

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

O Day Full of Grace

Lisa D.

*O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Abundant in joy this season.
God shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.*

*O day full of grace, O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime,
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All shame and despair removing.*

*For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
When he on the cross was hanging;
And then he arose and moved the stone,
That we, unto him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.*

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Welcome and Word for this Day

Holy, Holy, Holy

LBW 165

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, alt.; **Music:** John B. Dykes

The Prayer of the Dove

Carmen Bernos De Gasztold
Prayers from the Ark

Psalm 104:24-34;35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

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May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

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

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, *Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we*

hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, What does this mean? But others sneered and said, They are filled with new wine.

But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth into the world. Send us your 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. **Amen.**

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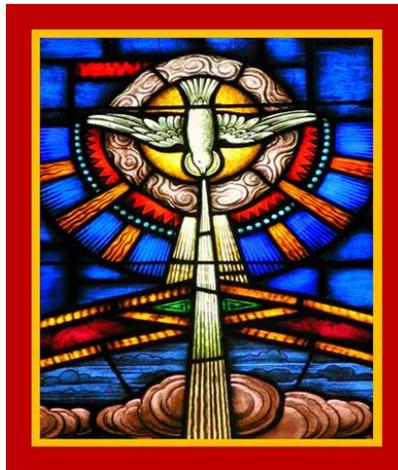
Sermon

Pr. Kristina

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.



I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly; **Music:** Frederick C. Atkinson

We Believe

Christine Sine

God, we believe you have sent your Spirit to live within us.

Your indwelling Spirit leads us into all truth.

God, we believe your Spirit teaches your followers to serve others.

Your empowering Spirit equips us with gifts for service.

God, we believe your Spirit breaks down the barriers that imprison us.

Your comforting Spirit encourages us to worship God with all our hearts.

God, we believe your Spirit writes your law on our hearts.

Your liberating Spirit sets us free to love our neighbors as we do ourselves.

God we believe your Spirit calls us to follow you.

God, we believe this is the path from death to eternal life.



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.**

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.”

Refrain:

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.

Refrain:

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.

Refrain:

Offering Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Confession

Christine Sine, alt.

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God forgives us and
cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

Faithful and just God,

Forgive us for the times we have deliberately resisted the
Spirit's work.

**Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide,
have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, God, for the barriers we create within ourselves,
barriers that resist your healing work and prevent us moving
toward wholeness.

Forgive our self-centeredness, our anger, our fear of
change, our lack of trust in your love.

**Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide,
have mercy on us.**

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Forgive us, God, for the barriers we create between us and you, barriers that separate us from your love and the assurance of your salvation.

Forgive our busyness, our independence, our desire to go our own way.

**Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide,
have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, God, for the barriers we create between us and each other, barriers that separate us from neighbors near and far and inhibit mutual love and care.

Forgive our resentment of others, our love of control, our indifference to the poor.

**Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide,
have mercy on us.**

God, by the power of your Spirit, free us and break down these barriers.

Turn us away from the bondage of a life lived for ourselves and our own desires.

May your Spirit guide us into the freedom of life lived for you and your purposes.

**Life giving Spirit, God's advocate and guide,
have mercy on us.**

Absolution

Christine Sine, alt.

We thank you, O God, for your Spirit who breaks down barriers within and without, barriers that keep us from leading a life faithful to you and your ways.

Glorious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we go into this day knowing your Spirit dwells within us.

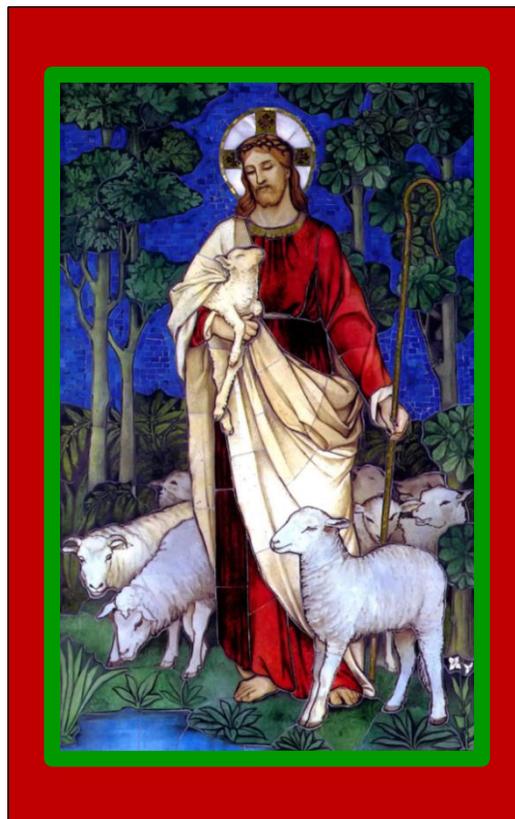
Your Spirit makes us wise and helps us understand.

Your Spirit helps us stand firm in Christ.

Your Holy Spirit fills us, anointing us to serve.

You bring us Resurrection Life.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all this day and forever. **Amen.**



HOLY COMMUNION



Invitation

*Jesus said, I am the true vine.
Abide in me as I abide in you.*

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

THE MEAL

Communion Hymn

*Mothering God,
You Gave Me Birth*

Lisa D.

