

Vigil of Pentecost

May 30, 2020 ✝ Mount Olive Lutheran Church



A vigil kept for the Holy Spirit in our lives

The eve of Pentecost has been for many years a night for a Vigil prayer service at Mount Olive, calling on the Holy Spirit to come in our midst. This night, in the midst of the grief and anger over George Floyd's murder and the systemic injustice and racism and white supremacy that this was a part of, because of the unrest in our city, and the destructive elements burning our city who do not care for justice or for the legitimate, just protests, as well as because of the pandemic, we cannot gather. We need to stay home for the sake of our neighbors in more ways than we can name now.

We remember this night Archbishop Desmond Tutu's prayer: "Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death."

This liturgy is as we do it every year, with the exception that we cannot be anointed with oil as the sign of the Spirit's dwelling in us. But the Spirit dwells in you, in me, in all God's children. For that, we keep vigil with our city, our state, our nation, and our world, and pray, "Come, Holy Spirit."

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



Light your candle. **Start the video by clicking here**; it will continue through the final chant for the Spirit.

Liturgy of Light

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT:

Ostinato (repeated continuously) in harmony



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HYMN FOR LIGHT:



1. Be - hold, un - veiled the ves - per skies: the
2. How - blest are you, all lov - ing God, who
3. O Spir - it, search the depths of God, The

eve - ning has be - gun, and prayer and praise like
weaves both day and night, a star - ry man - tle
flame of wis - dom bear, That glo - ry light our

in - cense rise as sets the gold - en sun.
for our road: the shad - ow and the light.
hearts' a - bode And truth en - kin - dle there.

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THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light in - to being,

and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night

you led your peo - ple in - to freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be

a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer-ci - ful,
 and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and with all your crea-tures we
 give you glory, through your Son Je - sus Christ, in the unity of the
 Ho-ly Spirit, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Psalmody

PSALM 141

All
 Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
 the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

Group One or All
 O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when
 All
 I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
 the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

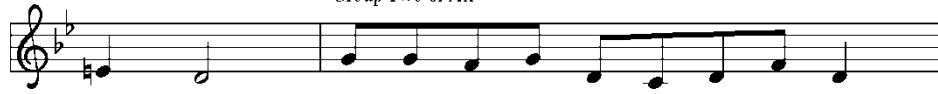
Group Two or All
 Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Group One or All
 Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

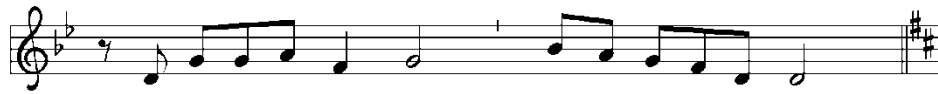


let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Group Two or All



do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.



Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Silence is kept.

- P** Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

G Amen

HYMN – ELW 407, “O Living Breath of God

Word

READING: Exodus 19:1-9

Response: ELW 403, “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

READING: Romans 8:14-17, 22-27

Response: ELW 402, “Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

READING: John 7:37-39

Response: ELW 800, “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Silence is kept.

DIALOG

- ☐ The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.
- ☑ **The Spirit of truth lives in us, and will guide us to the truth.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE – ELW 723, Canticle of the Turning

Thanksgiving for Baptism and Witness to the Spirit's Presence

- ☐ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

- ☐ **Beloved of God, remember that you are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.**

LITANY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Christ have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*

Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

All powerful and ever-living God, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, God's eternal Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us..*

Spirit of God, boundless life, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, save us, sanctify us, and hear us. *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, One with the Father and the Son, enter our hearts. *Have mercy on us.*

Promise of God, *have mercy on us.*

Author of all good, *have mercy on us.*

Source of heavenly water, *have mercy on us..*

Consuming fire, *have mercy on us..*

Spirit of love and truth, *have mercy on us.*

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, *have mercy on us.*

Spirit of counsel and might, *have mercy on us.*

Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Spirit of joy in God's presence, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, the Comforter, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, who governs the Church, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, who fills the universe, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, shed your light in our souls, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, engrave your law in our hearts, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, lead us away from sin, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, inflame us with the flame of your love, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, teach us to pray well, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, lead us in the way of salvation, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, inspire in us the practice of good, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Spirit, make us persevere in justice. *Have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *send us your Holy Spirit.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *pour down into our souls the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *grant us the Spirit of wisdom and peace.*

Come, Holy Spirit! *Fill the hearts of your faithful people. Enkindle in us the fire of your Love.*

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

P God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

C Amen

Sending

LORD'S PRAYER AND BLESSING

Pray the Lord's Prayer together.

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