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Pentecost

REFLECTION

Celebrating the Immortal Jesus as the Resurrection Community of the Spirit

Blessed be the Lord Jesus Christ
Who has baptized us with his Spirit—
Divine wind,
Fire from heaven,
Light from above,
Comforter
The very life of God in our lives!

Praise be to the Spirit who animates the church;
Who sets Christ before us, glorifying his dying and rising,
Convincing us we are loved,
Softening our concrete hearts,
Recreating us in the Beloved,
Drawing together what had split apart:
Young and old, rich and poor, men and women,
This racial group and that, the weak and the strong,
The sick and the well—
One new community of redeemed children of Adam!

Come, O Source of joy and gladness,
Breathe your life in and through us.
Alleluia!

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PENTECOST

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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Call to Worship

Acts 1:4-11:

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Invocation

Praise Hymn

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:12–13, 28–32

Confession of Sin

O exalted and mighty Father,
quietly and humbly we come,
remembering that you oppose the proud,
and tear down those who exalt themselves.

We are guilty of conceit, of vanity, and of boasting,
of putting on airs of superiority,
and adopting tones of condescension.
Our hearts have been stony, and proud.
And we have loved neither you nor others
with the innocence of children
We are quick to criticize and find fault,
but defensive and testy when criticized ourselves.
We have been smug or stingy with our possessions,
or protective of our status, or too hungry for praise.

Help us, for the burden of love you ask us to carry
is breaking our proud back,
for only humility is strong enough to carry it.
Bend us, O Lord, under your mighty hand.
Bow our hearts, that we might know ourselves as we are,
and not as we imagine ourselves to be.

All this we confess, in the name of our humble Savior, Even Jesus Christ. Amen.

1. Ho - ly Ghost, dis - pel our sad - ness, pierce the clouds of sin - ful night;
 2. From that height which knows no mea - sure, as a gra - cious show'r de - scend;
 3. Come, O best of all do - na - tions God can give or we im - plore;

come, O source of sweet - est glad - ness, breathe your life and spread your light.
 bring - ing down the rich - est trea - sure man can wish or God can send.
 hav - ing your sweet con - so - la - tions we need wish for noth - ing more.

Lov - ing Spir - it, God of peace, great dis - trib - u - tor of grace,
 Heav'n - ly Glo - ry, shin - ing down from the Fa - ther and the Son,
 Come with unc - tion and with pow'r, on our souls your grac - es show'r;

rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 grant us your il - lu - mi - na - tion; rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion.
 au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, make our hearts your hab - i - ta - tion.

Individual Confession

Absolution

Romans 8:1–4, 9–10

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.... You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Thanksgiving Hymn

Holy Ghost Dispel our Sadness

New Testament Lesson Acts 2:1-21

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, you heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

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Sermon Text

Mark 4:35-41

Sermon

The King and the Cross: Mark's Gospel | Pastor Curran Bishop

Response Hymn

Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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Bringing Our Life to God

Prayers | Collection | Profession

Prayers of the People

Collection

Text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts
or visit give.pcamna.org/to/1708/

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*the universal Christian Church in all times and places

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.

Communion Hymn Establish the Work of Our Hands

If You don't build it we labor in vain

Without Your Spirit we stand with no strength

I know my life is passing away

But the works of Your hands are what will remain

Chorus

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us
O Lord establish the work of our hands (repeat)

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out Your power we'll pour out Your praise
Teach us to run to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain

Chorus

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (repeat)

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Coronation Hymn

Establish the Work of Our Hands

Chorus

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us
O Lord establish the work of our hands (repeat)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (repeat)

Benediction from Ephesians 3:16 & 19

Now may the Lord bless you according to the riches of his glory and grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God in Christ. Amen.

REFLECTION

The Church and the Spirit

The Church is composed of those who are God's people in a very different sense than, for instance, the earth is the Lord's.

The Spirit of the Lord fills and moves his creation, but what made the Church and fills and moves it is his Holy Spirit, something dearer, something greater. All men are God's, as part of his creation; they are his offspring. But there is something greater, more divine than humanity; it is the Church of God. The Church of God is the finest product of humanity, it is the greatest thing in the universe. And this is so because it was produced by God in his Son and Holy Spirit. The Church is his own as no nation is, no society, no family. The Church is his as his Son is his, his in his Son. His not as a part of creation, but as a new creation in Jesus Christ. If in love he created the world, in much more love did he create the Church. It was in might and beauty he created the world; it was in holy love he created the Church. It is his as nothing else in the world is. It is the Church of his Son, and his Son is more to him than all the world.

I speak of the Church of course as God sees it, God who sees the end from the beginning. You must also learn to see your Church like that, not as a man sees it but as God redeemed it, and as God trusts it, and bears with it, and feeds it, and serves it, and waits for it while it grows to the mature man in Jesus Christ.

— P. T Forsyth (1848-1921)

Pentecost

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings,
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays,
Today the church draws breath at last and sings,
As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.
This is the feast of Fire, Air and Water,
Poured out and breathed and kindled into Earth.
The Earth herself awakens to her maker,
Translated out of death and into birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every boarder,
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.
Today the lost are found in his translation,
Whose mother-tongue is love in every nation.

– Malcolm Guite, in *Sounding the Seasons*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group | Meeting tonight at 5:30 at the Bishops' house for a Bible study and community meal. Signup to bring a dish, drink or side on the link in the weekly email.

Men's Breakfast | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). A space for community, important questions, and understanding. Feel free to invite friends, coworkers and neighbors.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting | 7-7:50pm. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other.

[Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

Men's & Women's Bible Studies | Men meet next on Saturday 6/11, women on 6/25, from 9-10:30am. Email questions for either study to info@cpcmilford.org.

Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship | Generally 3rd weekends, rotating months: the women will meet next month. RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org.

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