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Pentecost

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Today's Lay Reader: Naamah Leary

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **When the day of Pentecost had come, all the disciples were all together in one place.**

Leader: Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

People: **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. May we be filled by that same Holy Spirit!**

Prelude

Spirit Song

arr. John Carter

Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

(verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, thou
 2. Blow, wind of God! With wis - dom blow un -
 3. Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of
 4. So shall we know the power of Christ who

light and fire di - vine, de - scend up - on thy
 til our minds are free from mists of er - ror,
 truth which all may hear, the lan - guage all may
 came this world to save; so shall we rise with

church once more, and make it tru - ly thine.
 clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
 un - der - stand when love speaks loud and clear;
 him to life which soars be - yond the grave;

Fill it with love and joy and power, with
 Burn, wing - ed fire! In - spire our lips with
 till ev - ery age and race and clime shall
 and earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which

righ - teous - ness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in
 flam - ing love and zeal, to preach to all thy
 blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one
 makes thy chil - dren whole; till, per - fect - ed by

 hu - man hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.
 great good news, God's glo - rious com - mon - weal.
 fam - i - ly by whom thy will is done.
 thee, we reach cre - a - tion's glo - rious goal!

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you declared: "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." On the day of Pentecost, you kept that promise, and you have kept that promise every day since. Today we celebrate the work of your Holy Spirit in our lives, and throughout the whole world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The second system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The third system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Senior Choir

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
Saxophone: Jim Daly

arr. Michael Hassell

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through

the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

Celebrating the Holy Spirit

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Spirit of the Living Lord

Robert Thygerson

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

America the Beautiful

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of
2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing
3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'America the Beautiful'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses provided. The first verse is 'O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of', the second is 'O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating', and the third is 'O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the'.

grain; for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a -
 strife, who more than self their coun - try loved, and
 years thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un -

bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
 mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
 dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!

God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with
 May God thy gold re - fine, till all suc - cess be
 God mend thine ev - ery flaw, con - firm thy soul in

broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine.
 self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Benediction

Postlude

See How Great a Flame Aspires

arr. John Scriveyner

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