

Opening Hymn

590 O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts
 2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your dear Word,



your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, in us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in
 that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -
 that we be faith - ful un - to death and live in love



us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, from you true wis - dom learn - ing.



that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing
 Your grace and peace on us show - er; by your pow - er



prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.
 and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Dialogue

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

The Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever.”
O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.
Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”
No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit

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1 Come, O come, life - giv - ing Spir - it, God from all e -
2 Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; when we tres - pass
3 Spir - it, guard our faith for - ev - er; let not Sa - tan,



ter - ni - ty! May your pow - er nev - er fail us;
on our way, cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind you
death, or shame ev - er part us from our Sav - ior.



dwell with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and
and be with us day by day. Should we stray, O
Lord, our ref - uge is your name! When our hearts op -



life and light ban - ish all the gloom of night.
Lord, re - call; work re - pent - ance when we fall.
pose your will, let your Word prove strong - er still.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ²He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

³He said to me, “Son of man, can these dry bones live?” I answered, “LORD God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’”

⁵This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. ⁶I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the wind. Prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live.”

¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, ‘Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.’ ¹²Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Refrain



LORD, send out your Spir-it and re-new the face of the earth.

Tone



How many are your / works, LORD!

In wisdom you / made them all.

All creatures / look to you

to give them their food at the / proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather / it up;

when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. *Refrain*

May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;

may the LORD rejoice / in his works—

he makes winds his / messengers,

flames of fire his / servants.

I will sing to the LORD / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵ Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹² They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹ And this will happen:
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

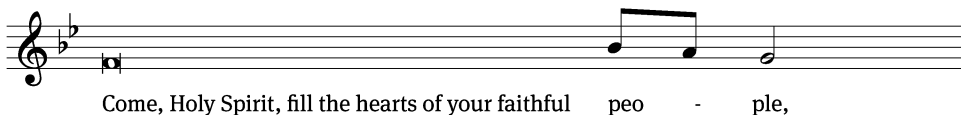
Antiphon for Pentecost



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 15:26–27; 16:4b-11

²⁶ “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me.

²⁷ And you also are going to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ “But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But

if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright-ness
 and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
 let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite
 keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your
 that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our
 that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Sermon

John 15:26–27; 16:4b-11

“The Holy Spirit Is Still Working”

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. [We pray especially for...] Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts

And kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

479 God's Holy Spirit Came



1 God's Ho - ly Spir - it came with rush - ing wind and fire,
2 God sent the Spir - it forth ful - fill - ing proph - ets' word,
3 God's Spir - it filled each one as Je - sus had fore - told.
4 God's Church a - live to - day con - tin - ues to pro - claim



Christ's pres - ence here to com - fort, bless and to in - spire.
to those who fol - lowed Je - sus and who called him Lord.
In man - y tongues they spoke God's Word, re - newed and bold.
sal - va - tion by the Spir - it's pow'r in Je - sus' name.



The Spir - it thus be - gan God's ho - ly work on earth
And as dis - ci - ples met near tem - ple courts for prayer
"Re - pent and be bap - tized," preached Pe - ter in that hour,
Let all be - liev - ers now their tongues and lives em - ploy.



at Pen - te - cost, a gift that gave the Church its birth.
the Spir - it blew and rest - ed on those gath - ered there.
and thou - sands came be - liev - ing by the Spir - it's pow'r.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, our high - est joy!

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Stand

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

How can I thank you, Father, for allowing me to worship in your house today! I have heard the promises of your love in the gospel. I have praised you, confessed you, and prayed for your blessings. I have been strengthened by the witness and worship of others. Keep my faith strong as I live out the tasks of my life, take away my doubts and fears, and give me courage to share the good news of your Son wherever I go and however I can. **Amen.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

593 Holy Spirit, Light Divine



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, shine up - on this heart of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, dwell with - in this heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, fill my heart, cleanse my life in ev - 'ry part;



chase the gloom of night a - way, turn the dark - ness in - to day.
in your mer - cy pit - y me, from sin's bond - age set me free.
fill me with your heav'n - ly peace, let it grow and still in - crease.
cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, reign su - preme and reign a - lone.
your own tem - ple I would be now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

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