



## Worship with Communion The Day of Pentecost

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**Welcome! We're glad you chose to worship with us today!**

### ♪ You've Poured Out Your Spirit

You've poured out your Spirit, Great Father of Life,  
your presence, your power, the Spirit of Christ:  
The fruit of his triumph, the breath of his love,  
the proof he has risen and reigns now above.

Your promise is given in wind and in flame,  
with lives now ignited to burn in your name.  
Now loving, now holy, now bold in the truth,  
your body, your people are one, Lord, in you.

We praise you, our Father, the Fountain of Life,  
for comfort and challenge, for purpose and light.  
In love we will share all the gifts you provide  
that all may be blessed and our Lord glorified.

Your challenge is sounding. Our calling is clear:  
to live out a gospel the needy can hear.

Lord, help us to go till all people have heard  
and touch every life with the love of the Lord.

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*Celebrant* The Day of Pentecost is here! God's children gather, far and near:

*People* We're transformed into God's family by God's Spirit joining with ours!

*Celebrant* Come, Spirit of Adoption; open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

*People* Come, Holy Spirit!

*Celebrant* Come, Spirit of Peace, and calm our trembling hearts:

*People* Come, Holy Spirit!

*Celebrant* Come, Breath of God, and overturn our conventional lives:

*People* Come, Holy Spirit!

*Celebrant* May the Lord of Pentecost be with you!

**God's Spirit is with us!**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your Good News; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **AMEN!**

## **First Lesson**

*Reader* A reading of Acts chapter 2, verses 1 through 21.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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'."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Unison Reading

*Reader* Let us read in unison Psalm 104 verses 25 through 37.

*All* O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May your glory, O Lord, endure for ever; may you rejoice in all your works; you look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please you; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

## New Testament

*Reader* A reading of Romans chapter 8, verses 22 through 27.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-15

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant* Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning... I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes,

he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

### Renewal of Our Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy universal church. Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*All* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*All* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Son?

*All* 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 to the dead. 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.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*All* 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.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN!**

## Prayers of the People

*Reader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, & neighbors, & for those who are alone.**

*Reader* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Reader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Reader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, & the needy.**

*Reader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Reader* For the entire Body of Christ, near and far.

*People* **For all who serve God and God's Church.**

*Reader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Reader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Reader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Reader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

*All* **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

*All* **O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!**

*Celebrant* To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

*All* **AMEN!**

## **Celebration of Amma Diane's Ordination Anniversary**

*Reader* At this time we will celebrate The Rev Diane Murray's 12th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Amma Diane was ordained on May 23, 2009, at the Episcopal Cathedral of St Paul in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and was called to be our Rector several months later. Diane also ministered as an ordained Deacon in our Diocese for over a decade prior to becoming a priest. Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty God, we thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Diane may be to us and to others an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN!**

*Reader* You, Diane, our Rector, our Priest, came from among us to be for us one who serves. We thank you for ministering Christ to us and for helping us minister Christ to each other and to the world.

*People* We are grateful for the many gifts you bring to our community: for drawing us together in worship, for comforting us in sickness, for showing us compassion, for blessing our relationships, for baptizing our children, for confirming us in our calling, for supporting us in bereavement, for helping us grow in faith, for helping the whole community realize God's presence among us. For our part, we pray that we may always be attentive to your needs and never take you or others for granted. You, like us, need friendship and love, welcome and a sense of belonging, kind words and acts of thoughtfulness.

*Reader* Siblings in Christ, let us join our hearts together in prayer for Diane.

*People* Almighty God, we ask you to bless Diane, and to confirm her in her calling. Give her the gifts she needs to respond with generosity and a joyful heart. We offer these prayers for Diane, our sister and friend. AMEN!

## **Passing the Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Invitation to Communion**

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

*Celebrant* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

## ♪ Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldest do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die;  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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## Offering Our Gifts

*Celebrant* Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the church mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are also online giving options on our web site at [mySJEC.com/donate](http://mySJEC.com/donate). We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

*Celebrant* Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

*People* Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

## Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*All* Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*All* By your will they were created and have their being.

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of

creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*All* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*All* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*All* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*All* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN!**

## **Breaking Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.*

*People* In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. AMEN!

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN!

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* May the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and for ever more.

*All* Alleluia! AMEN!

## **♪ Holy Spirit, Ever Living**

Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life;  
 Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;  
 Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ;  
 you we praise with endless worship for your fruits and gifts unpriced.  
 Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;  
 teaching, strength'ning and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
 Holy Spirit, ever binding, age to age, and soul to soul,  
 in a fellowship unending, you we worship and extol.

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## **Sending**

*Celebrant* Go forth sharing the Good News of God's love! Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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