RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT



Prelude Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus" Maurice Durufle'

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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

2 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.

3 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.

4 Praise to your eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. Composite

Welcome

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God's call to us; One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; One God and Father of all. Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" Njoo Kwetu, Roho

Refrain Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

1.Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew. It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you. *Ref.* 2. Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.Bless the faithful, may they flourish strengthened by grace unpriced. *Ref.*

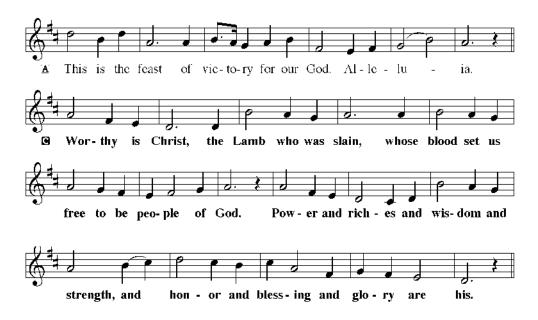
3. Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame. *Ref.*

- 4. Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; Turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. *Ref.*
- Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. *Ref.*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you!

Hymn of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for

ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." ⁵The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there,

so that they will not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: 104: 24-34, 35b



²⁴How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

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.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ I 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!

Second Reading: Acts 2.1-21

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:

¹⁷'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.

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation "Holy Spirit, Come to Us" Taizé Veni Sancte

Gospel: John 20.19-23

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to Saint John the twentieth chapter. Congregation: **Glory to you O, Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon	Pastor Kenneth Hilston, Jr.
Sermon	Pastor Jeff Johnson
	Pastor Beatrice Michals-Brown
	Pastor Kenneth Hilston, Jr.

Hymn of the Day" Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" Bridegroom

 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. 2.To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine, to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign: come, Holy Spirit come. **3.**With the healing of division, With the ceaseless voice of prayer, With the pow'r to love and witness, With the peace beyond compare: come, Holy Spirit come.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father 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 he 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort(especially).

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offering Offertory Hymn "Spirit of Gentleness" Spirit

Refrain Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

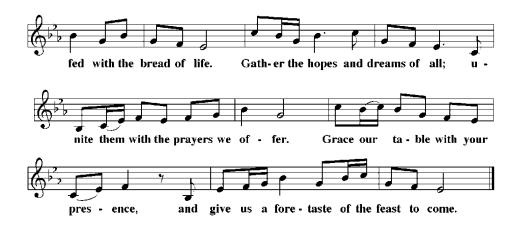
1.You moved on the waters, You called to the deep, Then you coaxed up the mountains from valleys of sleep; And over the eons you called to each thing: "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Ref.*

3.You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill, Then you whispered in silence When the whole world was still And down in the city You called once again, When you blew through your people On the rush of the wind. *Ref.* 2.You swept through the desert you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets To open their eyes. *Ref.*

4.You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes. from the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; Our women see visions Our men clear their eyes. with bold new decisions your people arise. *Ref.*

Offertory Canticle





Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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, Forever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The God of steadfast and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. And the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be upon you all the days of your life. **Amen.**

The Sending Hymn Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen" Surge Ecclesia

1.Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, From this meal of love and grace; May we through such love envision Whose we are, and whose, we praise. Alleluia, alleluia! God the wonder of our days.

3. Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive; Present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live. Alleluia, alleluia! Spirit, grace by whom we live.

- Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole; broken, shared, our loves are hallowed to release and to console. Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our present, past, and goal.
- 4. Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath; mercy be our destination
 From this day and unto death.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Rise, O church, a living faith.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude "Fanfare"

Kenneth Leighton

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