



Day of Pentecost May 19, 2024

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us.
It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.



GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING

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kwe - tu, Njo - o

Gra - cious Spir - it,

Come to teach us,

Ro - ho mwe - ma, heed our plead-ing,

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those who be-lieve in Christ.

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Guide our think-ing and our speak-ing done in your ho - ly name.



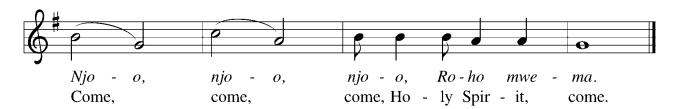
Tu - fu - ndi - she It's your lead - ing Bless the faith-ful. Mo - ti - vate all

va mbi - ngu - ni, that we're need-ing, may they flour-ish, in their seek-ing,

tu we wa - tu wa - pya. help fol - low us to you. strength-ened by grace un - priced. free - ing from guilt and







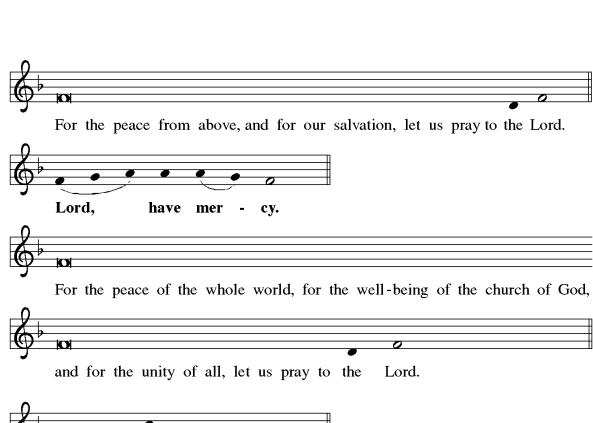
- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. Refrain
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. Refrain

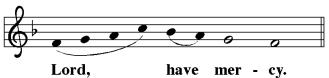
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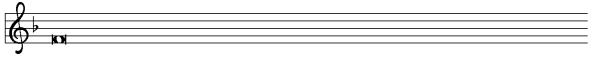
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

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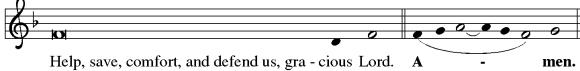






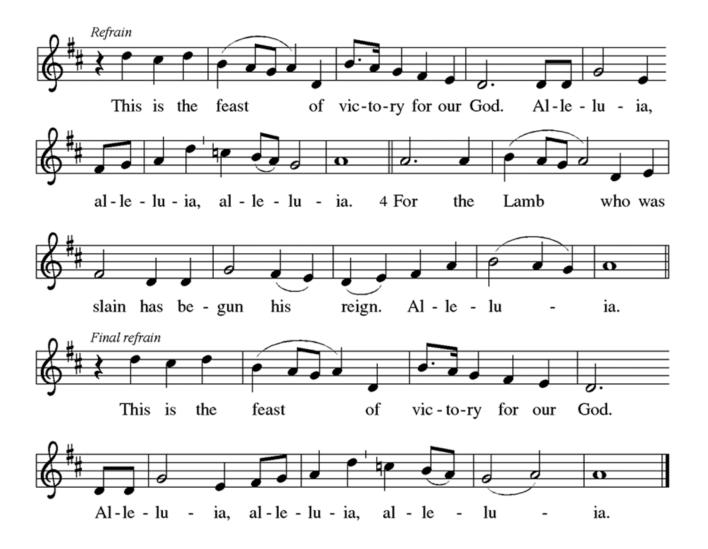
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,











PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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.

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

19 And 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.'"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships

and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷ These all look to you

to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- ³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, [a] they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
- 31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—
- ³² who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.
- ³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.
- ³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul.
 Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

A reading from Romans.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

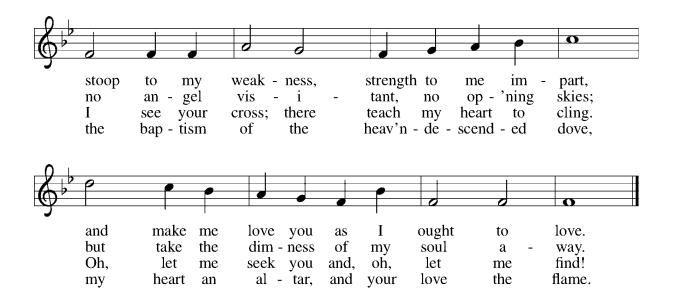
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

REV JOHN COLEMAN CAMPBELL





Let us confess our faith

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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God Pray?

