
All that we hope to be, We give to You,  
We give to You.**

**We lift our voices, We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You: We are an offering,  
We are an offering.**

## **Offering Prayer**

AM: Wonderful, amazing God, Flames of the Spirit  
**Thank you for raising Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us  
the promise of new life. With the dawning of this new day,  
may we awake to new opportunities to love and serve you and  
witness to Christ whom you have raised. Use us, and our gifts  
to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.**

“Hear Our Prayer”

ELW #178

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer,  
Lord, make us whole:  
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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 brief silence.*

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, **hear our prayer.**

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*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered. Covid-19*

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, **hear our prayer.**

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

AM: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**All: 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.**

## Commissioning

*Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Unfolding Light*

Holy Spirit,  
River of love, divine delight,  
flow through me.  
Flame of sun, burn in me. Wind of heaven, breathe in me.  
Tongues of strangers, speak in me.  
Love of God, sing in me.  
Lead me beyond myself, to return to you in the other,  
to love you in my stranger, my foreigner, my enemy.  
Burn with your fire in me,  
that it may be mine.  
Breathe yourself into my life, that it may be yours.  
I am your song, and your singing.  
I am your candle; you are my flame.  
Holy Spirit, love the world in me.

## Blessing

Pentecost 2020,  
in the time of COVID 19, unprecedented and frightening,  
yet nevertheless falls beneath the outpouring of God's fiery Spirit.  
Let us go out into God's world filled with the spark of this Spirit.  
It may be from our laptop screens, it may be with masks.  
It may be together or alone.  
However it looks, it will be with God's thirst quenching and life giving  
Spirit.  
Let love guide our actions  
and let us spread the peace and hope of Christ  
in all we do and say, this special and holy day and always.  
Amen.

*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!**

*Verse 1*

**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*)**

*Verse 2*

**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*)**

**God Sends Us Into The World**

**Dismissal**

AM: Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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