



***Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place
=== Morning Prayer ===
The Day of Pentecost: May 23, 2021
The Season of Pentecost
THE ORDER OF SERVICE***

Introduction – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

Opening Hymn – Hymnal #225, “Hail Thee, Festival Day,” v. 3 & 4

Refrain:

Hail thee, festival Day!
blest day that art hallowed for ever,
day when the Holy Ghost
shone in the world with God’s grace.

Verse 3:

Hark! for in myriad tongues Christ’s own,
his chosen apostles,
preach to the ends of the earth
Christ and his wonderful works:
(to Refrain)

Verse 4:

Praise to the Spirit of Life,
all praise to the fount of our being,
light that does lighten all,
life that in all dost abide:
(to Refrain)

Officiant You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All *Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

Response *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

All *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: Come let us adore
him. Alleluia.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7 Venite, exultemus*

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

Psalm *Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Benedic, anima mea*

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*

*Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.*

*There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.*

*All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.*

*You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.*

*You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.*

*You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.*

*May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.*

*He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.*

*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.*

*May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The New Testament – Acts 2:1-21

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

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

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 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.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle – *Romans 8:22-27*

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 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. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

***Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia**

After a brief introduction, sing two times through

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Gospel – *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Response **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “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. 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. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness,

because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Officiant The Gospel of our Savior.

Response *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

A Reflection – Rev. Lois

13 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*
Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; **
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
*Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; **
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; **
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
*Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; **
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*Glory to you, beholding the depths; **
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
*Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; **
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Apostles' Creed

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

*the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Response *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

All *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 for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Let us now pray:

Suffrage A

A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.):

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Doxology

All *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Reader: Living God, you are the Lord of all. Only you can send your Spirit to bring us new life. You graciously speak your word of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty,

and in times of joy and peace. We are grateful that you are continually at work in our lives and in the world to fulfill your promises. May our giving to Christ the Lord Church show our trust in you. **Amen.**

At this time, please add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Holy Spirit and the Saints

Reader: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Thanksgiving for the Social Order

Reader: O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People together

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,*

*not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom [KRIS-us-tum]

Reader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn – Hymnal #513, “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song,” v. 1, 2 & 3

Verse 1:

Like the murmur of the dove’s song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind’s rush,
like the new flame’s eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Verse 2:

To the members of Christ’s Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Verse 3:

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*

Announcements

Don’t forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom!
Check your email from Sandy for details.

