



8th Sunday of Easter
May 28, 2023



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GATHERING TOGETHER

As we prepare for worship together, in person or virtually, you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.

*Everyone is invited to join in speaking or singing aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. *The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when members of the congregation are invited to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE

Come Holy Spirit

Han Van Koert

Consoliers, Vol. 4 No. 2

World Library Publications, Inc., 1973

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mamie Broadhurst

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pre-K - 6th Graders

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

WORD FOR WORSHIP - Pentecost

*HYMN No. 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

CALL TO CONFESSION

Peggy Carroll

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsive*)

Spirit of the Living God,

We confess that we have turned our eyes from people and places too long languishing in deep pain and relentless fear.

Come Holy Spirit.

We have too often stayed silent rather than crying out for justice for people right now exploited, devalued and oppressed.

Come Holy Spirit.

We have been too afraid of evil to upend it; shying away from turning things upside down because we worry about where we ourselves would land.

Come Holy Spirit.

We have shied away from proclaiming our faith in any tongue, embarrassed to be associated with a passionate love for you.

Come Holy Spirit.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

Come, Holy Spirit.

Bring winds of change to the farthest corners of the earth, ushering in God's peace and abundant life.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Bring words of God's deeds of power spoken in languages understood by all creation.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Bring reconciliation that breaks down walls and bring about a revolution of grace, mercy and kindness that reveals every person's dignity and worth.

Come Holy Spirit.

Bring us along on this journey, in spite of all our shortcomings, for this is the journey we wish to be on and you are who we wish to journey with.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

This is the promise: "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh"
— young and old, rich and poor; all people will see.

This promise is for you, and for me.

No matter who we are or where we have been,
the Spirit of the Living God falls fresh, with mercies new every morning.

We are forgiven! May the Spirit continue to speak through us!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hymn No. 283

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

The congregation is invited to sing the parts labeled "All."

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-4

Romans 8:14-30

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Beth Paskoff

Hymnal p. 35

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Ancient Prairie

Text by Bai Juyi

music by Eriks Esenvalds

Musica Baltica, 2018

*The prairie overflows with grass's rolling billows,
As the year comes and goes, it withers and grows.*

*The wild fire can never burn it out of view,
When the vernal breeze arises, it appears anew.*

*Its balmy odors drift across the path time-worn,
Its luster of green extends to the town forlorn.*

*Again as I see my friend along the road depart,
I feel the grass is deep in sorrow as my heart.*

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Though we do not always know when or where it will blow,
and we do not always recognize its presence,
we live into the hope that your Spirit, O God,
is not finished with us nor with your world.
We give ourselves and all of our gifts to that hope.
Amen.**

*HYMN No. 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

Go with God.

Alleluia! And Amen!

POSTLUDE

Come Down O Love Divine

arr. Wilbur Held

Hymn Preludes for the Pentecost Season

Concordia Publishing House, 1979



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