



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, May 23, 2021
11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader.
Bold text indicates the congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the
cranberry-colored *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

arr. Fred Swann

ENTRANCE RITE

We stand as we are able.

P In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P We gather this morning for worship indoors for the first time in over a year.
It is fitting that our first Sunday for "normal" worship is the Day of Pentecost,
the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples.
Pentecost has been called the birthday of the Church,
and we rejoice in celebrating a rebirth of our congregation.
as we are finally able to begin to resume our full life together.

P While we rejoice today, we know that the last 14 months have been a time of great loss and upheaval
for all of us. We have missed weekly worship, sharing the bread and the cup, congregational song,
and our times of fellowship. We mourn family and friends and all those whose lives were lost to
COVID-19.

P O God, hear our lament.

C **When you hide your face, we are terrified.**

*Standing is the
posture of the
resurrection. We
stand when we
sing hymns and
for other parts
of the service as
an expression of
resurrection joy.
It is a way of
proclaiming that
Jesus is power-
fully alive! Co-
lossians 3:14-18*

This hymn of praise is sometimes referred to as the Easter song of triumph and is adapted from Revelation 5:9-13 and 19:4-9.

- P We are mindful, too, that many around the world and in our own community are still suffering from the pandemic and its effects. We pray for overburdened health care systems, for those still looking for work, and for those working to distribute and administer vaccines.
- P O God, hear our prayer.
- C **Send forth your spirit and renew the face of the earth.**
- P Yet today we rejoice that we are able to gather again. We will feast at Christ's table, sing our praises, and renew and strengthen the relationships among ourselves. We celebrate God's love in Christ Jesus, a love stronger even than death.
- P O God, hear our praise.
- C **May the glory of the Lord endure forever.**

Hymn 400

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

Greeting

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**
- 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.**

Hymn of Praise

Worthy Is Christ

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.**

We are seated.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

The first lesson, except on the Sundays of Easter, is normally from the Old Testament. During the Easter season, the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

First Lesson: 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:

¹⁷In 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.**

Psalm 104:24, 27-31, 33,-34, 35b

We read the psalm in unison.

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

²⁷All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

A Psalm is spoken or sung as a meditation to the first lesson and as a response to it.

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

L A reading from the book of Romans.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

Gradual Hymn

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

**Creator Spirit, heav'nly dove,
descend upon us from above;
with graces manifold restore
your creatures as they were before.**

**To you, the Comforter, we cry;
to you, the gift of God most high,
true fount of life, the fire of love,
the soul's anointing from above.**

The Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

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

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about 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. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

**In you, with graces sevenfold,
we God's almighty hand behold;
while you with tongues of fire proclaim
to all the world God's holy name.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
your praise may be our endless song.**

We sit.

Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

We make our confession of faith together in response to the whole proclamation of the Word of God.

The Nicene Creed (which begins, "We believe...") has been used in worship since the 5th century.

We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

Hymn 403

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

The Nicene Creed

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

The Prayers



Each petition concludes:

L Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

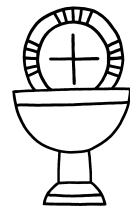
THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another with a gesture of peace. Some worshippers may not yet be comfortable with traditional exchanges of peace. Smiles, waves, and elbow bumps all communicate the promise of God's peace as fully as hugs and handshakes.



The Offering

Our gifts are received and dedicated to our Lord's service. These offerings support the ministries of this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

As our gifts of offerings and tithes are brought forward we sing a canticle of thanksgiving for God's generous goodness.

Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.

