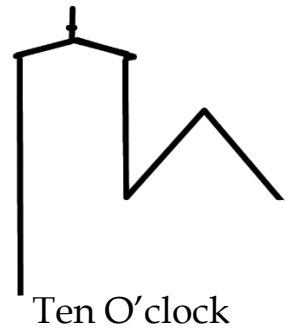


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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

23 May 2021

ALMIGHTY GOD, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the old law to Moses, and who this day revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit; Grant, we pray, that kindled by that same Spirit which you wondrously poured forth upon your apostles, we may receive with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

from The Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church, USA

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Alan Willadsen

One: *With tongues of flame, the Holy Spirit descends to burn in our hearts anew.*

All: Unite us, Holy Spirit!

One: *Like the rush of wind, we sense God's presence blowing afresh throughout the world.*

All: Unite us, Holy Spirit!

One: *Across the barriers of language and culture, Christ's message of love and grace is heard.*

All: Unite us, Holy Spirit!

One: *Divine Advocate, we seek your guidance as we search for the Spirit of Truth.*

All: Unite us, Holy Spirit! Amen.

*THE HYMN 128

On Pentecost They Gathered

Munich

1. 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 aglowing
Inspired each person there.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 aflame with praise,
 So folk of every nation
 Glad songs of joy shall raise.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Music: *Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*praying together*)

ALMIGHTY GOD, You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of Your Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your word of grace, speak the good news of Your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be Your faithful people, doing Your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***KYRIE**

Tom Clark-Jones

Lord have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND GLORIA PATRI**

Tom Clark-Jones

Glo - ry be to the Fa - - ther,
 and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now, and ev - er shall be. world with - out
 end. A - men. A - - - - men.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 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. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 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.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Bless the Lord, my soul and being!
Lord my God, you have such might
Cloaked with honor, grand and glorious,
You are clothed with purest light.
Stretching out the heavens like tent cloth
You are chambered on the deep
Riding on the wings of windstorm,
Flame and fire your bidding keep

3. Lord, how great are all your working
Wisdom marks them through and through
All the earth is your possession,
Great and small belong to you
Food you give in each due season,
At your hand come all good things
By your Spirit you create us;
Lord, your breath renewal brings.

2. Lord, you laid the earth's foundation
That it would be always sound,
By the word of your commanding
You set forth each ocean's bound,
Springs gush forth at your own bidding,
Giving drink to every field,
Bird and beast and all your creatures
In that coolness find thirst healed.

4. May your glory reign forever,
Lord, rejoice in all you make!
As you look on your creation,
Mountains smoke, foundations shake.
May these words and thoughts be pleasing
For in you my joy is found
Bless the Lord, my soul and being!
With this song let praise abound

Text: Fred R. Andersonm 1986
Music: C. Hubert H. Parry,1897

EPISTLE: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^[e] with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where

are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate^[a] will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

SERMON

Elder Alan Willadsen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 130

Let Every Christian Pray

Laudes Domini

1. Let every Christian pray,
This day and every day,
Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the church we love
Commissioned from above?
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

2. The Spirit brought to birth
The church of Christ on earth
To seek and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn,
Since that tremendous dawn,
The gifts as Pentecost

3. Only the Spirit's power Can fit us for this hour
Come, Holy Spirit, come! Instruct, inspire, unite,
And help us see your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1970
Music: Joseph Barnby, 1868

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Affirming together*)

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Come, Ye Faithful

R.S. Thatcher

Come, ye faithful raise the strain, of triumphant gladness; God hath brought his Israel Into joy from sadness; 'Tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison, And from three days sleep in death As a sun hath risen. Now the queen of seasons bright with the day of splendor, With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render; Comes to glad Jerusalem, Who with true affection Welcomes in unwearied strains, Jesu's resurrection. Neither might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal, Nor the watchers, not the seal, Hold thee as a mortal; But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing That thy peace which evermore Passeth human knowing.

SEALING THE WORD

*At the time of the **Distribution of the EUCHARIST**, please partake of the elements handed out as you entered the church this morning. Worshipers at home are encouraged to use whatever bread and wine are at hand as the food of the Supper. Jesus himself used the left over bread and wine from the Passover Feast to institute the first Eucharist. So we, too, may use those things closest at hand for this celebration. Christians of any age or church affiliation are welcome at Christ's table, where Christ himself is the host.*

INVITATION

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

One: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS

Tom Clark-Jones

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts: Hea-ven and earth are_

full, full of thy glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -

san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est

COMMUNION PRAYER *(continues)*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Dy-ing you de - stroyed our— death, Ris-ing you re - stored our life,
Lord Je - sus come a - gain— in— glo - ry!

INTERSESSIONS AND PRAYERS

THE CONSECRATION

The Rev. Brooks McDaniel

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[praying together]*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

These are holy things, to keep us holy. Gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

The day draws on with golden light

Edward C. Bairstow

The day draws on with golden light, Glad songs go echoing through the height, The broad earth lifts an answering cheer, The deep makes moan with wailing fear. For lo, He comes, the mighty King; To take from death the power and sting, To trample down his gloomy reign, And break the weary pris'ner's chain. Maker of all, to thee we pray, Fulfill in us thy joy today. When death assails, grant, Lord, that we May share thy Paschal victory. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

1. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us
Come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision,
Help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission
That God's love shall be made known.

2. We would raise our alleluias
For the grace of yesteryears;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,
Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers,
In the church's pilgrim journey
You have led us all the way,
Still in presence move before us,
Fire by night and cloud by day.

3. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, Give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, Glorify your holy name.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three in one: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas Now and through eternity.

Text: Janie Alford, 1979

Music: Thomas Joyn Williams, 1890

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be with You

Ralph Vaughan Williams

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elder Alan Willadsen, *Guest Preacher*

Rev. Brooks McDaniel, *Communion Celebrant*

Dr. J. Douglas McQueen, *Guest Organist*

The Quartet of Westminster Church

Melissa Blain, soprano; Kate Kortemeier, alto

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor; David Kortemeier, baritone

Elder Larry Hicks, *Video producer*

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS

WE WELCOME to our pulpit today, Elder Alan Willadsen. Alan is a lay-preacher in the Presbytery of the Great Rivers, PC (USA). He is also a long-time member of Westminster and active in every area of church life. We also welcome Brooks McDaniel who will do the Words of Institution and Consecration of the Eucharist. Finally, our thanks to Dr. McQueen for filling in at the organ this morning. Doug is a regular member of the Westminster Quartet and the retired Organist-Choirmaster of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Peoria, where he served with distinction for more than forty years.

PASTOR Clark-Jones and Tom are off this week to visit their daughter and new granddaughter in Asheville, N.C. They will return to Peoria on May 24.

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A REMINDER. Because of Covid precautions, we are not currently passing the Offering Plate during the service. A plate for your tithes and offerings is available in the Narthex as you depart the service. In addition to leaving your offering in the plate, you may send a check to the church finance office, or give on line. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving during this most difficult time.

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs
under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.*

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