
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Fantasy on “Veni Creator Spiritus” Richard Proulx

Introit

“Hail This Joyful Day’s Return” Plainsong

*Hail this joyful day’s return, hail the Pentecostal morn;
morn when our ascended Lord on his church his Spirit poured!*

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Litany for Pentecost

Leader: *God’s Spirit joins with our spirits, Alleluia,*

People: **to declare that we are children of God. Alleluia!**

Leader: *Come, Spirit of wisdom, and teach us to value the highest gifts.*

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: *Come, Spirit of understanding,
and show us all things in the light of eternity.*

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: *Come, Spirit of counsel, and guide us along
the straight and narrow path to our heavenly home.*

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: *Come, Spirit of might, and strengthen us against every evil spirit
and interest which would separate us from you.*

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: *Come, Spirit of knowledge,
and teach us the shortness of life and the length of eternity.*

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: *Come, Spirit of godliness, and stir up our minds and hearts
to love and serve the Lord our God all our days.*

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: *Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives.
Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits.
Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy.
With your warmth bend our rigidity,
and guide our wandering feet.*

People: Amen!

*Hymn 280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Prayer of Confession (*unisson*)

Almighty 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.
Our ears don't hear your word of grace.
Our tongues speak the good news of your love, but with hesitation.
And we do not live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit
and fill us with a burning desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 104:24–31 Old Testament, page 525

Anthem

“The Spirit of the Lord” Tony Way
*The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world, alleluia.
Pour out the wine of your Spirit, O Lord; may we be filled with your love.
Then shall we be strong, our hearts and lips cleansed by your sacred flame.
God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live and it shall praise thee.*

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:3–13 New Testament, page 163

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson

Acts 2:1–13 New Testament, page 111

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 529 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

*Affirmation of Faith. Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Two Variations on the Tune “Veni Creator” Maurice Duruflé

*Offertory Response

For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
 here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
 Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

Sealing the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Minister: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 572

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 573

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling” Thew Elliot

Spirit, I have heard you calling, like a memory long grown dim, crying from creation’s moment, seeking voice from deep within. I have heard you in my longing. I have heard you in my pain. Now I feel you moving in me, feel you burning like a flame. Now I see you all around me; now I hear you call my name. Now I speak the words you give me; now I feed creation’s flame. You are speaking through my longing. You are speaking through my pain. Now I feel you moving in me, and I’ll never be the same. Since you moved upon my waters, since you spoke and set me free, I have yearned for this communion, for your fire inside of me! Now your love defines my longing. Now your love shines through my pain. Now we dance in endless union, singing out creation’s name!

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 282 “Come Down, O Love Divine”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Finale from Choral Variations on the Tune “Veni Creator” . . . Maurice Duruflé

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Worship Notes

THE DAY OF PENTECOST celebrates the birth of the church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Jesus. Red, which is the liturgical color for the day, symbolizes the pentecostal fire of the Holy Spirit as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

THIS MORNING, COMMUNION IS SERVED BY INTINCTION. The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles.

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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