

Order of Service
Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025

Prelude

"Improvisation on "Veni Creator Spiritus" Robert Hebble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Newsom

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

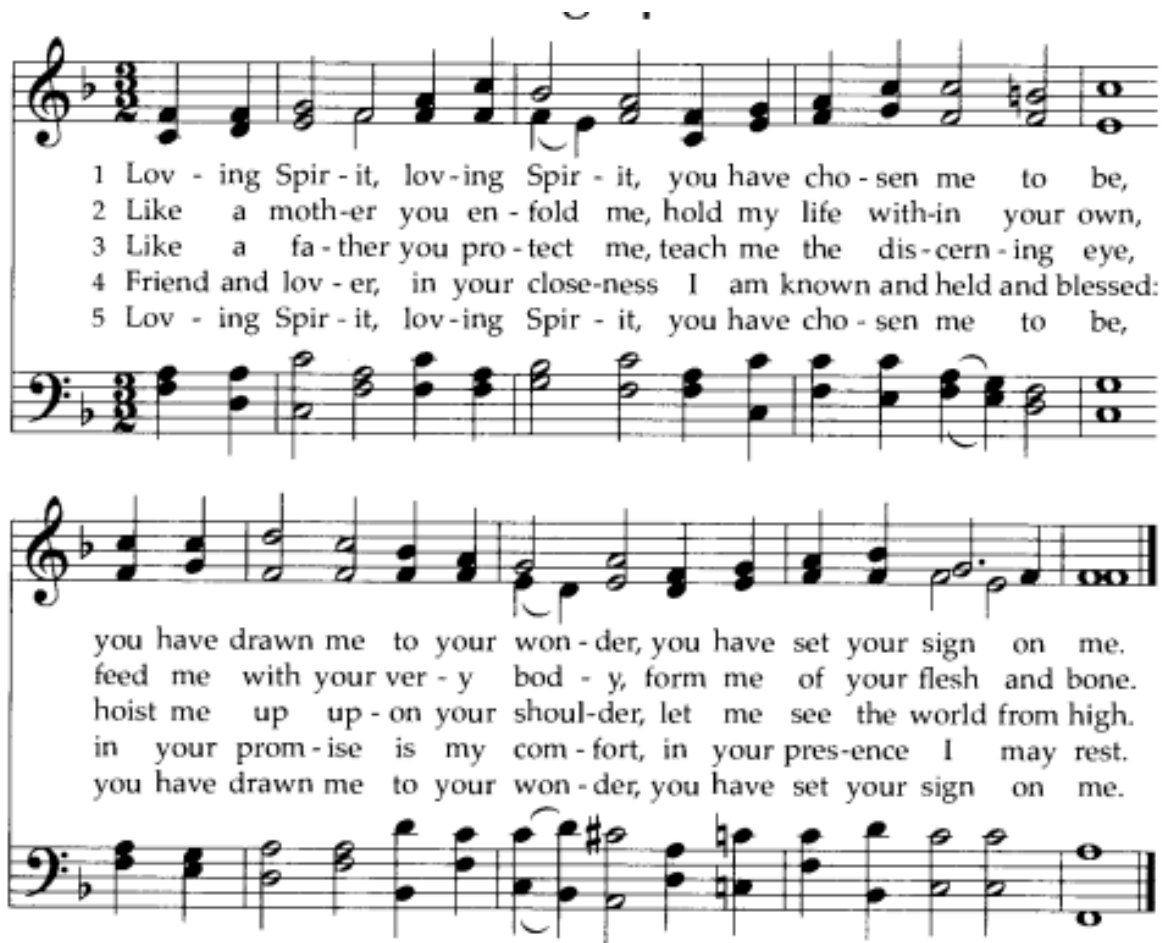
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us rise and greet one another with words of peace and remain standing for our song of centering.

We greet one another with signs and words of peace.

SONG OF CENTERING

"Loving Spirit" vs. 1



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Please join in a responsive call to worship.

Liturgist: The day of Pentecost is here:

All: The day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

Liturgist: The day of Pentecost is here:

All: The day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.

Liturgist: The Day of Pentecost is here:

All: The day when compassion is seared into our souls.

Liturgist: The Day of Pentecost is here:

All: The day when God's inclusion of everyone is on full display.

Liturgist: The Day of Pentecost is here:

All: Let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!

Liturgist: Let us pray responsively:

Liturgist: Spirit of the Living God, dance with us on this day.

All: Come, Whirlwind of Wonder!

Liturgist: Enflame us with your passion for justice.

All: Come, Liberator of the Least!

Liturgist: Purify us of our grasping greediness.

All: Come, Advocate of selfless living!

Liturgist: Open us to all your diverse creatures.

All: Come, Welcomer of Everyone.

Liturgist: Wind of God, blow through us;

Fire of God, burn within us;

Tongue of God, speak to us on this

Day of renewal and birth.

All: Amen

SONG OF GATHERING

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

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1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.
on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

The musical score is written for four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line.

The Liturgist invites the congregation to be seated.

Acts 2:1-21

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound like a violent wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Divided flames like fire rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation visiting Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and were bewildered, because each one heard the disciples speaking in their own native language.

Christ is risen! Believe and be saved!

French (Peter Huschilt): Le Christ est ressuscité! Croyez et vous serez sauvés!

