

Worship for May 23, 2021 Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Day of Pentecost is here:

the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

the day when compassion is seared into our souls.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN Gather Us In 284

Here in this place new light is streaming

Now is the darkness vanished away

See in this space our fears and our dreamings

Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken

Gather us in, the blind and the lame

Call to us now and we shall awaken

We shall arise at the sound of our name

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying,
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

In gratitude for all that you have done for us, Holy God, we pray:

For the people of God in every land;

for those who continually teach the faith;

for witnesses who by their example show your steadfast love;

for all who are estranged from the church;

and for the strength to walk in your ways

and observe your command;

hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

For nations, communities, and families torn by violence;

for leaders and protesters, for managers and visionaries;

for dictators and peacemakers;

for the allies of our nation and for our enemies;

hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

For Earth and its riches;

for soil and wetlands, trees, bushes, rivers and lakes, oceans and air;

and for all the peoples who inhabit this great creation;

for the ability to choose life for all creatures

and to honor the welfare of generations to come;

hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

For all people who are victims of injustice;
for those who are unemployed or underemployed;
for those living on the streets of our cities;
for everyone affected by divorce;
for people struggling with addiction, anger, fear, or illness;
for all who have asked this congregation for prayer;
for those we name now aloud or in our hearts [silence];
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

For this community of faith;
for the young and the old;
for newcomers and long-familiar faces;
for the newly baptized in every land;
for those who are seeking to know you;
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Thanksgiving for all the saints who served you in life
and whose proclamation of the gospel continues to renew the
church;
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Into your promises, we entrust all those
whose needs are known to us today
and those whose needs are only known to you.
Grant peace to all, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND COMMUNION WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE Romans 8: 22– 27

SERMON TITLE: Fire and Sighs; Leaning into the Holy Spirit

HYMN Spirit #249

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of
sleep;

and over the eons you called to each thing;
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

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