



Pentecost Sunday

+ WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP +

PRELUDE *Veni creator spiritus (Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire)*

Jean Titelouze (1563–1633)

THE BRIEF RITE OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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.

C **Amen**

P 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **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**

P 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.

C **Amen**

INTROIT *The Spirit of the Lord*

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world, Alleluia! Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Alleluia! *Psalm:* Let God arise; let His enemies be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before Him. *Gloria Patri; Antiphon.*

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

WORDS OF PRAISE

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. . . . (The prayer concludes:)

C **Amen**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD +

FIRST LESSON – A Reading from Acts (*A reading from Acts replaces the Old Testament reading during the Easter season.*)

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM – A Reading from the Psalter

Psalms 104:24-35

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

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

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

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.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.
**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have
being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the
Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

SECOND LESSON – A Reading from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE (Gradual) – Paul Bunjes (1914–1998) *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*. arum plainsong, mode VII
Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, And lighten with celestial fire,
Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost Thy sev’nfold gifts impart.

THE GOSPEL READING

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:19-23

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM Recitative and Arioso: *I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies* (from *St. Paul*)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

So they, being filled with the Holy Ghost, departing thence delayed not, and preached God's word with joyfulness.

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord; of Thy mercies, O Lord, my Savior; I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, and of Thy faithfulness evermore.

NICENE CREED

C 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

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

After each prayer:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you."

THE OFFERTORY

C What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves, our
time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the
sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(After each petition, we will hold a moment of silence to give us time to consider the words of this prayer. Try not to worry about when the next petition will begin, just focus on the words you said. The pastor will initiate the next petition and just join in. This is a terrific way to pray if you find you do not know what to say. It is also a way to intentionally consider the words our Lord has given us to pray without merely repeating them in vein or without thought.)

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
(Pause)
hallowed be thy name,
(Pause)
thy kingdom come,
(Pause)
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
(Pause)
Give us this day our daily bread;
(Pause)
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
(Pause)
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
(Pause)
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C Amen**

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. He is risen! **C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE – *O Day Full of Grace* [DEN SIGNEDE DAG]

14th c. Danish folk hymn, arr. C.E.F. Weyse (1774–1842); text: N.F.S. Grundtvig (1783–1872)

O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.

God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost, all darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all His healing.

When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place, with angels His name adoring.

Worship Enablers

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