Spanish: (Frank VanPelt) Cristo ha resucitado! Creed y seréis salvados!

German (Bill Newsom) Christus ist auferstanden! Glaub und sei gerettet!

Liturgist: Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that each of us is hearing our own native language?"

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are drunk on cheap wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and spoke to them."

"Everybody listen up, no matter where you're from. These people are not drunk – it's only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was promised through the prophet Joel:

In the days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
Your young men will see visions,
And your old folks will dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
In those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they will prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
And signs on the earth below – blood, and fire, and smoky must.
The sun shall urn to darkness and the moon to blood,
Before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Silence is Observed

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers, let's pray together.

**ALL: Gracious God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
Creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
Speak the good news of your love,
Or live as a people made one in Christ**

**Have mercy on us, Loving God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
And fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
Doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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One: Though the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news: In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven! We are loved!

All: Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

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All are welcome to share in our communion celebration.

Blessing of the Elements

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God!

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High!

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray....

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

This Sunday, Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and receive both as you return to your seat. There are gluten free crackers available on each plate.

Communion Hymn

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Leader or All

1 "I am the bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion;
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, and you shall live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven though you
 Son of God, who has

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er; you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain
All
 "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day."

As the notation marks suggest, the first four stanzas and refrain are quoted from Jesus (John 6:35, 41, 51, 52).

CHILDREN'S BLESSING DISMISSAL

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Gospel Reading

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John 14:8-17

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus replied, "Philip – have I been with you all this time, and you still don't know me? Whoever has seen me has seen God the Father. How can you say, Show us the Father?"

Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I don't speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his work. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but even if you don't, then believe because of the words you see me do.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the words that I do and, in fact will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do what ever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees nor knows her. You know her because she abides with you and will be in you.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. It's not what the world calls peace – it's my peace. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid.

This is the Gospel, the good news of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

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God's Inclusive Spirit

The Liturgist invites the congregation to rise in body or spirit and sing the next hymn.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

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1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal-lenge of her
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Pastor:We pray to you, our mother, using the words he gave us, Saying together,

ALL:

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; and 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.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

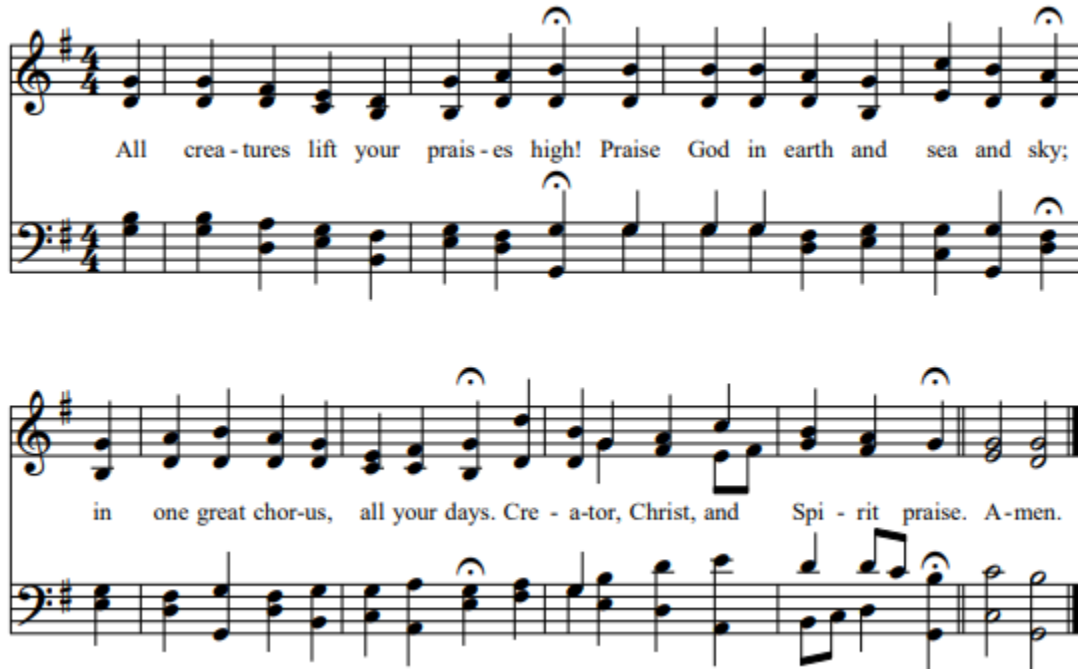
Pastor

Ushers will come forward to receive the offering.

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOR

OFFERTORY

Doxology



All crea-tures lift your prais-es high! Praise God in earth and sea and sky;

in one great chor-us, all your days. Cre-a-tor, Christ, and Spi-rit praise. A-men.

CHARGE

Liturgist

Liturgist: Go out into the world, and work to bring forth new life.
Dream dreams and pursue visions.
Speak of God's goodness in the words of those who hear.

And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.
May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming.
And may the Holy Spirit, your Companion and Helper,
Set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ.

SONG OF PARTING

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vs. 1-2

Winds, elegantly James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

Refrain

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 to Refrain

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

“Sonata on the First Tone”

Jose Lidon

Indicates that congregation is invited to rise in body and spirit.