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Pentecost

Sunday, May 31, 2020

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart with O Breath of Life.

Arr. Cindy Berry

WORD

THE STORY OF PENTECOST A Dramatic Interpretation of ACTS 2:1-21

Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. another, "What does this mean?" $^{\rm 13}{\rm But}$ 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.

 $^{\rm 21}{\rm Then}$ everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

SERMON

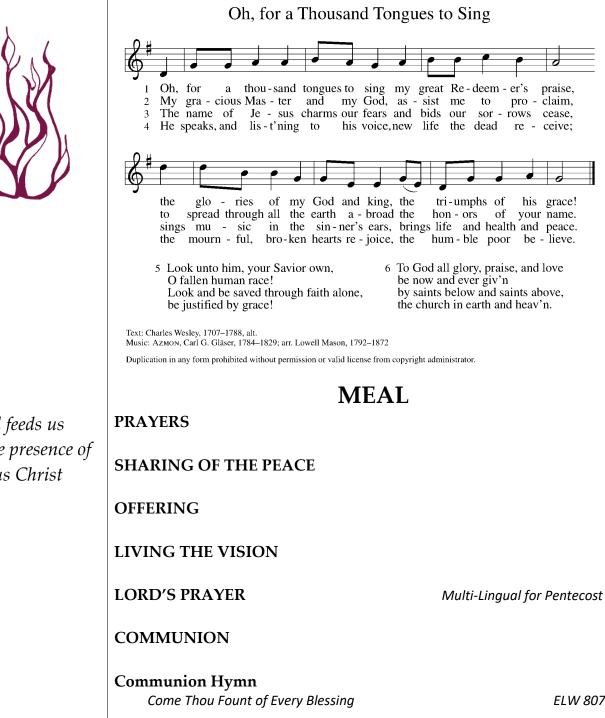
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O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

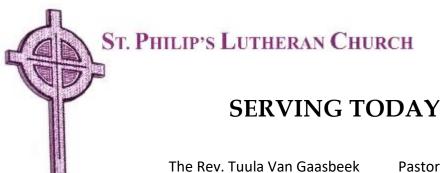
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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come"; Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be; 1 2 3 streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home. grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee. let that While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Je - sus wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Prone to teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove. Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt. Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813 SENDING **BLESSING** DISMISSAL POSTLUDE

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- Tuesday @ 7pm there's a Bible Study via Zoom.
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Virtual Worship is Reaching Many!

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