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

[Please share a no contact Sign of Peace with those near you]

MEAL

OFFERING SONG ACCEPT, O LORD, THE GIFTS WE BRING #691

- 1 Ac-cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up-on your ta-ble.
- The vines were plant ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. What once was com - mon, dail - y food be-comes a ho - ly trea-sure. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

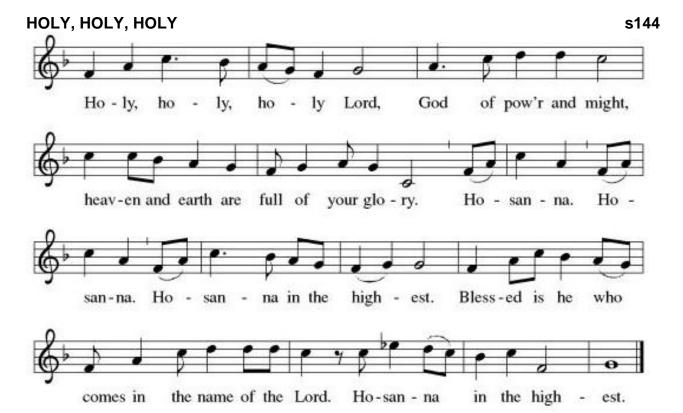
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ had died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new Life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us And on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Come, Lord Jesus.

Reveal yourself to us
In the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up
As the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
Burning with justice,
Peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with the sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, One God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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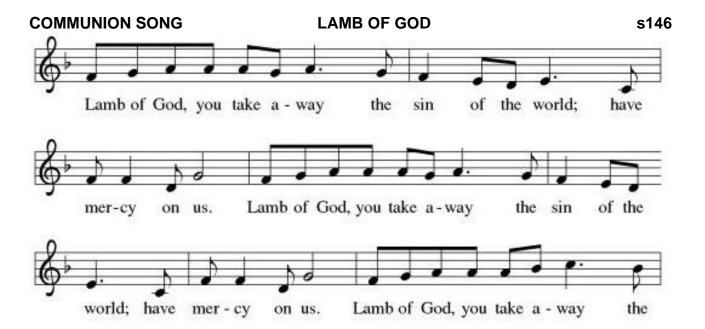




TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

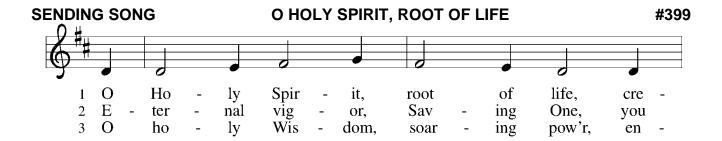
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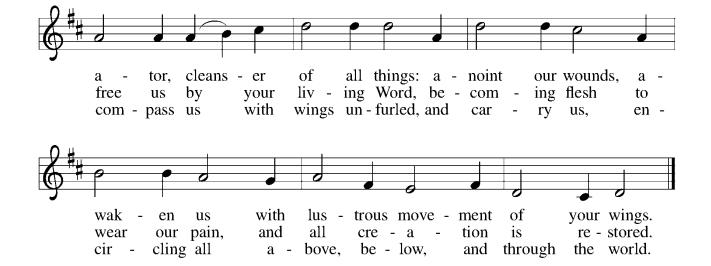
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.





CALL TO MISSION

People of God, what is our Misson and Vision?

By God's grace, we are empowered to care for God's people and creation; and as faith-filled people, we welcome and serve all people and commit to work with other faith communities.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

OFFERINGS

Please place your offerings in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for supporting our Christian Mission.

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

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Acclamation

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Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: Morecambe, Frederick C Atkinson, 1840-1899

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Accept, O Lord, The Gifts We Bring

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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Lamb of God

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O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

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