The Day of Pentecost

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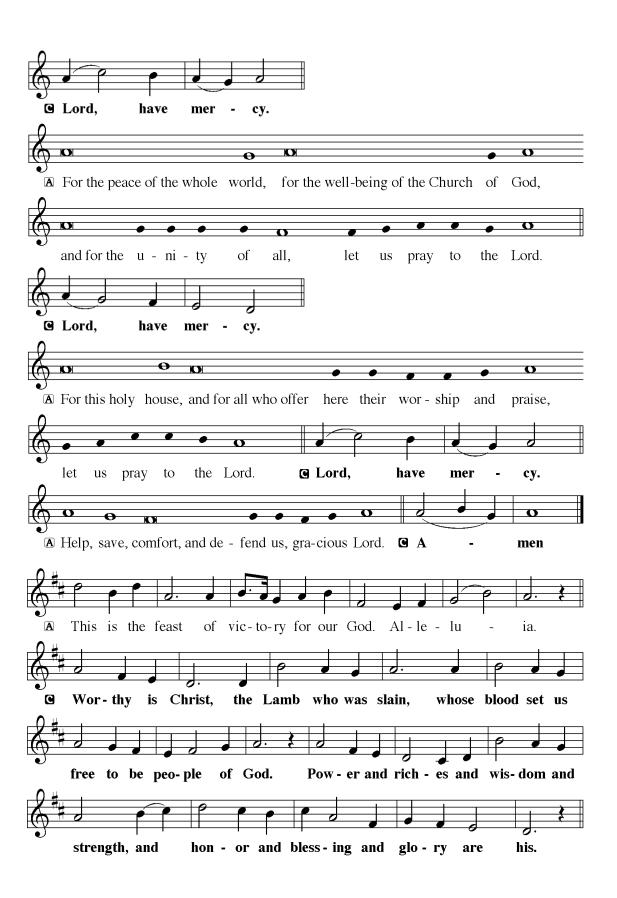
- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen
- P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- C We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.
- P Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
- C We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
- **P** To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen

GATHERING HYMN ELW#470 – "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

- **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.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen

Please be seated.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

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

- C ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.
- L ²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- C 27All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
- L ²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- C ²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- L ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
- C ³¹May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.
- L ³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- C ³³I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.
- L ³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.
- C ^{35b}Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

ANTHEM: "I Can Only Imagine" from MercyMe, Brad Bondhus accompanied by Debbie Bondhus

ACTS 2:1-21

L 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. 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.'"

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#412 - "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

SERMON: (Sermon Audio Link)

Please stand, as you are able.

- **P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

L God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Mark Hughes, Charlotte Leer, Liz McCarthy, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Rod and Joan Schlegel, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- **L** For whom or what else shall we pray?
- We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

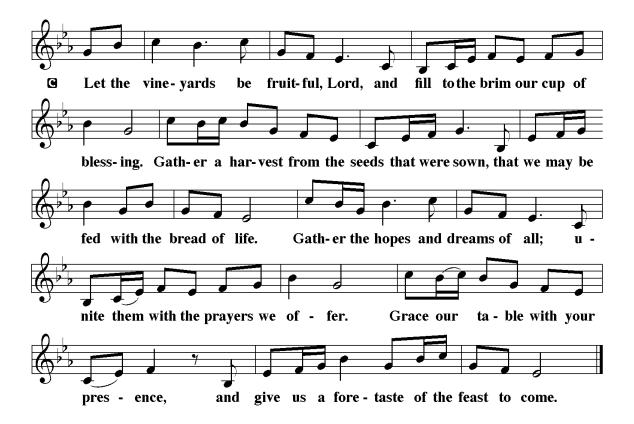
L We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen

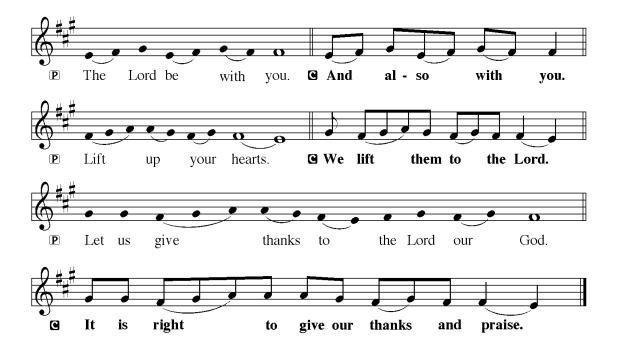
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

OFFERING*: (On-Line giving Link)

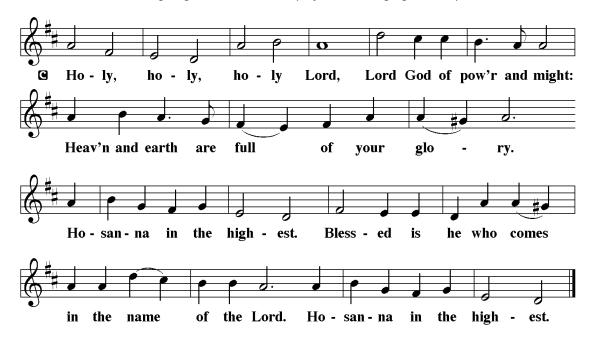
The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.



- P Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, 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.
- C Amen



The thanksgiving continues with the preface; the congregation responds:



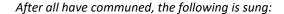
P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

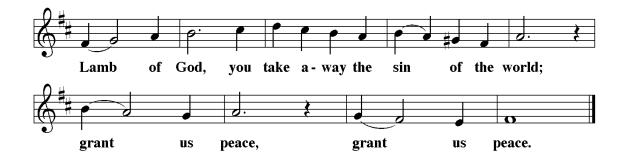
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

- C Amen
- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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
- P The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for the table is now ready.
- C Thanks be to God.

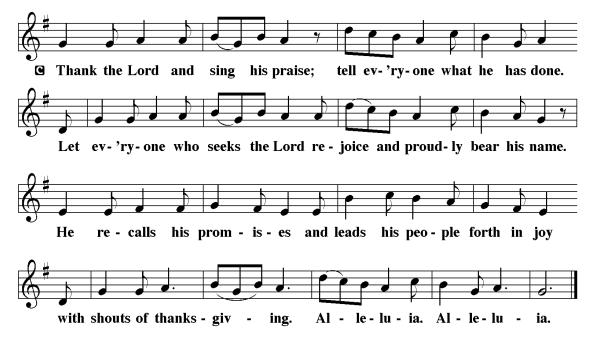






Please stand, as you are able.

- **P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen



- **P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen
- 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.
- C Amen

SENDING HYMN: ELW#400 – "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind!"

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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Special Thanks

- Gina Barbaro for her hours of gardening to beautify the church grounds
- Ann Lambert for supporting the recent recital
- Donna Elshafai, Katie Hawkins, and Ann Lambert for weeding the outdoor worship area

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Upcoming Events

- Frederick Keys Baseball Saturday, 6/28 meet at stadium at 5:30 pm
- Summer Outdoor Worship bring a lawn chair or blanket if you like
 - o Sunday, June 15
 - Sunday, July 13
 - Sunday, August 10

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