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Day of Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Passing the Peace of Christ (*Ephesians 2:14*)

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility. Christ has broken down the barriers that separate us and has given us the gift of peace. Let us thank him by sharing the peace with those who are in our homes and in our hearts.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Preparation for Worship

Peter J. Gomes

I cannot imagine those heroic firefighters and police officers and workers and volunteers amid the rubble of Ground Zero in New York, in indulging in the luxurious theological speculation about where God might or might not be. They know where God is, he is right there with them, strengthening them, even when hope itself has died. If you want to know where God is, do not ask the prosperous. Ask the suffering. Ask the sorrowing. Ask those acquainted with grief.

Prelude

Fall Afresh

Jeremy Riddle

Call to Worship (*The confusion of tongues: Acts 2:1-4*)

Readers: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Hymn of Praise

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT 9.11.9.11 with refrain

Doris Akers, 1962

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff features a soprano vocal line with a melodic line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The middle staff features a basso continuo line with sustained notes and bassoon-like entries. The bottom staff features a piano or organ line with harmonic support. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the staves.

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place,
2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive And I
Till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord;
know Him in His full - ness and be - lieve; There are
You're the

sweet ex - pres-sions on each face,
one to prof - it when you say, And I know they feel the
“I am going to walk with

Refrain

pres-ence of the Lord.
Je - sus all the way.” Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it,

Sweet heav-en-ly Dove, Stay right here with us, Fill-ing us
with Your love; And for these bless-ings We lift our hearts in
praise. With - out a doubt we'll know that we have
been re - vived When we shall leave this place.

Call to Confession (*John 20:21-23*)

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of forgiveness; let us open our hearts to both as we confess our sins in his presence.

Prayer of Confession

Living Lord, you speak to us in words we can understand no matter where we are, yet we often do not listen. During this time of crisis forgive us and teach us to listen in patience for your word and to pray in hope for your guidance. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness (*Romans 8:1-2*)

Leader: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

People: **Hear the Good News! In the name of Jesus Christ we have been forgiven.**

Time with Children and Youth

Anthem

Spirit of the Living God

The Birthday of the Church

Tweedy/Assad

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from

Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Sermon

Fire From Heaven

Larry Vilardo

Hymn (*music on next page*)

Let Every Christian Pray

Prayers of the People

from Vanderbilt Lectionary Prayers

Empowering God, you gave the church the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your church today and hear our petitions.

A moment of silent prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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

Let Every Christian Pray

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1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery
 2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on
 3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this

day, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was
 earth to seek and save the lost: God
 hour: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! In -

not the church we love com - mis - sioned from a -
 nev - er has with - drawn, since that tre - men - dous
 struct, in - spire, u - nite, and help us see your

bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 dawn, the gifts at Pen - te - cost.
 light: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: We are scattered in body yet gathered by the Spirit to call on the name of the Lord.

People: **We pray that we would be open to the Spirit's calling on our lives.**

Leader: We are in different places but we are members of one body.

All: **We pray that Christ would make us of one heart and one mind through His Holy Spirit.**

Closing Hymn (*music on next page*)

Spirit of the Living God

Charge and Benediction

In this unique season of history, let us leverage our time by seeking the voice of our Lord and praying for a world united not only by suffering but by working for the health and welfare of one another.

Benediction

May God's grace surround you. May Christ's peace abound in you, and may the power of the Holy Spirit astound you. Amen.

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Traditional Spiritual

THANK YOU

Lector: Marta Narus

Readers: Ellen Bauerle - English

Sandy Thormann - sign language

Larry Vilardo - Italian/ Hebrew

Paul Seever - German

SeJin Oh - Korean

Kathy Willott - Latin

Carina Bunch - Spanish

Marta Narus - Swedish

Transitional Pastor: Larry Vilardo

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Spirit of the Living God

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LIVING GOD Irregular

Daniel Iverson, 1935; adapted

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The musical score consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The time signature is 4/4 throughout.

Staff 1: Features a soprano vocal line. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me;" followed by a repeat of the first line.

Staff 2: Features a basso continuo line, providing harmonic support with sustained notes and chords.

Staff 3: Features a soprano vocal line. The lyrics are: "Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me." followed by a repeat of the first line.

Staff 4: Features a basso continuo line, providing harmonic support with sustained notes and chords.