

Pentecost

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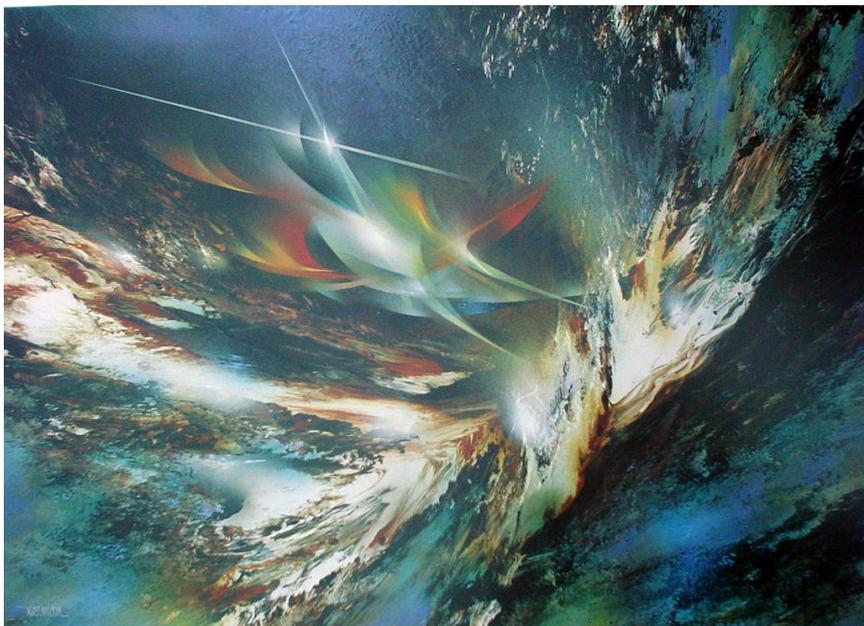


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*Beloved companions on the Way
Come as you are offering our lives
In the struggle of faith with hearts alive with the Spirit!*

Welcome to the AbbeyChurch

No matter who you are or what you are carrying today, know you are beloved and so very welcome here!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation – and strive to practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey - but we share a guiding sacred Story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarized in our Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God - with our questions and doubts, our disillusionment with our institutions and our concern for our world.

We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressive, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

We believe that Christ's love binds our differences together and renews our hope as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome.

We Gather

Opening Loop / Tolling of the Bells Announcements Land Acknowledgment

Let us take a moment in silence to invite the Holy Spirit to hover over us once more.

Come Holy Spirit Come

Silence

Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit)

Musical score for 'Veni Sancte Spiritus' in G major, 6/8 time. The score is for voice and piano. The piano part is marked *pp*. The lyrics are: Ve - ni san - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

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Gathering Words

Come, Holy Spirit!

The one who sang God's Creation out of Chaos,

who wept at the shadow of a cross,

and who danced in the morning, at the opening of the tomb.

Come, Holy Spirit!

You who come mysteriously in wind, flame, and breath,

Come, Holy Spirit, to us,

who gather with trembling hands and uncertain hearts.

Teach us to sing your song and to dance your dance!

Here in this gathering, as you did long ago, breathe on us.

Breathe on us,

blowing away our fears and our hesitations.

Breathe on us,

transforming our hard-heartedness into passion-filled lives.

Breathe on us,

for we need peace, a peace that only you can give.

Rev. Nancy J, <http://ruminari.wordpress.com/>, alt.

Opening Song: Come Holy Ghost

Come Holy Ghost. Come God and Lord.
with all your grace on us outpoured.
Come Holy Light. Come Guide Divine
now cause the Word of Life to shine.

Come Holy Fire and Comfort True
grant us the will - your work to do.

Lord by your pow'r prepare our hearts.
Where we are weak, Lord strength impart
that bravely here we may afford
our life and death to you our Lord. (x 2) Alleluia (repeat)
Words Martin Luther, Music: Tara Ward and Paula Best / Used with permission

Poem: A Love Letter for Pentecost

Written and read by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

We Proclaim

The Story of the Beloved Community

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ...The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit
as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.*

Gospel Acclamation: Come Holy Spirit Come

Come, Holy Spirit, come; Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the shadows from our minds, and open all our eyes.
Dwell, therefore, in our hearts; Our minds from bondage free;
Then we shall know and praise and love; the holy trinity (x2)

Joseph Hart, 1759, alt. | Music: Hiram Ring, 2004 Cardiphonia Music CCLI

The Gospel

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

A reading from the Gospel according to John

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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Sermon

Matthew Humphrey, EC

Silence for meditation.

