

May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

Welcome

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thrive

Oh, Oh

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry
So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
With one desire

Just to know You and to make You
known

We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun make darkness run
and hide

We know we were made for so much
more

Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive

Oh, Oh

Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are
So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
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With one desire

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Joy unspeakable
Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable
Anything is possible
(REPEAT 3 Xs)

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Oh oh, Oh oh

We were made to thrive

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And I will worship You
With all of my heart,
And I will worship You
With all of my mind;

More Love, More Power

More love, more power,
More of You in my life;
More love, more power,
More of You in my life.

And I will worship You
With all of my strength
For You are my Lord.

More love, more power,
More of You in my life;
More love, more power,
More of You in my life.

And I will worship You
With all of my heart,
And I will worship You
With all of my mind;
And I will worship You

With all of my strength
For You are my Lord.

And I will seek Your face
With all of my heart,
And I will seek Your face
With all of my mind.
And I will seek Your face
With all of my strength
For You are my Lord.
For You are my Lord.

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Prayer

Gathering Song: LBW 161 O Day Full of Grace

O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in his 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 darkness and shame 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.

God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all his healing.

When we on the final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels his name adoring.

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God + Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful and just God,

C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen

P: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others; in the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting:

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie (sung): LBW setting 2, page 78

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast , LBW Setting 2, pg. 81

A: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Mighty God,

C: ...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. Amen

Lessons

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (The Message)

37 ¹⁻² GOD grabbed me. GOD's Spirit took me up and set me down in the middle of an open plain strewn with bones. He led me around and among them—a lot of bones!

There were bones all over the plain—dry bones, bleached by the sun.

3 He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Master GOD, only you know that."

4 He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones: 'Dry bones, listen to the Message of GOD!' "

5-6 GOD, the Master, told the dry bones, "Watch this: I'm bringing the breath of life to you and you'll come to life. I'll attach sinews to you, put meat on your bones, cover you with skin, and breathe life into you. You'll come alive and you'll realize that I am GOD!"

7-8 I prophesied just as I'd been commanded. As I prophesied, there was a sound and, oh, rustling! The bones moved and came together, bone to bone. I kept watching. Sinews formed, then muscles on the bones, then skin stretched over them. But they had no breath in them.

9 He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath. Prophesy, son of man. Tell the breath, 'GOD, the Master, says, Come from the four winds. Come, breath. Breathe on these slain bodies. Breathe life!' "

10 So I prophesied, just as he commanded me. The breath entered them and they came alive! They stood up on their feet, a huge army. **11** Then God said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Listen to what they're saying: 'Our bones are dried up, our hope is gone, there's nothing left of us.'

12-14 "Therefore, prophesy. Tell them, 'GOD, the Master, says: I'll dig up your graves and bring you out alive—O my people! Then I'll take you straight to the land of Israel. When I dig up graves and bring you out as my people, you'll realize that I am GOD. I'll breathe my life into you and you'll live. Then I'll lead you straight back to your land and you'll realize that I am GOD. I've said it and I'll do it. GOD's Decree.' "

Acts 2:1-21 (The Good News Translation)

2 When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place.

2 Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. **4** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

5 There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. ⁶When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because each one of them heard the believers speaking in his or her own language. ⁷In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, “These people who are talking like this are Galileans! ⁸How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? ⁹We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!”

¹²Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, “What does this mean?”

13 But others made fun of the believers, saying, “These people are drunk!”

14 Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: “Fellow-Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about:

¹⁷‘This is what I will do in the last days, God says:

I will pour out my Spirit on everyone.

Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message;

your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams.

¹⁸Yes, even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will proclaim my message.

¹⁹I will perform miracles in the sky above and wonders on the earth below.

There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke;

²⁰the sun will be darkened, and the moon will turn red as blood,
before the great and glorious Day of the Lord comes.

²¹And then, whoever calls out to the Lord for help will be saved.’

Gospel Acclamation: LBW setting 2, page 83

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

P: The Gospel according to... **John 15:26 - 16:15 (God’s Word Translation)**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶“The helper whom I will send to you from the Father will come. This helper, the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, will declare the truth about me. ²⁷You will declare the truth, too, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

¹[Jesus continued,] “I have said these things to you so that you won’t lose your faith.

