

# Day of Pentecost, year A

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## Focus on the Season: The Day of Pentecost, year A

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Today's festival gets its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover, and the day the Spirit came upon the believers in Jerusalem. Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, unites, and empowers us to go out as those first disciples into the world. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us and sends us for witness in the world.

*Everything for worship is included in one video. You may wish to print these pages before worship, as it would be helpful to have an order of service to follow along in the home.*

*There are several places where you are invited to respond or even lead; these are clear in the video.*



## Centering and Gathering

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*Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.*

PRELUDE: Chorale and Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus" Maurice Duruflé  
*Recorded on the Day of Pentecost, year B, May 24, 2015*

HYMN: ELW 786, "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 25 C, September 22, 2019.*

## Word

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Apostolic greeting is on the video)*

Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:24-30; reader – Jim Bargmann, lector

<sup>24</sup> Moses 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. <sup>25</sup> Then 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.

<sup>26</sup> Two 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. <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup> And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup> But 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!" <sup>30</sup> And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

*Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.*

*Recorded Wednesday, May 20, 2020*

How manifold are your | works, O LORD! \* In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y 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.

You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; \* and so you renew the face | of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD en- | dure 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 my being.

May these words of | mine please God. \* I will rejoice in the LORD. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21; reader – assisting minister Vicar Bristol Reading, with many others reading in different languages (see below for list)

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, the believers were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ‘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. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Come Holy Spirit”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Day of Pentecost, year C, June 9, 2019.*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

<sup>19</sup> When 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.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When

he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

SERMON

**Spirit**

Pr. Joseph Crippen

*Silence for reflection*

HYMN: ELW 577, “Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Day of Pentecost, year C, June 9, 2019.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Vicar Reading, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.)*

*Respond to each petition: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE

*Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.*

OFFERING

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:*

*<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>*

***Sending***

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LORD’S PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Pray the Lord’s Prayer together.*

*The benediction is on the video. Response: **Amen***

HYMN: ELW 617, “O Day Full of Grace”

*A virtual hymn prepared by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the National Lutheran Choir, with singers and instrumentalists from around the globe (including singers from our Cantorei) during May of 2020, released this week.*

DISMISSAL

*Someone may lead the dismissal for the others:*

☞ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.    ☞ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

Toccata on “O Day Full of Grace”

David Cherwien

*Recorded at Mount Olive on The Day of Pentecost, year B, May 20, 2018*

**Participants in the reading from Acts:** Austin Crosby, Spanish; Sedona Crosby, Spanish; Mary Dorow, Korean; Harry Eklund, Swedish; Jeannette Eklund, Finnish; Victor Gebauer, Koine Greek; Margaret Gohman, Spanish; Eunice Hafemeister, German; Gene Janssen, German; Dwight Penas, Norwegian; Lisa Ruff, Spanish

## **In Our Prayers**

• Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Dan Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Julie Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Victor Gebauer; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Dan & Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, Reba Zumberge, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Bill Hatten, Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Nancy Stelling, friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; David & Ellen White, brother-in-law and sister of Allen Dundek; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Kinndlee Lund, pastor of King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley, CA, friend of Beth Gaede; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Asher Strong, friend of Gene Janssen; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders and Ann Clark, daughter and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Toccata on "O Day Full of Grace" Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Mark, Lawanda, and Ramiyah Dean, friends of Matt McCuen & Katie Krueger; Martha & Dennis Johnson, sister and brother-in-law of Rhoda Nelson and aunt and uncle of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Todd Erickson, friend of Jean & Doug Parish; Gloria Johnson, mother of Doug Parish; Becky Steinert, friend of Cynthia Prosek; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Richard Reyer, father of Chuck Reyer; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Scott Kingman, father of Anna Scott; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Lydia Wiechman, Levi Boswell, son, mother-in-law, and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephew, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Becky Groska, Trisha Niemi-Haapoja, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes, Jan Harper (spouse of former Mount Olive vicar, the late Jean Hay); Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.

• **At the death of:** Betty Amala, mother of Anders Amala.

• **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.

• **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.