Bell / Silence / Bell

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith

The Apostles Creed

We believe in God Almighty,
Maker of all heav'n and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, our Saviour:
God's own Son of matchless worth;
By the Spirit was conceived
of the virgin Mary born,
God in whom we have believed:
God Almighty Three-in-One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
on the cross, he bled and died;
Placed within the grave so silent,
where for three days he did lie;
Then the stone-sealed tomb was empty;
we believe he did arise;
Triumphed o'er the grave forever,
over death he is the Christ.

Into heaven he ascended -
seated at God's own right hand
'Til he comes again in glory,
gracious judge o'er every land;
We confess the Holy Spirit
who was sent through Christ the Son
Who is Lord and giver of life -
God, the Spirit, Three-in-One.

We believe the Church of Jesus,
catholic it 'ere remains;
We are one through all the ages,
the communion of the saints.
We believe sins are forgiven,
+that our bodies shall be raised
Everlasting life the promise
may God's holy name be praised.

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Our Prayers

Chivonne Graff

Confession (sung)

Lord, have mercy (x4)

Holy Spirit rest upon us - Lead us in the way of your justice

Holy Spirit rest upon us. Teach us how to serve in our weakness

*In silence we bring our confessions before God asking the Spirit
to release, anoint and heal.*

Lord, have mercy (x4)

Holy Spirit rest upon us teach us how to tend to creation

Holy Spirit rest upon us guide us from our path of destruction

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Assurance / Absolution

The Peace

We acknowledge the peace of Christ in each other.

*During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set. Contributions to our
common life can be placed in the record player in the back of the space.*

Cheques made out to 'The Emmaus Community'.

Charitable receipts will be issued if you provide your address.

Offertory: 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, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all.

Make us one in hearty and mind, make us one in love,

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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We Celebrate

Invitation To the Table / Prayer Over The Gifts

As the earth groans for restoration, the Spirit comes to rouse the people. Her chaos births new worlds. Her fires spark movements. She comforts those troubled by evil and agitates the apathetic.

Come and disturb our complacency. Come and inspire our courage. Come and enliven all the lifeless places, tired with grief, frustrated with struggle. In community, make us a passionate people with a wild and unruly practice of hope.

Receive all we offer you this day and fill us with your breath, that nourished at your table we may be made one in your Spirit.

Amen. *m jade kaiser, enfleshed*

Communion / The Holy Eucharist

God be with you! **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the living God!

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, How wonderful is the work of your hands! ... a peace that would last and a justice that would never fail.

Glory to you forever and ever.

Through countless generations... Therefore with the company of heaven and all of your creation we sing:

Holy holy holy Lord God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

+Blessed is the One who comes

in the name of the Lord. Hosanna is the highest.

While Jesus was eating with his disciples...

Do this in remembrance of me." **Glory to you forever and ever.**

As supper was ending... do this in remembrance of me.

Glory to you forever and ever.

Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to us in Jesus your Child:

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us...be gathered and made one in your love. **Amen.**

As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus taught:
said in a language, translation or paraphrase of your choice

Our *Father (*or Parent, or Source) **in heaven,**
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Silence.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for the life
of the world. **Thanks be to God!**

*All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is
gluten-free but contains almond flour and dairy. Please ask the
server if you would like a non-dairy/almond option. Juice is in
the small cups. Wine is in the common cup.
Please do not dip bread.*

Lamb of God by Audrey Assad (excerpt) 2014 Fortunate Fall Records

Communion Song: Taste And See

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

3 Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

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Communion Song: Fire of Love

Fire of love we wait on you
To kindle our hearts, kindle our hearts

Fire of love we wait on you
To kindle our hearts we pray

Holy Spirit fan the flame (4x)
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We Are Sent

Please rise in body or Spirit

The Spirit who moves like “a rush of violent wind...”
Who appears like fire...

Who is the breath of God...

She comes to us unconcerned with order,
wild with freedom, turning over anything and everything
that stands in Her way.

**Let Her come and fill our mouths with words we didn't
know we could speak.**

**Let Her come and help us hear in languages we once
could not understand.**

She is being poured out.

The people will prophesy.

The heavens will draw near.

**The chorus of voices-past will join in
and proclaim the truth of God.**

Justice will come. © *enfleshed*

Blessed are you, O God, overflowing in love. With
Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of
heaven rests on every believer.

*The Easter Candle is extinguished - individual candles are
lit.*

For fifty days we have celebrated God's new creation and
resurrection life and we have prayed that the power that
was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might
be at work in us. Today we invite that same Spirit to drive
us out into the wild places of the world.

As part of God's beloved community at Emmaus and AbbeyChurch we call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting God to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love? **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to share and minister to those in need
Dismantling systems of power and kindling each others imagination?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Let courage rise up.

Let passion enflame.

Let love transform.

Go in the wild, animating power of the Spirit to love God and serve the people!

Thanks be God!

Closing Song: I Feel the Winds of God Today

I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today,
today my sail I lift.

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