



Pentecost Sunday/Trinity Sunday

June 05, 2022

Words for Meditation:

"Our most concrete relationship with the Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ himself. He promised to send the Spirit to his followers. The same Holy Spirit who empowered Jesus to identify with the broken victims of the injustices of society descends upon his disciples. The Pentecost experience does not take us out of the struggles of the world; it provides us with a spirituality that equips us for those struggles."

-Dr. Levi Oracion, Guide to Celebration of Pentecost and 43rd Anniversary of UCCP, 1991

Prelude (*musical instruments*)

Processional (*entrance of worship facilitators*)

Lighting of Christ Candle

(As the candle is lighted, sounds of rushing wind and burning flames is played in the background)

Sharing of Church and Community Concerns

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Spirit of Light: let your wisdom shine on us.
Spirit of silence: make us aware of God's presence.

People: *Spirit of God, come into our hearts, make us your new Creation.*

Liturgist: Spirit of courage: dispel the fear in our hearts.
Spirit of fire: inflame us with Christ's love.

People: *Spirit of God, come into our hearts, make us your new Creation.*

All: Spirit of unity, come and help us affirm our diversity yet one in spirit, in faith and witness.
Spirit of hope, come and breathe upon us the wind that helps us see visions of full life.

(singing)

"Come, O Come in Unity" Hymnal of Faith Journey, #76

Come, O come in unity, praising God the Trinity,
Who now gathers us in love and gives us gifts from heaven above;
Let's unite! Worship our God in peace, in joy!

Invocation

Holy Spirit, Advocate and Comforter, we celebrate the liberating presence of Christ in You and through You. As we gather today, may we experience the awe-inspiring event that transformed the lives and faith of the early believers. Pour out the tongues of fire to purify and make us understand your message manifested through our different lives, different calling and different expressions of faith. We acknowledge Your power in our midst. Amen

Hymn of Praise “Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymnal of Faith Journey, #55

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty,
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
From the beginning, God eternally.

Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see;
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

The Pentecost Experience Retold

(Young people of the church may be asked to give a creative presentation of the Pentecost experience found in Acts 2:1-24)

The Church at Prayer *(Members of the church may be asked to give short prayers for the different concerns of the church and the community)*

Call to Confession

Liturgist: As a body of Christ, we experience brokenness, confusion and disbelief.
The power of the Spirit seems to diminish because of distrust, misgivings and hurt.
We fail to acknowledge that Christ through the Holy Spirit has empowered us to overcome all that causes disunity and chaos and brought us the gift of healing and reconciliation.

Let us seek God's forgiveness and mercy for our sins.

Prayer of Confession (all)

If we have been singing praises with our voices
And kept the joy out of our hearts;

If we have prayed only for what was possible
And hoped only for what we could see;

If we have taken your grace for granted
And expected instant answers to immediate requests;

If we have allowed waiting on your Spirit to slip into laziness
And waiting on the kingdom to be replaced by apathy;

If we have only thought of us waiting on you
And never pondered how you wait on us;

Moment of Silence (*a soft music or sound of rainmaker/bell may be played*)

Song of Supplication **“Khudaayaa, Raeham Kar” Hymnal of Faith Journey, #87**

Khudaayaa raeham kar, Khudaayaa raeham,
Khudaayaa raeham kar, Khudaayaa raeham,
Khudaayaa raeham kar, Khudaayaa raeham.

Masiihaa raeham kar, Masiihaa raeham,
Masiihaa raeham kar, Masiihaa raeham,
Masiihaa raeham kar, Masiihaa raeham.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon (*Minister*)

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.
Happy is the man whom the Lord does not accuse of doing wrong
and who is free from all deceit.

Reading of the Scripture

Response: **“Hallelujah” Hymnal of Faith Journey, #82**

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Call to Silent Reflection

Minister: Take a moment now to listen to the voice of the Spirit. In silence, may we receive deeper discernment and reflection and hear God speaking to us.

(soft music or rainmaker played for silent reflection)

Song/Anthem of Proclamation

The Word Interpreted

Call to Offering

Liturgist: The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to experience joy despite hardships; courage despite challenges; blessings despite the difficulties. Let us then respond to this power by offering our symbols of thanksgiving through the giving of our tithes, pledges and our lives.

Offering of Lives and Labor

Offertory Anthem

Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal of Faith Journey, #94

Praise God the Source of life and birth; praise God the Son who came to earth;
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Flame; All glory, honor and to God's name.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (all)

God of life, we offer back to You a portion of which we have graciously received from You. Accept these symbols of gratitude as a response to your faithfulness. Bless our hands so we may care and be generous to others. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

Hymn of Dedication “Come, Holy Spirit, Come!” Hymnal of Faith Journey, #175

Come, Holy Spirit, come, Show us our way
through nightmare alleys of history;
Entrust our children with builders' vision,
Empow'r them to soar above hate barriers,
For they shall lead us all together,
To shape your new city in our time.

Come, Holy Spirit, come, Link arms and hearts,
unite us in our stand for truth and justice;
Entrust our children with builders' vision,
Empow'r them to soar above hate barriers,
For they shall lead us all together,
To break evil dens and prison cells.

Inspire our rising youth to dream bold dreams
upon wrath's rubble and restore community.
Entrust our children with builders' vision,
Empow'r them to soar above hate barriers,
For they shall lead us all together,
To share Christ's true love for making peace.

Prayer of Dedication (Minister)

Almighty God, who on the day of the Pentecost, sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your truth and to draw all people to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Benediction (*Minister*)

May God bless us with love to bring forth new life.
In the name of God, the maker of the whole world,
Of Jesus, our new covenant,
And of the Holy Spirit, who opens eyes and hearts.
Go in peace and be witnesses to hope. Amen

Congregational Response: ***“Response: “Hallelujah” Hymnal of Faith Journey, #82***

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Postlude

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