

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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AS WE GATHER

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth.

PRELUDE: THE POWER OF THE CROSS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

PRE CHORUS: So remember Your people, remember Your children,
remember Your promise O God.

CHORUS: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

PRE CHORUS: So remember Your people, remember Your children,
remember Your promise O God.

CHORUS: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me. REPEAT CHORUS

PRE CHORUS: So remember Your people, remember Your children,
remember Your promise O God.

CHORUS: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Yeah, Your grace is enough; Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:3, 5b; 66:4

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.
- P** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
C let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!
- P** Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
C my salvation and my God.
- P** All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;
C they sing praises to Your name.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8

- P** With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- P** I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.
C Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!
- P** I say to the LORD, You are my God;
C give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!
- P** In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.
C Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

(or)

- A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

C **Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation.**

P Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and 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, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, 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. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness

and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

SONG OF THE DAY: SING TO THE KING

Foote/Horne

Sing to the King who is coming to reign. Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation His empire shall bring, and joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

CHORUS: Come, let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus;
He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;
Sing to the King.

For His returning we watch and we pray; We will be ready the dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.
CHORUS X2

Sing to the King, Sing to the King.

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SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Grant Your blessing, O Lord, on the Church here and in all places, that You will confirm it in the Gospel, inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world. Grant that the Holy Spirit continually call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the Church and keep it in the one true faith. Come, Holy Ghost,

C **God and Lord.**

P Confident of Your care, we pray for our families, those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those in need, *[especially . . .]*. Grant that the Holy Spirit move us to be those who live out our Gospel calling in deeds of love. Come, Holy Ghost,

C **God and Lord.**

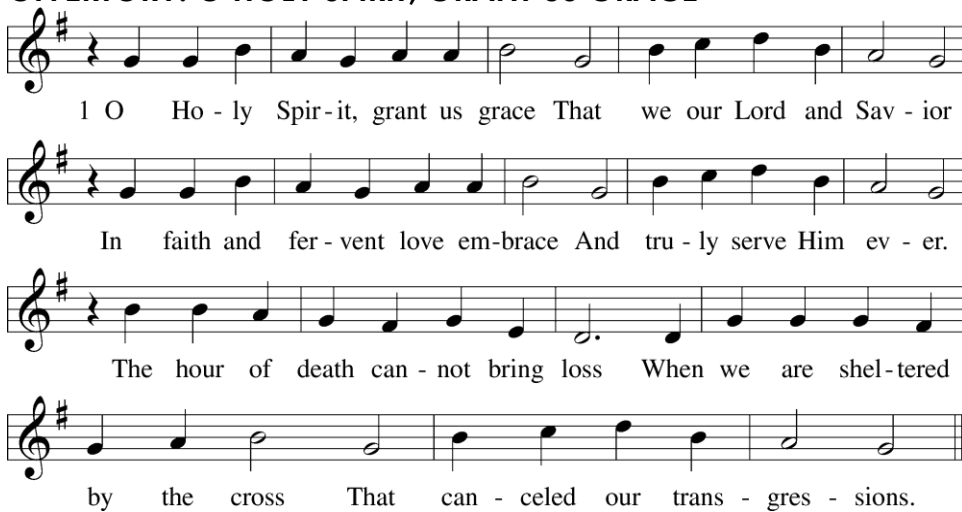
P Bless, we pray You, the nations of the world that there be times of peace and security. Remember in Your grace our schools, hospitals and all charitable institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for You and those in their care. Come, Holy Ghost,

C **God and Lord. Amen.**

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OFFERTORY: O HOLY SPIRIT, GRANT US GRACE

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The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "I O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er. The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions."

OFFERING

Due to COVID-19 we will not be passing an offering plate. Please place gifts and offerings in the wooden box in the narthex. You can also give online as a one-time gift or reoccurring donation. Simply click "Online Giving" at www.ascensionstl.com.
"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

✝ SACRAMENT ✝

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them
2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament
3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life

(Please Stand)

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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\dagger DISTRIBUTION SONGS \dagger

SONG: ALL MY HOPE

Jason Ingram/Reuben Morgan

Light in my darkness, peace for my soul,
You are my rescue, you never let go. REPEAT

CHORUS: All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.

Here in my weakness, always the same.
Your love is my shelter. Your life is my way. CHORUS X2

Constant Savior, Friend forever, Lord, You have my heart.
Sure foundation, never failing, Lord, You have my heart. REPEAT, CHORUS

All the earth beneath You. All my life before You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.

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SONG: GREAT I AM (HALLELUJAH)

J. Anderson

I wanna be close, close to Your side, so Heaven is real and death is a lie
I wanna hear voices of angels above, singing as one...

Hallelujah, Holy, Holy, God Almighty, Great I Am,
Who is worthy none beside Thee, God Almighty, Great I Am.

I wanna be near, near to Your heart, loving the world, hating the dark
I wanna see dry bones living again, singing as one...

Hallelujah, Holy, Holy, God Almighty, Great I Am,
Who is worthy none beside Thee, God Almighty, Great I Am.

The mountains shake before You, the demons run and flee
At the mention of Your name, King of Majesty.
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand
Before the power and the presence of the Great I Am.
The great I am. The great I am.
The great I am. The great I am. The great I am.

Hallelujah, Holy, Holy, God Almighty, Great I Am,
Who is worthy none beside Thee, God Almighty, Great I Am.

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DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

A We are people loved by Christ;

C Sharing Christ's love.

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: AWESOME IS THE LORD MOST HIGH

Pierce/Tomlin/Reeves/Abel

Great are You Lord mighty in strength, You are faithful, and You will ever be.
We will praise You all of our days, It's for Your glory we offer ev'rything.

Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome is the Lord most high.

Where You send us, God, we will go. You're the answer we want the world to know.
We will trust You when You call our name. Where You lead us we'll follow all the way.

Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome, is the Lord most high.
We will praise You together, for now and forever. How awesome is the Lord most high.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, how awesome is the Lord most high.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, how awesome is the Lord most high.

Raise your hands all you nations, shout to God all creation, How awesome, is the Lord most high.
We will praise You together, for now and forever. How awesome is the Lord most high. X2

Hallelujah Hallelujah.Hallelujah.
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