

*Today we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter. It is considered the birthday of the Church but more importantly, it is a reminder of the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Prelude: Meditation on "Down Ampney"

arr. A.L. Page

Processional Hymn #645 (CP) "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Down Ampney

Welcome

Gathering of the Community

Beloved, pay attention! The Holy Spirit sweeps among us, binding us together as family in Christ.

**We are children of God, heirs of grace.**

Beloved, have you noticed? The Holy Spirit moves among us, creating and renewing the whole of creation, inspiring us to co-create with God and one another.

**We are children of God, co-creators in grace.**

Beloved, be encouraged. The Holy Spirit lives among us, surrounding us with mercy and grace, witnessing to us about God's steadfast love for God's people.

**We are children of God, witnesses to grace.**

Beloved, pay attention! Whether in a rushing wind or a gentle breath, the Holy Spirit welcomes you here, for we are all children of God, brought together by grace.

**We are children of God, knit together by the Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2024.*

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria #702 (CP)

*Christina Bosco & Alexandra Teske, soloists.*

*\*Congregation, please join with the choir on each refrain\**

Gathering Prayer

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire: strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004))*

## **Proclamation of the Word**

A Reading from Book of Genesis 11:1-9 (pg.#10)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Book of Acts 2:1-21 (pg.#1056)

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Before the Gospel "O Breath of God" (The Risen Christ)      *arr. Getty*

## **V1**

O breath of God, come fill this place: revive our hearts to know Your grace and from our slumber make us rise, that we may know the Risen Christ.

## V2

O word of God, so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in You:  
and give to us the Bread of Life, that we may know the Risen Christ.

The Gospel John 14:8-17

The Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the Gospel "O Breath of God" (The Risen Christ) arr. Getty

### V3

O love of God, so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus' name. Let us reflect Your sacrifice, that we may know the Risen Christ.

### V4

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit make us one; in holiness let us unite, that we may know the Risen Christ.

Homily      Archdeacon John

Anthem    "Give Glory to God Forever"

*arr. Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

*The St. James' Choir*

Affirmation of Faith    Apostle's Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I 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.**

**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.**

Prayers of the People

*Beth Morum, Lay-Reader*

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn "The Lord is My Salvation"

*arr. Getty*

### **V1**

The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea; and I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

### **V2**

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls; I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

### **Refrain**

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love. My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation.

### **V3**

My hope is hidden in the Lord, he fulfills each promise of His Word. When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation.

### **V4**

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak; I know His grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation.

### **Refrain**

### **V5**

And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave. But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation.

### **Refrain**

### Bridge

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit; The Lord is our salvation. Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit; The Lord is our salvation. The Lord is our Salvation. The Lord is our salvation!

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer before Communion

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*(Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.)*

## Eucharistic Prayer for an Inclusive Church

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Creating God, from of old, your plans for your people have been faithful and sure. You provide refuge to all and invite each of us, just as we are, to share in your feast of creation's wonder. In Christ you extended the invitation to your feast to all peoples; you came to human beings and humanity came to you.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

(Said)

**Holy, holy, holy God.**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

Sustaining God, your son Jesus Christ is our rich food, nourishing the marrow of our lives and present with us in bread and wine. With your generous hand, pour your Spirit over us and over these gifts, transforming the death-dealing shroud into the cloak of glory.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, Christ took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

God of invitation and welcome, draw all who feel excluded or marginalized into your embrace and close to your heart. Reveal yourself, to all who think of themselves as insiders and included, as the God who is most clearly to be seen among those on the edge. Show us the inadequacy of the excuses with which we refuse your invitation.

Gather your people as one united body at your eternal feast, where you are, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer: one God with one people. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



## The Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.  
**Give us this bread for ever.**

"I am the vine, you are the branches."  
**May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

## The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

#747(CP) "Lamb of God"

### **Music During Communion:**

Hymn: #649 (CP) "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *Trentham*

Hymn: #408 (CP) "Wind Upon the Waters" *Wind Upon the Waters*

## Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

Glory to God,  
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

## Announcements

Recessional Hymn #380 (CP) "O Worship the King"

*Hanover*

Dismissal

We are followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and serving the world God loves. **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude "Country Gardens"

*arr. Aubrey Tucker*

*Dennis Thompson, guest organist for the postlude*

Prayer

May we feel your presence this day, Holy Spirit, like the people gathered on that Day of Pentecost. May you rush into our hearts and inebriate our souls. May we be empowered by your Spirit to live a life more faithful to God. **Amen.**

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