



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 12, 2011 (Day of Pentecost)

GATHERING

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



Pentecost, Hermanoleon



O For a Thousand Tongues

O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

Leader: Blessed be our God at all times,
now and always and forever and ever.

People: Glory to you, our God! All glory to you!

Holy Spirit, Lord and Comforter,

**Spirit of truth everywhere present, filling all that exists,
treasury of good gifts and source of life,**

come and dwell in us; cleanse us and fill us with your love.

Holy God; God, holy and mighty; Holy, immortal One –

We praise and welcome you.

Children:

God in heaven,

You surprised and amazed your disciples at Pentecost
with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for the Spirit
who still fills our lives and hearts.

Send your mighty Spirit on us as we worship;
fill us with joy and excitement. **Amen.**



O For a Thousand Tongues

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim;
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

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READINGS:

Acts 2:1-21 (Mandarin: Mae Hu; French: Donald Bowes)

Acts 2:1-4 (various languages: everyone)

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The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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Holy Spirit Coming, He Qi, Contemporary



PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Call to confession:

The Holy Spirit – sent as our Comforter, Helper, and Advocate – searches all things. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us, and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

(1 Corinthians 2:10; Psalm 139:23-24)

Let us open our hearts and lives to the Spirit of Truth by our own transparent confessions to Him.

[Silent confessions]

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus promised, “If you love Me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, that He may be 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 bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”
(John 14:15-17a; 26-27)

Thanks be to God!

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Spoken prayers of thanksgiving and devotion

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



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.



Pentecost, Joseph Ignaz Mildorfer, c.1750

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THE WORD

Acts 2:1-21

Numbers 11:24-30

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**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 our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

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 wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until 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.



Communion Cup, Daniel Bonnell

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

O For A Thousand Tongues

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim;
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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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, as we go 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...

“We need to come to the Table of the Lord with a sense of anticipation,
believing that the Lord will meet us there in a unique way, that he will heal our
hurts, bind up our wounds, and minister to our needs.” Robert E. Webber, *Worship
is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of Salvation* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson
Publishing, 1992, 79.)

Lectionary readings for next week:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

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