*Mothering God, you gave me birth
In the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.*

*Mothering Christ, you took my form,
Offering me your food of light,
Grain of life, and grape of love,
Your very body for my peace;*

*Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
In arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow
Until I flow'r, until I know.*

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Prayer

Life-giving Lord, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of Heaven and the wine of Love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ, Word of Life, bless you and send you to be his witness. God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you and comfort you. **Amen.**

O Day Full of Grace

ELW 627

God came to us then at Pentecost,
 The Spirit new life revealing,
 That we might no more in death be lost,
 Its pow'r over us dispelling.
 This flame will the mark of sin efface
 And bring to us all true healing.

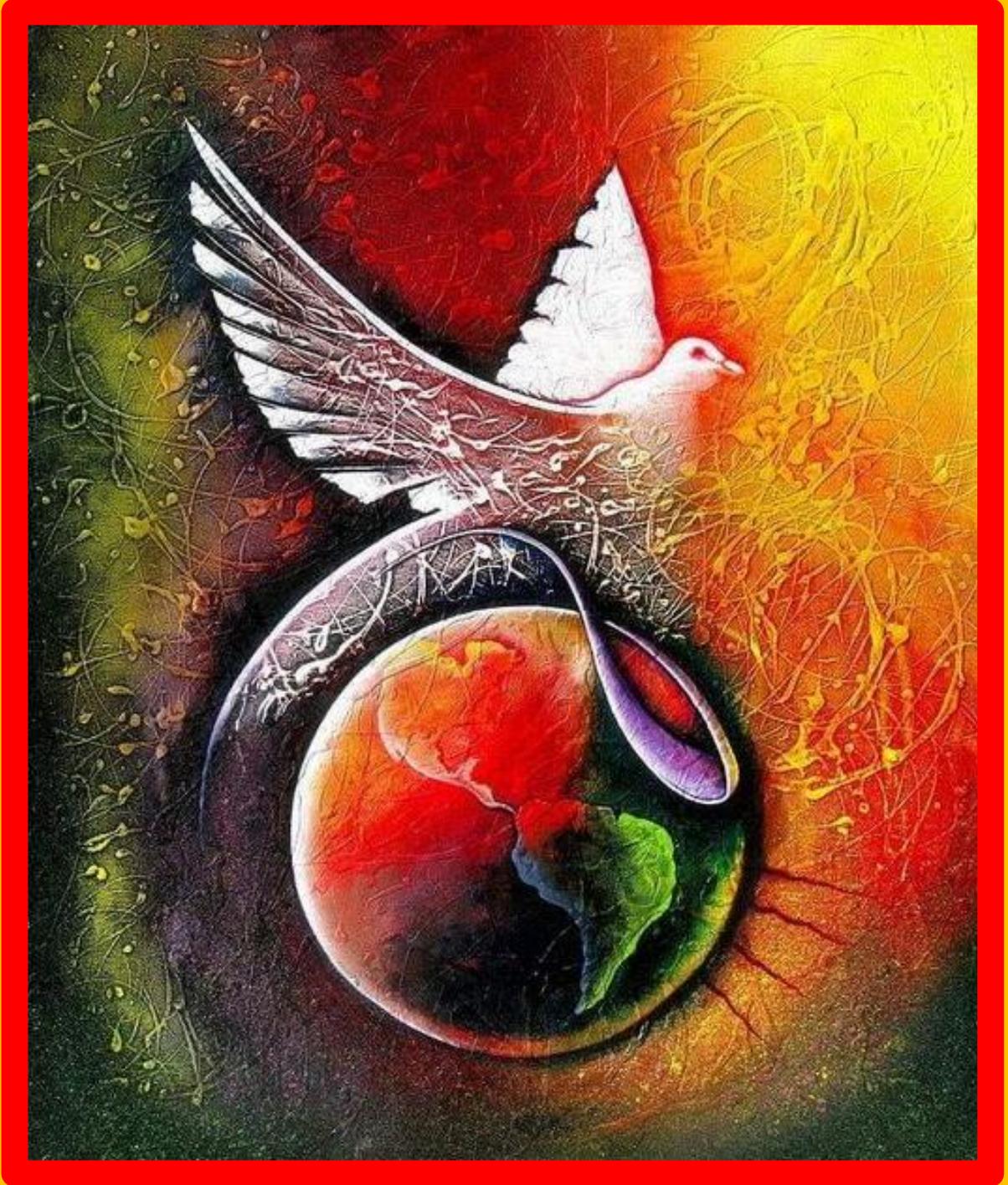
When we on that final journey go
 That Christ is for us preparing,
 We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
 All joy of the heavens sharing,
 And there we will join God's endless praise,
 With angels and saints adoring.

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy

Rhonda R.

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June 27 Sunday service:

The last service Pr. Kristina leads, saying goodbye to Kyle Nordine and giving thanks for her time at NRC.

July 4 Sunday service:

The Rev. Gayle Marsh of All Saints, Chris Adams, and Arland Braaten-Lee lead this service. Final goodbye to Pr. Kristina.



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