



ST. MARY'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PENTECOST
MAY 31, 2020

Prelude – Reflections on the Spirit (Arr. Raney)

Call to Worship

In the beginning...and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.

The wind blows...So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"

When you send...and you renew the face of the earth.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.

I baptize you...who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

May the Lord give strength to the people!

May the Lord bless the people with peace!

Hymn – On Pentecost They Gathered

Prayer of the Day

Holy Spirit of God, great gift of our Lord, on the day of Pentecost you came to the Church as he promised, to abide with us for ever. Come to us in your grace and power today, to make Jesus real to us, to teach us more about him, and to deepen our trust in him; that we may be changed into his likeness and be his witnesses in the world, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

Psalm 104:24-34

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.

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.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end, Amen, Amen!

Reflection

Hymn – Spirit of the Living God

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we give thanks, for you sent your Son to show us the way of abundant life, a way of generosity and love. We celebrate the goodness of each person who gives generously to support the work of Your people. Just as your Son brought life to the world, so we pray that these gifts would bring life to this place, that all might rejoice in your goodness and mercy. Amen.

Hymn – Spirit

Benediction
Threefold Amen

Postlude – Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (Arr. Bruner)

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On Pentecost They Gathered

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day
A band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air
And tongues of fire a-glowing, inspired each person there

The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear

God pours the Holy spirit on all who would believe
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow
O give us ears to listen and tongues a-flame with praise
So people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me (2x)
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me

Spirit

(refrain)

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep,
and over the eons you called to each thing:
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land,
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still,
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.