



SOTC Worship
May 28 2023
Pentecost Sunday

GATHERING

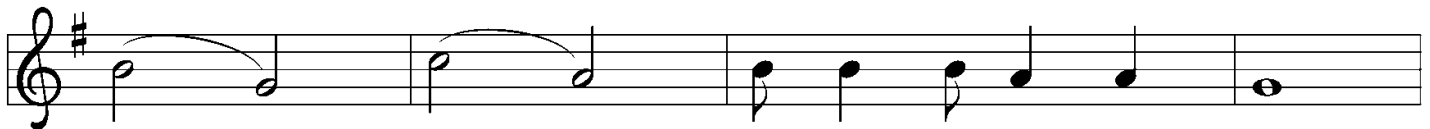
PRELUDE

WELCOME

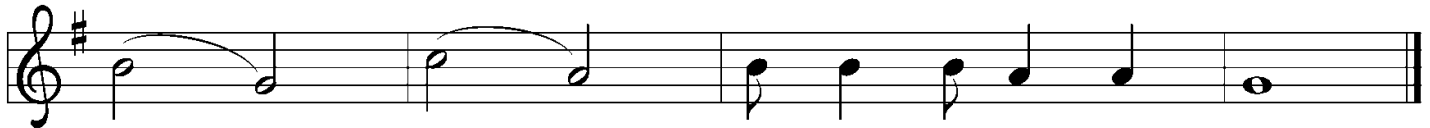
OPENING LITANY

Pastor Aleese begins by singing the third line of ELW 401: Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading. Then, the congregation joins on the fourth line.

Refrain



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.*



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In the beginning, God's Spirit moved over the waters and created order out of chaos. As our world waits for an end to war and violence, and as the whole creation waits for an end to suffering and pain, with undying hope we pray...

Pastor Aleese sings: Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come

*Congregation responds: **Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come***

On the banks of the Jordan River, God's Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove. As our world waits for peace to unite the world in a just and caring community, with undying hope we pray....

Pastor Aleese sings: Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come

*Congregation responds: **Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come***

As disciples gazed heavenward, watching their Lord ascend to the sky, they trusted God's promised Spirit. As we have remained here, closely abiding in God's promise of love, with undying hope we pray...

Pastor Aleese sings: Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come

Congregation responds: Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come

Anointed with God's Spirit, the disciples shared God's Good News far and wide. As we listen for God's call for us, sending us out in God's mission of love, with undying hope we pray...

Pastor Aleese sings: Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come

Congregation responds: Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come

Gathered today as Christ's body on earth, we await God's Spirit with hope. Gracious Spirit, baptize us this day with fire. Ignite us with passion in our bones and inspire us with Christ's vision for a world reborn. Fill us with love that overflows and pour your Spirit upon us, equipping us for the work you have called us to. Confident in your promises, and with undying hope we pray...

Pastor Aleese sings: Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come

Congregation responds: Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come

HYMN

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING

ELW 401 (vs. 1-3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

————— **WORD** —————

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READING: NUMBERS 11:24-30

24Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. 25Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

26Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord

Moses, stop them!” 29But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!” 30And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

PSALM: PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷**These all look to you**

to give them their food in due season;

²⁸**when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

³⁰**When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works —

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul.**

Praise the LORD!

READING: ACTS 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon 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 upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

GOD OF TEMPEST GOD OF WHIRLWIND

ELW 400

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!

————— **MEAL** —————

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the midst of the prayer, the response to "as we proclaim the mystery of faith" is
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

LAMB OF GOD

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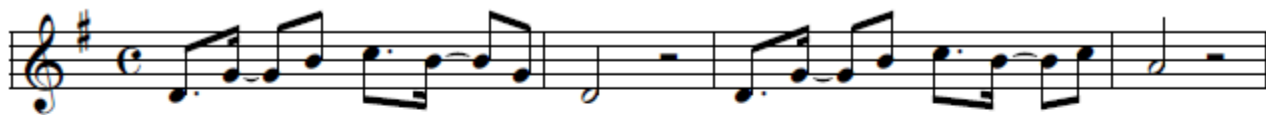
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

————— SENDING —————

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

SEND US OUT



We have been called by the Lord. We have been saved by the Word.
We who were bound by our shame, ruled by our fears with - in.



Now let the Word be re - stored. Now let the Gos - pel be heard. Send us
Stand and de - clare by the name free - dom from all of our sin.



out to teach what God has done. Send us out to reach ev - 'ry



sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.

Teach what God has done. Reach ev-'ry sin-gle one.

Teach what God has done. Reach ev-'ry sin-gle one. Send us

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

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