

Reach One More For Jesus!

Pentecost

May 31, 2020

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

There is no fear the Holy Spirit cannot overcome. There is no door the Spirit of grace cannot breach. This is *good news* indeed.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: With rushing wind and holy fire . . .

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

L: With tongues of flame and hopes rekindled . . .

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

L: With visions birthed and dreams restored . . .

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L: With spacious grace and depth untold . . .

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OPENING HYMN "We Are the Church" vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

Hymnal Page #558

1. I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together! The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

2. I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together! We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

4. I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together! And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

5. I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together! At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of God, we long to be open to Your presence in our church and in our lives. Fill us with Your wind and fire, that we might be enlivened again. Help us hear the words as if for the first time, that they might touch us anew. Give us visions and dreams of what You long for in Your creation, that we might begin to live them into reality. Come, Spirit; come into our worship, into our church, into our very selves. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Acts 2:1-21 NRSV

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.'

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "HURRY AND WAIT"

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For opening Your hand, and blessing us with Your manifold blessings, we give You thanks, O God. On this day of Pentecost, may our gifts bring dreams and visions to world in need of hope and direction. And may our hearts overflow with rivers of living water. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Hymnal Page #465

1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.
3. Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine; grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.
4. Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscience reign; be my Lord, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

BENEDICTION