Anthem

As the Wind Song

Brynn Scozzari and Evan Odson, soloists

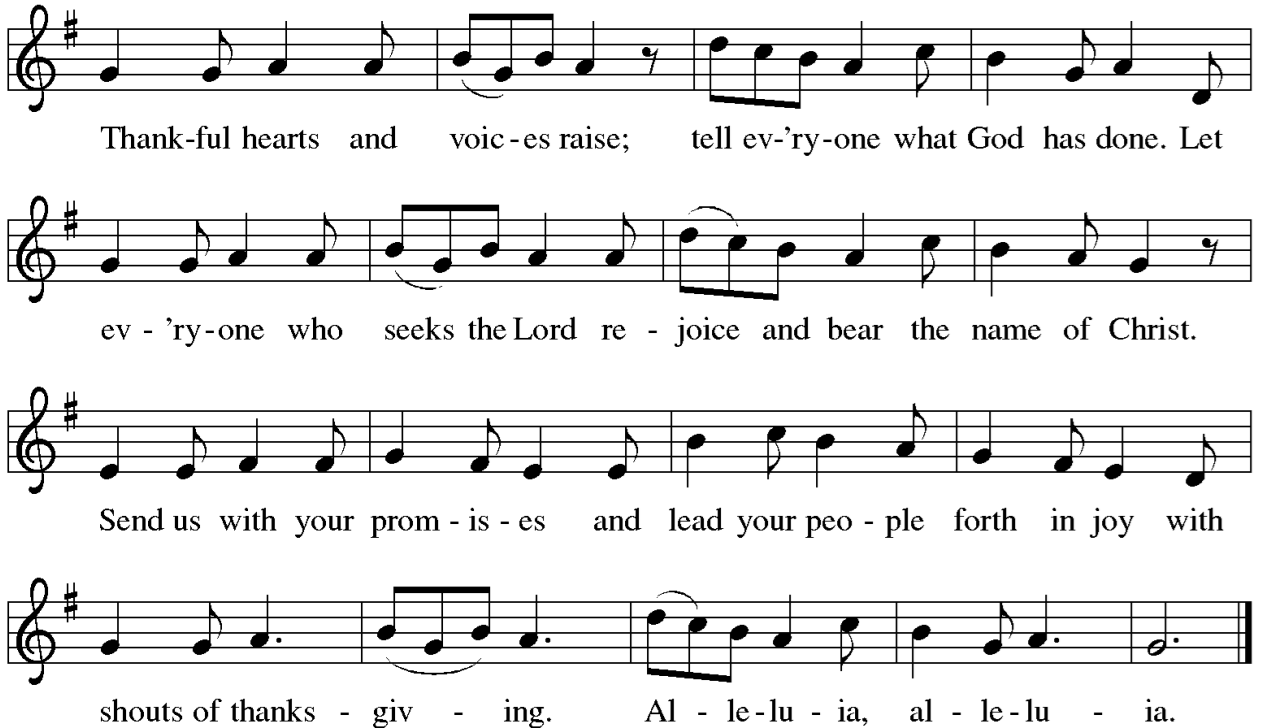
As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

- text by Shirley Erena Murray

We stand as we are able and sing the Offertory.

The Offertory



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let

ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. God of love,
C you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.

The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

Thanksgiving Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right and salutary..."

The proper preface concludes: "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

The Sanctus echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

Eucharistic Prayer

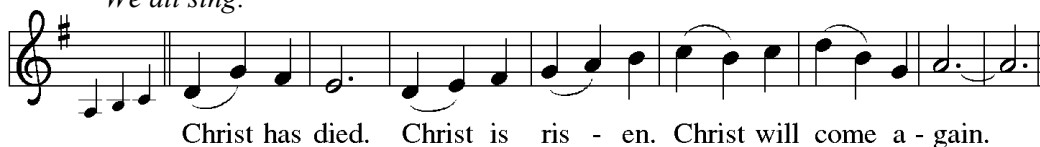
P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

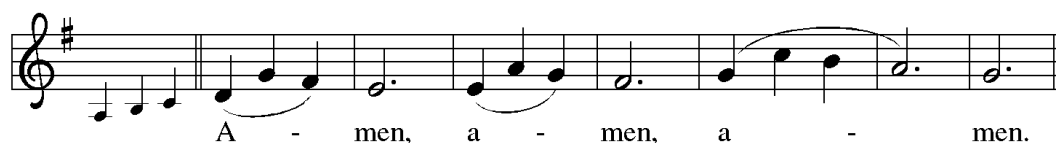
We all sing:



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

We all sing:



The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion. Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15

