

Pentecost 2
June 1-2, 2024
LOVE

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING OF PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spi - rit of_ the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the pre - sence of_ the Lord.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God, our rock and refuge,

C we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

- (1) Love divine_, all loves excel - ling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth_ come down!
Fix in us_ thy humble dwel - ling,
all thy faithful mer - cies crown.
Jesus, thou_ art all compass - sion,
pure, unbound - ed love_ thou art;
vi - sit us_ with thy_ salva - tion,
enter ev - 'ry trembling heart.**
- (4) Finish then_ thy new crea - tion,
pure and spotless let_ us be;
let us see_ thy great salva - tion
perfectly restored_ in thee!
Changed from glo - ry into glo - ry,
till in heav'n_ we take_ our place,
till_ we cast_ our crowns_ before_ thee,
lost in won - der, love, and praise!**

GREETING

- P From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.**
- C And also with you.**

KYRIE

**Kyrie eleison, on our world_ and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.
For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world_ and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.
For your Spirit to guide;
that you center our lives in the water and the word;
That you nourish our souls...with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
Kyrie eleison, on our world_ and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together.

C Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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ANTHEM

LESSON OF THE DAY

Galatians 5:22-23

The lesson begins:

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - leluia, Al - lelu - ia, Al - leluia, Alle - luia.

GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-3:6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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SERMON RESPONSE "Restore In Us, O God"

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

A Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. It is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," and he has given us hearts to show others the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

A Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit-filled vision of your will to political advisors and policymakers so there is justice and safety for all people especially on our college campuses. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

- A **Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them (especially). Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Lord, in your mercy,**
- C **Hear our prayer**
- A **Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially Hope’s Food Pantry. Open both our hearts and our tables. Lord, in your mercy,**
- C **Hear our prayer**
- P **Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.**
- C **Amen.**

OFFERING – Plates will be passed

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THE OFFERTORY “Create In Me A Clean Heart”

**Create in me a clean heart_, O God,
and renew a right spirit within_ me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir-it from_ me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free_ Spir-it.
Create in me a clean heart_, O God,
and renew a right spirit within_ me.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P **The Lord be with you.**
- C **And also with you.**
- P **Lift up your hearts.**
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might_

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full_ full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor's own words)

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P As a community, let us sing the Lord's Prayer.

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive_ us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of
trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours, now and forever.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

THE COMMUNION is given and received.

THE BLESSING

P Holy God, strengthen us through the redeeming gift of your
Son Jesus Christ, that we may stand firm in our faith. We
praise you for your gift of grace. Create in us a fresh new
heart, invigorate our work, enliven our speech, and lead us
to live for your glory.

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Refrain

**Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain***

- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

- A Let us go forth in the name of the Lord,
C To know Christ, and to make Christ known.
Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE