

MORNING WORSHIP

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Variations on “Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire”

Maurice Duruflé

INTROIT

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

German chorale

arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Creator Spirit, by whose aid the world's foundations first were laid;
come, visit every humble mind; come, pour thy joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free, and make thy temples worthy of thee.

*DOXOLOGY

(The Hymnal, 592)

**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.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have heard about you, Holy Spirit.

People: **You break the bonds of every race and nation,
so we hear God speak in every tongue.**

Leader: You make disciples drunk with grace;
you convert souls and empty pockets.

People: **You show how love makes all things new
and open the doors to change and freedom.**

Leader: So we praise you with our whole hearts.

People: **We praise and worship you in joy.**

*HYMN 127

“Come, O Spirit”

Tune: BOUNDLESS MERCY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

With new life all about us, O God, we still cling to old ways.
In spite of your promises, we seek self-assurance.
You send the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence
and empower us to be your witnesses, but we hold back.
We are afraid to admit what it may mean
if we surrendered ourselves to you.
Forgive us for pretending we can go it alone,
and let our passion to serve you flow freely.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

LISTENING TO THE WORD

PSALTER *(sung)*

Psalm 104

(The Hymnal, 224)

ANTHEM

“The Lone, Wild Bird”

*American Folk hymn
arr. David Johnson*

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.
And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.
The ends of earth are in thy hand, the sea's dark deep and far-off land.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1–17

(page 111, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

***GLORIA PATRI** *(sung)*

(The Hymnal, 579)

**Glorify 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

John 20:19–23

(page 108, N.T.)

SERMON

On Fire

VICTORIA G. CURTISS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 128

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

Tune: MUNICH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

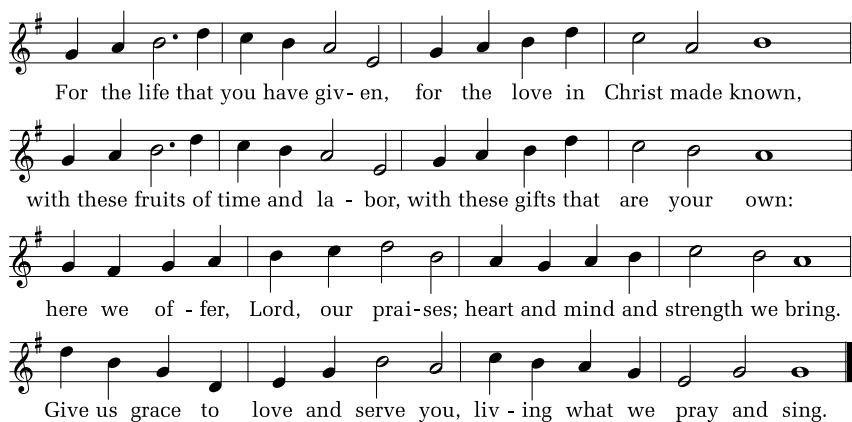
OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on Maurice Duruflé’s

“Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire”

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living 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 to the Lord.**

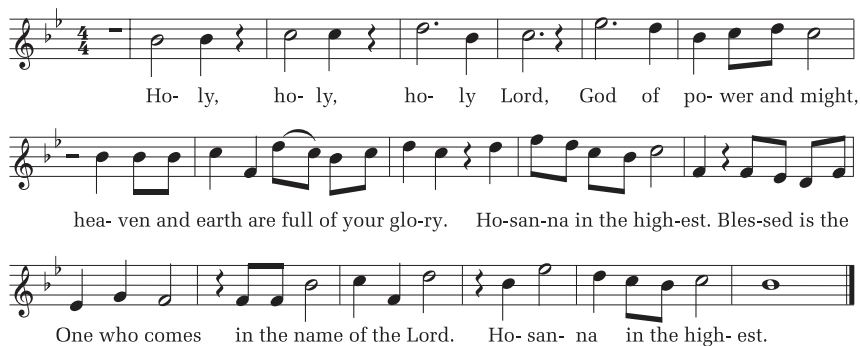
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PRAYER

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

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-
wer and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

“Come, Holy Ghost”

Plainsong

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but one,
that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:
praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Faithful God, your Spirit empowered the first disciples
to be witnesses to your truth.
Empower us and all who believe,
to speak your word and do your will,
that the world may know its true light,
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 131

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *(please remain standing)*

POSTLUDE

Finale from Variations on “Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire”

M. Duruflé

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Edwin Estevez, Victoria G. Curtiss

THE MUSIC TODAY

Men of the Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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 Acts 2. In the Jewish tradition, Pentecost (for “fifty” days after Passover) is a harvest festival of first fruits that also celebrates the giving of the Torah, or Hebrew law. The banners hanging in the Sanctuary present Old Testament and New Testament Pentecost themes, including creation, Hebrew law, harvest, Passover, and tongues of fire.

The red stoles worn by the pastors on Pentecost celebrate both the gift of the Holy Spirit that descended like tongues of fire and the call to carry God’s love to all people. A liturgical symbol of ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, the stoles recall the words of Jesus in Matthew 11:29—“Take my yoke upon you”—by representing that yoke of service to Christ.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

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