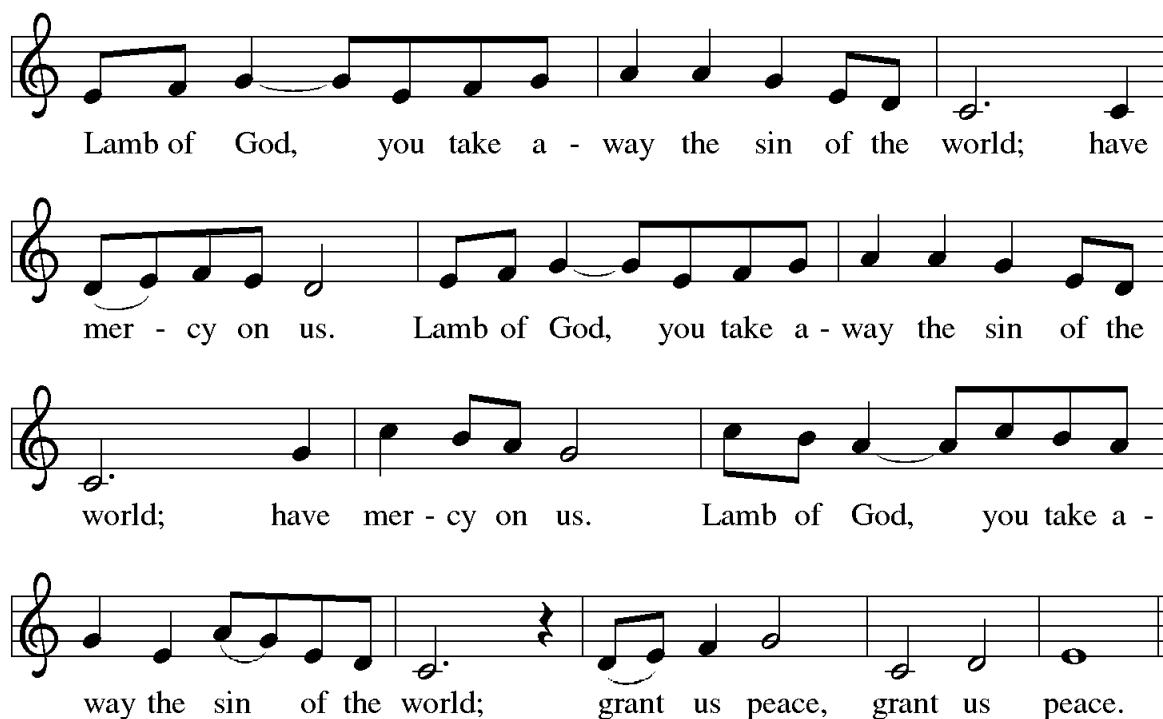
The Lord's Prayer

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.**

We are seated.

The Agnus Dei echoes the words of John the Baptist upon seeing Jesus (John 1:29). We make this our prayer as well, as we prepare to meet the Risen Lord in the bread and wine.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come to the altar rail by way of the center aisle. We will be handed a wafer which we will intinct (dip) in the chalice. We will return to our seats by way of the side aisles.

*Once we have all
received the sacra-
ment and returned
to our seats, we
celebrate the per-
sonal encounter
with the risen
Christ through
blessing, prayer,
and singing.*

Post-Communion Blessing

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

C **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. Wellspring of joy,

C **through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Blessing of Pentecost

P May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever.

C **Amen**

P May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence.

C **Amen**

P May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed.

C **Amen**

P And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

C **Amen**

1. Wind who makes all winds that blow— gusts that bend the sap-lings low,
 2. Fire who fuels all fires that burn— suns a - round which plan-ets turn,
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, move with-in our mor - tal frame.

gales that heave the sea in waves, stir-rings in the mind's deep caves—
 bea-cons mark-ing reefs and shoals, shin-ing truth to guide our souls—
 Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, kin-dle them with Your own fire.

aim your breath with stead - y power on your church this day, this hour.
 come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
 Breathe and blow up - on that blaze till our lives, our deeds, and ways,

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir-it God of Pen - te - cost.
 Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.
 speak that tongue which ev' - ry land by your grace shall un - der - stand.

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Go in peace in the power of the Spirit, loving the risen Lord and loving your neighbor. Alleluia, alleluia.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

arr. Paul Manz

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the saints of St. Mark's by Jacob Gordon.

We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we leave so that our service may truly begin.

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