

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

Welcome to Worship at Zion!

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

We Gather

GATHERING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Hymn #671

APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.** Let us pray together...

We Hear & Respond to God's Word

PREPARATION SONG (sung twice)

Open my eyes to truth; Open my hands to give freely.
Open my lips to good words, to pure words;
Open my heart to love.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13



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Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community,
and extends God's radical welcome to all people,
because we're all created in God's image.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung twice)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ALL

HYMN OF THE DAY

See Insert

"For the Healing of the Nations"

APOSTLES' CREED

Together with all Christians of every time, place, and space, let us confess our faith, using the words of the 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 OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & SHARING OF PEACE

As we prepare our hearts to receive Christ in a meal of thanksgiving, let us first confess our sins, receive God's forgiveness, and make peace with our neighbor.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. You are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Feast at the Lord's Table

THE 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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

SHARING THE MEAL

BLESSING FOR STRENGTH

We Are Sent into the World

SONG & PRAYER FOR SENDING

Give us ears that we might hear,
give us eyes that we might see
Give us hope that we might hope,
give us faith that we might be
the ones who break and share your bread,
declare you risen from the dead
that all your people might be fed,
and on the way we might believe.

Let us pray together...**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"Draw the Circle Wide"

**Refrain: Draw the circle wide! Draw it wider still...
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide!**

Let the dreams we dream be larger than we've ever dreamed before; Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door! **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. Go in peace.
Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

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Today's Readings

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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.**

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When 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:

¹⁷In 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."

or Numbers 11:24-30 [not printed]



Welcome to Zion!

*O come, let us sing to the **LORD**; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! (Psalm 95:1-2)*

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we're glad you're here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God's goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at Zion to belong.



Get Connected at Zion

The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media, and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

Children in Worship

Children are God's gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

In the front of our sanctuary is our Prayground in progress, a space being lovingly furnished for children to see and actively participate in our liturgy by singing, praying, and listening to God's Word. You won't want to miss the finished space!

Flowers

This week's flowers are given in memory of Sgt. Al Simpson (Ret.) and in memory of Edward Larson.

Livestreaming

Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began;
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice:
Let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

Chorus: **You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every one;
And your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea.
Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free. **Chorus**

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home. **Chorus**



For the Healing of the Nations

Response after each pair of countries:
Peace be yours.

Response at the end of each stanza (repeating the Cantor):
For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God.