²You will be thrown out of synagogues. Certainly, the time is coming when people who murder you will think that they are serving God. ³They will do these things to you because they haven’t known the Father or me. ⁴But I’ve told you this so that when it happens you’ll remember what I’ve told you. I didn’t tell you this at first, because I was with you.

⁵“Now I’m going to the one who sent me. Yet, none of you asks me where I’m going.
⁶But because I’ve told you this, you’re filled with sadness. ⁷However, I am telling you the truth: It’s good for you that I’m going away. If I don’t go away, the helper won’t come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸He will come to convict the world of sin, to show the world what has God’s approval, and to convince the world that God judges it. ⁹He will convict the world of sin, because people don’t believe in me. ¹⁰He will show the world what has God’s approval, because I’m going to the Father and you won’t see me anymore. ¹¹He will convince the world that God judges it, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

¹²“I have a lot more to tell you, but that would be too much for you now. ¹³When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into the full truth. He won’t speak on his own. He will speak what he hears and will tell you about things to come. ¹⁴He will give me glory, because he will tell you what I say. ¹⁵Everything the Father says is also what I say. That is why I said, ‘He will take what I say and tell it to you.’

After the reading

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: “Getting Out of the Comfort Zone”

Message Hymn: **Holy Spirit Fall**

Disciples held in tension waiting
For the promised Holy Spirit.
Expectant hoping for the coming
That would change them they knew
not how.

Jesus promised to deliver
The Holy Spirit sent from God.
That the world might come to know
Him
By the witness of His word.

Unconsuming fire, consume.
Dove, majestic swooping low.
Gently spoken, mighty wind.
Oil of unction freely flow.

Holy Spirit blowing freely
Fiery tongues of flame alight.
Come and fill us with Your power
And we’ll witness in Your might.

Unconsuming fire, consume.
Dove, majestic swooping low.

Gently spoken, mighty wind.
Oil of unction freely flow.

Prayer:

Unconsuming fire, consume.
Dove, majestic swooping low.
Gently spoken, mighty wind.
Oil of unction freely flow.
Spirit moving here among us
Leading us to serve our Lord.
Teach us, mold us in His image;
Build Your church by your accord.

Unconsuming fire, consume.
Dove, majestic swooping low.
Gently spoken, mighty wind.
Oil of unction freely flow.
Oh, Holy Spirit fall,
Oh, Holy Spirit fall,
Oh, Holy Spirit fall.

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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**

Praise Song: This is the Air I Breathe

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread,
Your very Word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desp'rate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You.

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This is the air I breathe,
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I'm lost without You.
I'm desp'rate for You.

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Passing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory – Let the Vineyards LBW Setting 2, page 86

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers
we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the
feast to come.**

Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Prayers are concluded with

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come.
May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.

C: Amen

Closing Song: We Wanna Get Busy

We wanna get busy building up...

We wanna get busy building up...

We wanna get busy building up...

Your church, Your church!

Your kingdom come, Your will be done right here!

Your kingdom come, Your will be done right now!

Your kingdom come, Your will be done right here!

Your kingdom come, Your will be done right now!

May we be busy with your love;
Trained up for your kingdom's work;
Shaped and sent to spread the news:
Here we are, Lord, build your church,
Lord, build your church, Lord, build
your church!

We wanna get busy building up...

We wanna get busy building up...

We wanna get busy building up...

Your church, Your church!

Your kingdom come, Your will be done right here!

Your kingdom come, Your will be done right now!

Your kingdom come, Your will be done right here!

Your kingdom come, Your will be done right now!

Through the ages you have formed your church,

Using lives available to you.

Here we are committed to your will.

Use us in, in what you do,

In what you do, in what you do!

We wanna get busy building up...

We wanna get busy building up...

We wanna get busy building up...

Your church, Your church!

We wanna get busy building up...

We wanna get busy building up...

We wanna get busy building up...

Your church, Your church!

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Sending

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Share the Good News.

C: Yes, Lord, we will!