



Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
A Service of Word and Song
in celebration of Pentecost

shared by the Rev. Kendra Buckwalter Smith '12/'13
Director of the Worship Program

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Psalm 117:1-2

Leader: Praise the Lord!

For great is the Lord's steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol God, all peoples!

***People:* For great is the Lord's steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!**

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Prayer of the Day

Leader: God our creator, earth has many languages,
but your gospel proclaims your love
to all nations in one heavenly tongue.
Make us messengers of the good news
that, through the power of your Spirit,
all the world may unite in one song of praise;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 104

Refrain: *Cantor will sing once, then all may join in*



Lord, send out your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; O LORD my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with majesty and splendor.
You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak
and stretch out the heavens like a tent.
You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers
and flames of fire your servants.

Refrain

You set the earth upon its foundations,
so that from now until forever it shall never be moved.
You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
At your rebuke the waters fled,
scattered by your voice of thunder.
They went up into the mountains and descended down to the valleys,
to the place where you assigned them.
You set the limits that they should not pass;
never shall they return to cover the earth again.
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Refrain

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great..
There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season;
You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Refrain

You send forth your spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.
You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have being.
May these words of mine please God
I will rejoice in the LORD.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

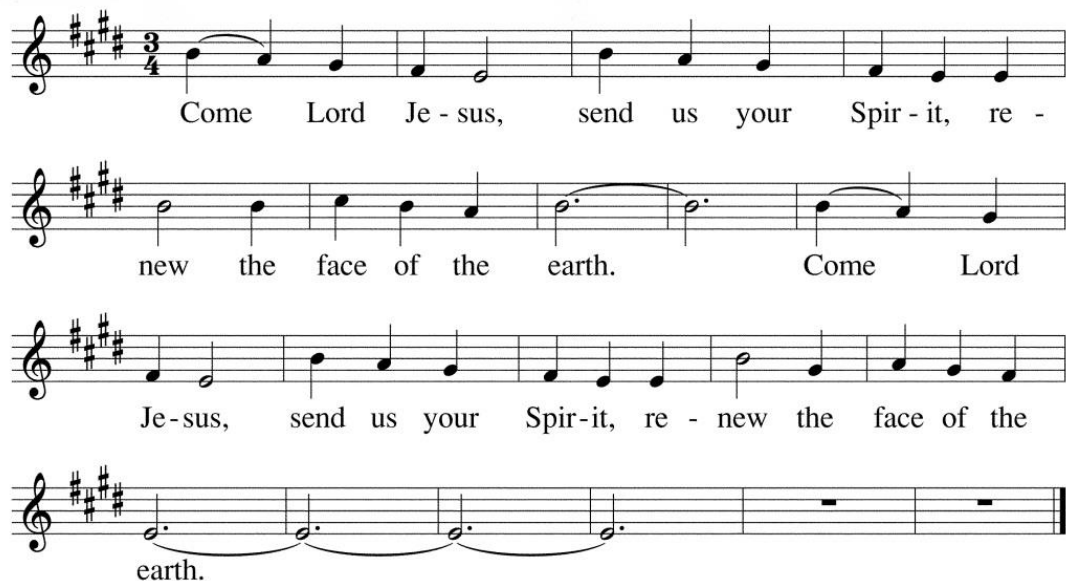
Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-13

*Sermon

The Promise of Pentecost: Acts 2:14-18 (Joel 2:28-29)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Response:



Come Lord Je - sus, send us your Spir - it, re -
new the face of the earth. Come Lord
Je - sus, send us your Spir - it, re - new the face of the
earth.

**Dream I

Response (singing): *Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit . . .*

Dream II

Response (singing): *Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit . . .*

Dream III

Response (singing): *Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit . . .*

Prayers of Intercession

Following each petition:

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

(In the language or version closest to your heart)

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Ecumenical Version

SENDING

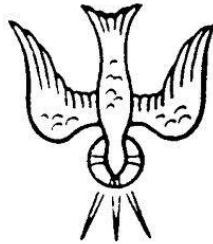
Sending Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve

Benediction

Postlude

All depart sharing signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love



Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Consider inviting anyone in your congregation who speaks a language other than English to participate in this Call to Worship – each one extending the invitation of verse 1 of the Psalm in his or her own language and responding to the invitation with verse 2. They pass this invitation and response one to another until a leader extends the invitation to the congregation in English.

Language 1: (facing Language 2 person)

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol God, all peoples!

Language 2:

(facing Language 1 person)

For great is the Lord's steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

(turning toward Language 3 person)

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol God, all peoples!

Language 3:

(facing Language 2 person)

For great is the Lord's steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

(turning toward English-speaking person)

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol God, all peoples!

English-speaking person:

(facing Language 3 person)

For great is the Lord's steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

(turning toward congregation)

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol God, all peoples!

(lifting hands in invitation for congregation to respond)

People:

**For great is the Lord's steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!**

Hymn of Praise: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Text: Reginald Heber, 1827

Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861, NICEA

African American Heritage Hymnal #329

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #413

Glory to God #1

Hymnal 1982 #362

Lift Up Your Hearts #538

Worship (4th ed.) #553

Prayer of the Day

PC (USA) *Book of Common Worship* 2018, page 345

Psalm of the Day

Words: Arlo D. Duba © 1980 Arlo D. Duba

Music: Richard T. Proulx © 1981 Richard T. Proulx

Psalm Text: from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* © 2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress Publishers

(from *Psalms for All Seasons* © 2012 Faith Alive Christian Resources, pages 665-667)

**Sermon*

The sermon may point to God at work through the Holy Spirit in the midst of the congregation and the surrounding community. Ideally, the sermon will lead seamlessly into the second reading from Acts, “The Promise of Pentecost.” This portion invites the congregation to participate in bearing witness to this promise.

***Responding to the Word: Dreams I-III*

In this Pentecost celebration it is appropriate to allow space to hear the proclamation of God’s manifold works in the voices of different members of the congregation. Consider asking a few congregants (with time to prepare!) to imagine what they think God wants for your church and/or the community surrounding your church. Encourage them to describe with vibrant language where they see God at work in your community and where they see God calling your community. Ask, What can the community look like when the gospel is truly heard and lived in the power of the Holy Spirit? They may wish to share an instance in which they have seen the Kingdom made clear in the midst of your church/community. Where have they seen reconciliation and unity? Where have they seen Christ-like service? Where have they found assurance that the Holy Spirit is in fact moving in their midst?

Invite these congregants to write a brief statement that paints such a picture of these dreams of community. Then have each congregant share what they have written – what they imagine – in worship. As the minister in service to this particular community, you may wish to offer the final dream in a way that affirms the Holy Spirit’s work in your midst and encourages the congregation boldly to trust in the Spirit’s power and guidance for the future.

Each of these offerings may be punctuated with a brief sung refrain

Send Us Your Spirit response

Words and Music: David Haas (b. 1957) © 1981, 1982, 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

Sending Hymn: The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB © 1993 Delores Dufner, admin. by OCP Publications

Music: USA folk melody, LAND OF REST

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #551

Sing the Faith #2241

The Faith We Sing #2241

With One Voice #723

Worship (4th ed.) #787