



INDEPENDENCE
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PENTECOST

MAY 23, 2021

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“I used to think of you as a symphony neatly structured, full of no surprises. Now I see you as a saxophone solo blowing wildly into the night, a tongue of fire, flicking in unrepeated patterns.” ~Steve Turner

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember the promise of the Lord:
God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

PRELUDE

ALLEGRO PRECIPITATO
Serge Prokofieff

OP. 17 No. 3

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do you hear it,
the sound of rushing wind beginning to fill this house?
Do you see it,
the glowing pillars of fire reflecting in every pair of eyes?
Do you feel it,
God moving in this place, calling us to worship?
The Spirit has come! The church is born!
Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

HYMN

COME, O HOLY SPIRIT, COME
(WA WA WA EMIMIMO)

GTG #283
Nigerian Song

CHILDREN'S TIME

COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

DESMOND TUTU

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

So, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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. Amen. [Time of Silent Confession]

RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

GTG #591
HALLE HALLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION**PENTECOST OFFERING**

Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults.

~ **THE WORD** ~

**PRAYER OF
ILLUMINATION**

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING
by Ken Medema

GTG #469
CHILDREN PRAYING

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 37:1-11,14

(CEB)

SECOND READING

HECHOS 2:1-4

Elias Cabarcas

THE PENTECOST STORY

ACTS 2:1-13

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wigger

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord ... I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

Words by Thomas Ken

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

GTG #66

African American Spiritual

PENTECOST

BENEDICTION (*from Romans 8*)

POSTLUDE

ALLEGRO, CON ELEGANZA, CON FIDUCIA

OP. 32 No. 2

Alexander Scriabin



Coffee and tea are available in the gathering room. You are invited to grab a cup and head to the courtyard for fellowship.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: the *Book of Common Worship*, PC(USA); and the *Presbyterian Outlook*, Jerry Andrews. GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal