

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT



DAY OF PENTECOST

Dare to Live in the Spirit

May 23, 2021 Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Ezekiel has a vision of a valley full of bones receiving life, breath, sinew and flesh after encountering the word of God. When they arise, they receive Spirit and they live. As Easter people, we celebrate the Spirit that continues to give life and breath to our dry bones. We dare to live in the face of fear, in the face of cynicism, in the face of despair. Like the early Christians, we are the recipients of the Spirit of God which intercedes for us.

This is the call!

The flames of the Spirit are beckoning.

We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Our focus is on the future and what we might do together.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

The Spirit has come, we are sheltered in God's love.

And we are called to live!

Greeting

Come Holy Spirit

Fill our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Prayer

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation!

Praise to you for the fit of your Spirit

that is moving within our lives.

Come and fill us with your fiery love, as we seek you-

So that we can dare to live in your light.

Be with us now, we pray. **Amen.**

Time for Confession and Forgiveness

God hears us when we cry out, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.

Let us turn to God, who is full of compassion, and confess the trouble within us.

We take this time of silence to offer our prayers of confession.

... *(a time of silence)*

Hear this good news!
God has loved you from the very beginning.
The invitation of Christ is never-ending:
New life in Christ is yours right now.
The Holy Spirit is transforming you and
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God! Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer of the day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

This we ask in your name.

Amen.

The Word Children's Moment

First Reading: Ezekiel 37.1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost;

we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

The word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God!

Psalm 104.24-34, 35b

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!

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

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,

living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works—

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,

for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Gospel Greeting (*sing it out!*):

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

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Gospel: Acts 2.1-12

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.'

The gospel of the Lord!

(Gospel response, sing it out!)

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Spirit of Gentleness" 396 text & music James Manley b.1940, Spirit
irregular

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

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.*

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.*

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.

Apostles Creed

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 into hell.

**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.**

The Peace Announcements

*We give thanks for the life of Wallace E. Boen,
who died peacefully on May 17.
May God comfort all who mourn.*

Coming up- Non-perishable food drive to support the pantry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Edith Stein.

Anthem and Offering Moment “I Will Joyfully Sing” Mary McDonald; © 1985 Purifoy
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Prayers of the Church

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

(A brief moment of silence)

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit, to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May the Spirit of the living Christ

Fill you with faith and trust,

Burn in you with the fire of love,

Enliven your bones, body, and life,

And breathe through you the breath of life.

May Almighty God, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen!

Sending Hymn: "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" 401 NJOO KWETU,
ROHO MWEMA CM and refrain Wilson

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.

4. Not mere knowledge but discernment
Nor rootless liberty
turn disquiet to contentment
Doubt into certainty.

2. Come to teach us, come to nourish
Those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish
Strengthened by grace unpriced.

5. Keep us fervent in our witness
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness
Which you alone assure.

3. Guide our thinking and our speaking
Done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking
Freeing from guilt and shame.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

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