



Pentecost
Sunday

The Feast of Pentecost

Matins

May 31, 2020

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE

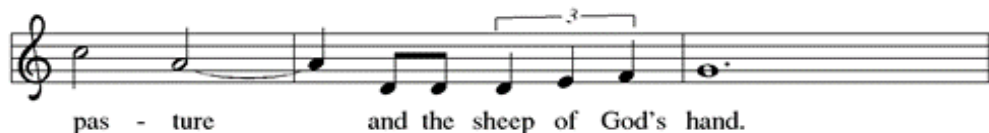
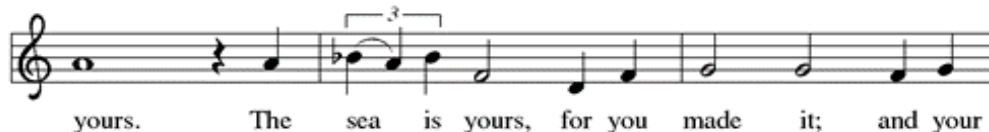
VERSICLES

O Lord, open my lips **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**
Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth
Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

PSALMODY Psalm 95 *The Psalm is sung by all to a setting by Carolyn Jennings.*

Refrain

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion. 1 Let us come be-fore God's
pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to the
Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great
God, and a great rul - er a - bove all gods.
Refrain
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion. 2 In your hand are the



PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus, the incarnate Word, when you consented to dwell with us, the heavens were glad and the earth rejoiced. In hope and love we await your return. Help us to proclaim your glory to those who do not know you, until the whole earth sings a new song to you and the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM 104 *The cantor sings the refrain, then it is repeated by all. The text of the Psalm is sung by the cantor. The refrain is sung by all at the appointed time.*

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.*

- 1 Praise the Lord | O my soul,
O Lord God, your glor | y is great:
How manifold | are your works,
In wisdom you have | made them all. *R*
- 2 All creatures | look to you,
To give them their | food to eat:
When you open your hand, they are | filled with good,
When you hide your face, they | pine away. *R*
- 3 When you take away their | breath, they die,
And return to the earth | whence they came:
When you send forth your spirit, all things |
spring to life,
And the face of the earth | is renewed. *R*
- 4 The glory of the Lord shall | never cease,
The Lord shall rejoice in | all his works:
I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live,
I will praise my God while my | breath remains. *R*

PSALM PRAYER

God of all light, life, and love through the visible things of this world you raise our thoughts to things unseen, and you show us your power and your love. From your dwelling-place refresh our hearts and renew the face of the earth with the life-giving water of your Word, until the new heaven and new earth resound with the song of resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

A period of silence follows the reading

READING John 20:19-23

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

A period of silence follows the reading

SERMON

Pastor Reep

The text of the sermon is provided on the last pages of the bulletin.

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

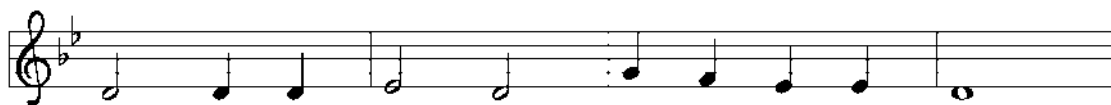
RESPONSE Handbells

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Plainsong Mode VIII

HYMN

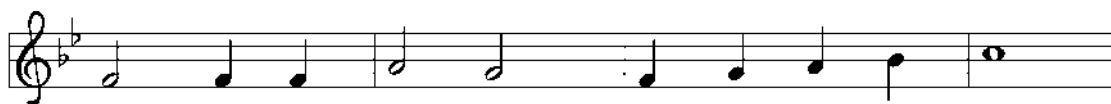
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (LBW 486)



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,



wear 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . . God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**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.**
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

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 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,

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 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.

**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.**

HYMN *O Day Full of Grace (LBW 161)*



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing; that we might no more from him be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

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be re - plete in his joy this sea - son, God, shine for us
time, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin of - face and bring to us all his heal - ing.
light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Thank you for your faithfulness in sending your offering through the mail or by using online options from your financial institution or through the “Donate” now from the church website **stpaulsyork.org**. Your gifts are keeping us current with the commitments associated with St. Paul’s and our ministry partners. The Bishop expresses his gratitude for continuing our Mission Support.

The Lower Susquehanna Synod sent \$25,000 to our sisters and brothers in Tanzania in the Konde Dioceses to purchase supplies needed to combat the Coronavirus.

This past week we experienced a surge in families needing assistance through the Food Pantry. We can use some additional volunteers. We are seeking folks who are not in the “at risk” category for COVID-19. Simply notify Larry or Janet Moore if you can help on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning.

The elected leaders and our rostered leaders are working out plans for St. Paul’s to re-open when the county moves into the “Green” phase. We are creating a COVID-19 task force to assist us. There are many things to consider, especially everyone’s health. Continue to pray for our leaders.

In our prayers we remember...

George Fitch, Gene Shue, Abbie RiderGayle Guyton, Rodney Miller, Amanda, Jim Young, Penny Bailey, Eddie Turner, Sr., Jessica Ericson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey, the families and loved ones of Sylvia Little and Monte Smith. Please keep all medical personnel and those in the military and in mission work in your daily prayers.

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