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MAY 23, 2021 **PENTECOST**

## PRELUDE

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

## CONFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,  
have mercy on us. **We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



GATHERING SONG v. 1,3

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your  
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, now cause the  
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the



grac - es now out - poured on each be - liev - er's  
 word of life to shine. Teach us to know our  
 will your work to do and in your ser - vice



mind and heart; your fer - vent love to them im - part.  
 God a - right as lov - ing Fa - ther, our de - light.  
 to a - bide; let tri - als turn us not a - side.



Lord, by the bright - ness of your light in ho - ly  
 From ev - 'ry er - ror keep us free; let none but  
 Lord, by your pow'r pre - pare each heart and to our



faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry land and  
 Christ our teach - er be, that we in liv - ing  
 weak - ness strength im - part, that brave - ly here we



ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:  
 faith a - bide, in him, our Lord, with all our might con - fide.  
 may con - tend, through life and death to you, our Lord, as - cend.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite  
 Music: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Darla Wolf

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

<sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

A reading from Romans.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *with first additional verse*

## *Come, Holy Spirit, Descend*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: '\*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -'. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus''. The third system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment with a fermata over the final notes. The lyrics are: 'name. (hm)'. There are also some markings like '(sm)' and '(sm)' in parentheses above and below the notes.

*\*Additional verses ad lib:*  
Come, Breath of heaven, . . .  
Come, Word of mercy, . . .  
Come, Fire of judgment, . . .  
Come, great Creator, . . .  
Come to unite us, . . .  
Come to disturb us, . . .  
Come to inspire us, . . .

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: BREATH OF HEAVEN, John L. Bell

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## **GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor JMe Lowden

## **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit’s creative work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day especially Bill, Edwin, Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Rodney, Yvonne, Carroll, Ruby. Care for the emergency and first line responders everywhere, especially John, Stacy, Mike, Liz, Dixie, David, Evan, Bill, Hillary, Helen, Emily and James. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**VITRUAL OFFERING** *If you have not already prepared your offering to mail to the church, please take a moment now to do so.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



SENDING SONG v. 1,4,5

O Day Full of Grace



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.  
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842  
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Piece*

John Alcock (1715-1806)



The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Sue Teal in thanksgiving for Pastor JMe and the members of the Lenten Bible study.

# TRENDING @ TRINITY

What is "Hybrid Ministry"? Hybrid is a combination of diverse "ingredients". These days, in ministry it seems to mean combining in-person and digital worship and other ministries of the church. As things begin to open again it's time to think about what elements of ministry at Trinity will continue as "hybrid". A questionnaire has been created which we ask that every individual to please take a few moments to complete. It will help Pastor and Council make relevant decisions about Trinity's future ministries. A link to the survey is in the weekly e-newsletter and hard copies are available this morning from the greeters. We need input from *everyone*. Completed hard copies can be returned to the greeters this morning or next week or dropped off at the office during the week.

**Grief, Remembrance, Comfort and Hope:** The Winchester Organ Guild is pleased to offer our virtual program, In Memory, a four-part online concert in memory of those who have died over the past year, in honor of all who have lost loved ones, and in appreciation of those willing to put themselves in harm's way to protect us. It includes prayers, reflections by local poet Caroline Boden Devlin with selected photos from around the world, and a wide variety of instrumental, choral, handbell and organ performances. You will also recognize at least two of the readers: Pastors JMe and Bill Boldin You may watch it in one sitting or one section at a time, as often as you like. It will be posted on their website at least through June 15: <https://winchesterago.com>. On the home page, scroll down to see each of the four segments, with the program listed at the bottom. There is a play arrow on the opening slide of each video, or a link to watch it on YouTube.

The church office will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

Mark your calendar now. Following worship on Sunday, June 13, Trinity will have a "Pot Luck in the Parking Lot". Bring a dish or two to share. If you have a tent to provide shade from the sun, bring that along as well. What a great way to begin socializing again and show the community Trinity is up and running. Rain date June 27.

Parents if you have a child 7th grade or older that has not been confirmed and you would like them to be in a confirmation class, please contact Pastor JMe or the church office.

"Pastor JMe and members of Trinity: Thank you so much for honoring me during church on May 9th. I love the graduations gifts, the Lutheran Study Bible and Armed Services Prayer Book will be put to good use while I am at the Coast Guard Academy. I am blessed with a wonderful church family. I love you and I will miss all of you. Thanks again, Will Wolf"

Trinity is joining with Stephens City United Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School this year. The VBS will run June 27-July 1, 6-8:15PM. Currently they are looking for adult "tribe leaders" who stay with the children and take them to the various events. If you are interested in helping, contact Jacquetta Owen [jacquettaowen@gmail.com](mailto:jacquettaowen@gmail.com) or speak to Pastor JMe.

**Zoom to Worship**, 9:30AM Meeting ID: 893 0840 5981 Passcode: 321080  
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