

*AS WE GATHER*    The Spirit: Leader and Guide (Pentecost)

We are people of the Word and people of the Spirit. The Word is where the ministry of the Spirit is at work leading and guiding the church and each of us as members of that church by Baptism and faith. The Spirit leads us to Christ so that Christ may present us to the Father, washed in His blood and wearing the white robes of His righteousness.

**+ PREPARATION +**

*493 A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING*

sts. 1, 5–6

- 1    A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
    Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
    Alleluia, alleluia!  
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5    Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
    Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
    Alleluia, alleluia!  
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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### *INVOCATION*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### *OPENING SENTENCES*

John 7:37–39

**P** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

**C** **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”**

**P** Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

**C** **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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**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.**

### *SALUTATION*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

### *PRAYER OF THE DAY*

**P** Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,

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

**C Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Ezekiel 37:1–14 NIV

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

<sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! <sup>5</sup>This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’” <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.’ <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*SECOND READING*

Acts 2:1–21 NIV

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be

tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” Peter Addresses the Crowd

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the

Lord. <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*VERSE*

Liturgical Text

**P** Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15 NIV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

<sup>4</sup> I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, <sup>5</sup> but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup> But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

<sup>12</sup> “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

- 1 Come down, O Love divine;  
    Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;  
    O Comforter, draw near;  
    Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
- 3 Let holy charity  
    Mine outward vesture be  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—  
    True lowliness of heart,  
    Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,  
    With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
    No soul can guess His grace  
    Till it become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

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*SERMON*                      Dancing to the Music of God the Holy Spirit

*CREED*    Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,

**maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures**

**and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

### *OFFERING*

### *OFFERTORY*

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**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.

### *PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** 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.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for a plentiful harvest, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick, the suffering, and the dying, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For an increase of the Spirit and the work of witness, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For pastors, teachers, missionaries, church workers, and all who proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For unity in the congregations and for the unity of the church, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For a spirit of repentance and renewal, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for a spirit of reconciliation and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** In thanksgiving for those who have gone before and for our faithfulness unto death that we may receive the crown of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**+ SACRAMENT +**

*PREFACE*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## *LORD'S PRAYER*

**C** **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.**

### *THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### *PAX DOMINI*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**☐ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

*913 O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN*

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
 And in our hearts Your work begin,  
 Your dwelling place now make us.  
 Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
 Around and in us brightly shine,  
 To joy and gladness wake us      That we may be  
 Truly living      , To You giving      Prayer unceasing  
 And in love be still increasing.

2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,  
 That in our hearts from this good hour  
 As fire it may be glowing,  
 That in true Christian unity  
 We faithful witnesses may be,  
 Your glory ever showing.      Hear us, cheer us

By Your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning. Your grace and peace  
On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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### *496 HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE*

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior's face,  
Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me  
Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me,  
From sin's bondage set me free.

4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.

5 Holy Spirit, all divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,  
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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### *POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

### *BENEDICTION*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

**☐ Amen.**

*650 HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING*

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:  
You we praise with endless worship  
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

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