

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

June 9, 2019 (Eighth Sunday of Easter)

The Day of Pentecost

## GATHERING

### *Holy Spirit We Now Wait On You*

Holy Spirit, we now wait on You;  
There is nothing more that we can do.  
Send Your power now and set the captives free. (repeat)

Holy Spirit, we're waiting on Thee,  
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Holy Spirit, we now wait on You;  
Lift our hearts, we pray, and make us new.  
A present help, You said that You would always be. (repeat)

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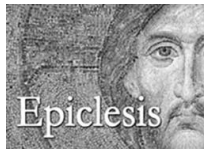
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Come, Holy Spirit, touch me and my brother.  
Let Your sweet fragrance fall;  
Cover us, perfume us all.

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O LORD, how manifold are Your works!  
In wisdom You have made them all.

**You send forth Your Spirit –  
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
Of counsel and strength,  
Of knowledge and the fear of the LORD –  
And Your creation is renewed.**



May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
May the LORD be glad in His works.

**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.**

May our meditation be pleasing to Him,  
For we rejoice in the LORD.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
Praise the LORD!**

– from Psalm 104 and Isaiah 11:2

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

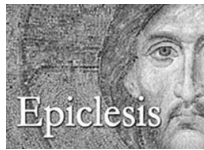
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

*Bow Down*

Bow down before the Lord,  
Worship Him, O worship Him.  
Bow down before our God,  
Enter in, O enter in.

Consuming fire and sweet perfume,  
His awesome presence fills this room.  
This is holy ground (repeat)  
So come and bow down.

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READING: Acts 2:1-21

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Holy Spirit... Spirit... Holy Spirit, we're waiting on Thee.

...God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us express our unity with the church of all ages  
on this Pentecost Sunday by professing our faith  
in these words of the Heidelberg Catechism:

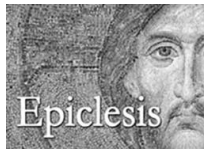
**In his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit,  
Christ is not absent from us for a moment.**

**By the Spirit's power  
we make the goal of our lives not earthly things,  
but the things above, where Christ is,  
sitting at God's right hand.**

**Through the Holy Spirit,  
Christ pours out his gifts from heaven  
upon us, his members.**

**The Spirit, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God.  
The Spirit has been given to us personally,  
so that by true faith  
the Spirit makes us share in Christ and all his blessings,  
comforts us, and remains with us forever.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 47, 49, 51, 53



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Jesus said, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, who abides with you and will be in you. He will teach you all things ... and He will guide you into all truth.”

*Through the Spirit of Truth, who helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to the will of God, let us freely confess our sins to God.*

– from John 14:16-17, 16:13, and Romans 8:26-27

**Almighty God, You poured out Your Spirit upon the gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. Yet, we confess that we too often hold back the force of Your Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your word of grace, speak the good news of Your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.**

[Silence]

**Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit and fill us with a glowing desire to be Your covenant people, doing Your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*He Is Here*

He is here; hallelujah! He is here; Amen!

He is here; holy, holy. I will bless His name again.

He is here; listen closely, hear Him calling out your name.

He is here; you can touch Him. You will never be the same.

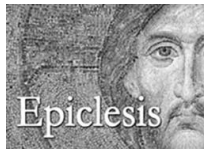
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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

– John 14:27

*All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.*



**When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. — Romans 8:14-17a**  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Gracious and loving God, we acknowledge that You have opened up Heaven and rained down Your blessings in amazing ways, over and over.

[Spontaneous words and prayers of praise and thanksgiving]

**And now we gratefully offer ourselves, all we are and all we have, as a reflection of Your love and expressions of our worship. Amen.**

#### *Holy Spirit, Rain Down*

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;  
O Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again.  
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;  
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard;  
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your word;  
Holy Spirit, rain down.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard;  
No mind can know what God has in store,  
So open up Heaven, open it wide,  
Over Your church, and over our lives.

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#### THE WORD

Acts 2:1-21

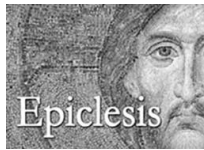
#### THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

#### *Passing of the Peace*



*The Coming of the Holy Spirit,*  
Soichi Watanabe, Contemp.



The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Our Father in Heaven* (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,  
Your name is holy, our Father.  
Your kingdom come, and Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us, we pray, our bread for today,  
Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,  
Forgiving of what others owe.  
Keep us from trials; save us from our ancient foe!

As we sing the kingdom, we sing the power,  
We sing the glory be Yours – Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

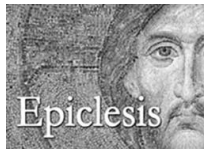
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*Holy Spirit*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin,  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace;





Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.

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### *Agnus Dei*

Alleluia, alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. (Repeat)  
Alleluia. Holy, holy... are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb; worthy is the Lamb.  
You are holy. Holy... are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb; worthy is the Lamb; Amen.

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### SENDING FORTH

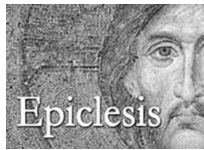
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Benediction:

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the  
Holy Spirit of promise, who was given to us and who has sealed  
us in Him, to the praise of His glory.**

Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit,  
going forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

—Romans 15:13, 5:5; Ephesians 1:13-14; Galatians 5:25

*A thought about worship...*

“Pentecost Sunday ends the extraordinary season that began on the first Sunday of Advent. In approximately six months the church has been carried through all the saving events of God— his incarnation, manifestation to the world, life, death, resurrection, and ascension as well as the coming of the Holy Spirit. All these crucial events form faith and the spiritual life.... Broadly speaking, Pentecost brings understanding to the followers of Jesus, empowers them in ministry, establishes the church, and points to the end of history when the kingdom of Christ will be established over all the earth.” Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004), 163, 161.

**Lectionary for next week:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

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