

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023, 10:30AM

# The Day of Pentecost

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C





## **INTRODUCTION**

Pentecost (from the Greek pentekoste, 'fiftieth' of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover, to remember God giving the law to Moses. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it; and he inaugurates the messianic community of perfect communication. Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church. It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the medieval West, did it become a new festival season of its own.

After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ's Disciples are born again of water and the spirit. There is some evidence that the ascension, the occasion of the Risen Christ being taken into heaven, was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it was soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke's chronology. Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

## **CONCERNING THE SERVICE**

The Day of Pentecost is among the "High, Holy Days" of the Church. On this day, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to enliven the first followers of Jesus. It is also a time to renew our Baptismal Vows while dwelling in the presence of God's Holy Spirit. Thus, the community of faith will renew their Baptismal Vows.

The congregation will gather around the baptismal font at the start of the liturgy and begin with an Exhortation (or encouragement) rather than a hymn.

## **COLORS**

Red is the color of excitement, energy, power, and all things intense and passionate. As such, red is the color of the Holy Spirit. It calls to mind the flames that descended upon the Church at the Day of Pentecost, and so is the color of the Feast of Pentecost.

## **SEATING**

Our seating for the season of Pentecost is a position in which we gently face toward one another as we look for the movement of the Spirit in the midst of our community, our lives, and our very selves.

## PRELUDE *Sit*

## WELCOME *Stand*

### GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*The congregation gathers around the baptismal font and paschal candle.*

Presider Dear people of God, we gather in this sacred space, as the first followers of Jesus gathered, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit. We bring our whole selves, our joys, and sorrows, our hopes and fears, our longings and losses, that God's transforming spirit may consume us and make us holy and whole.

People **Come to us, Holy Spirit!**

Presider In the quiet times of peace, in the anguished eternities of grief.

People **Come to us, Holy Spirit!**

Presider In welling fountains of joy, in cold streams of disbelief.

People **Come to us, Holy Spirit!**

### THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### COME HOLY SPIRIT: WATER

*Water is poured into the font.*

Reader In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (Gen. 1:1-1)

People **The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord, upon many waters. (Psalm 29:3)**

#### VENI SANCTU SPIRITUS



Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

## COME HOLY SPIRIT: WIND

*A bell is rung.*

Reader            The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)

People            **The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"** (Psalm 29:9)

### VENI SANCTU SPIRITUS



## COME HOLY SPIRIT: EARTH

*Soil is brought forward.*

Reader            When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (Psalm 104:30)

People            **The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.** (Psalm 24:1)

### VENI SANCTU SPIRITUS



## COME HOLY SPIRIT: FLAME

*Candles are lit from the Paschal candle.*

Reader I baptize you with water, but one more powerful than I is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (Luke 3:16)

People **The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** (Psalm 29:7-8)

### VENI SANCTU SPIRITUS



Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
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## THE BLESSING OF FIRE AND WATER

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Presider Elohay Mishpat\*, your Spirit moved over the waters of creation, and kindled the flame of hope at Pentecost.

People **Come Holy Spirit, come fill us with life.**

Presider In Christ, you are the purifying flame of justice, you drive away the darkness of this world that we may, with pure minds, come to you, the Light that never fails. This community calls down God's blessing on this fire that it may enflame our minds, our hearts and souls with a passion for justice.

People **Come, Holy Spirit, come as a refining fire.**

Presider In the waters of rebirth and by the power of your life-giving Spirit, you renew us. Ever cleanse and sanctify your people. In these waters we are buried and raised with Christ our Savior. This community calls down God's blessing on this water for the service of your holy Church that it may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your heavenly grace.

People **Come, Holy Spirit, come wash us with grace.**

Presider You are the burning flame of justice and the cooling waters of salvation; enflame us, fill us and use us and in Jesus call us to new life in you. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

\*Elohay Mishpat is the Aramaic word for "God of Justice" from Isaiah 30:18.

*The congregation proceeds to their seats in the nave, the body of the church, as they sing.*



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ Till you  
 (3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
 2. know Him in His full - ness, and \_\_\_\_\_ be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
 3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can



1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
 3. make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ You'll en -



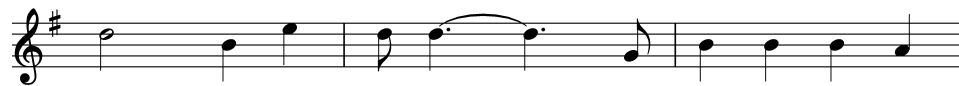
1. know they feel the pres - ence of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all \_\_\_\_\_ the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that \_\_\_\_\_ we feel. \_\_\_\_\_



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,



Stay right here with us, \_\_\_\_\_ fill - ing us with your love.



And for these bless - ings \_\_\_\_\_ we lift our hearts in



praise; With - out a doubt we'll know \_\_\_\_\_ that we have

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS *Standing*

Presider Blessed be the God of all Creation.

People **Whose Spirit renews the face of the earth.**

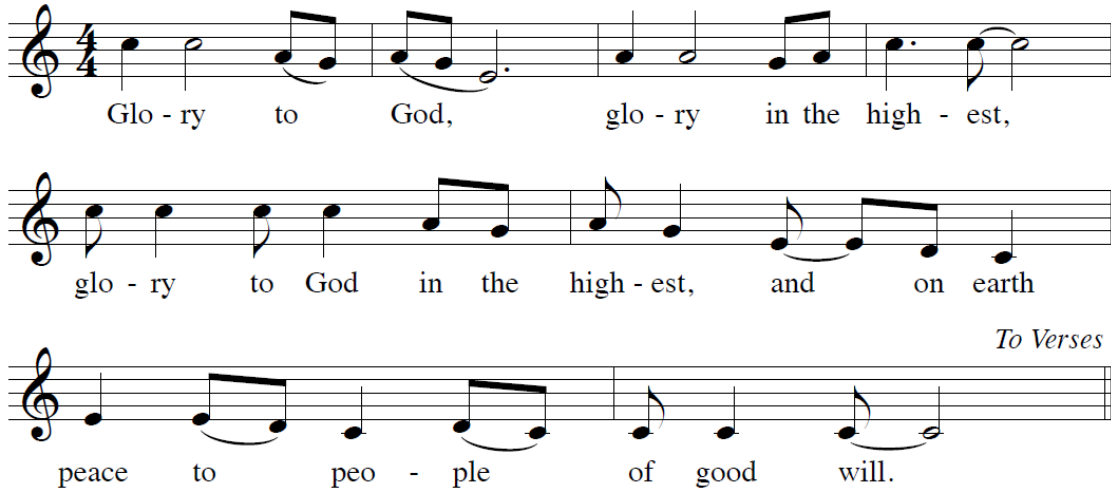
## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

**GLORIA** Cantor sings refrain alone, joined by parish for the remainder of the song.

Refrain:



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,  
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth  
To Verses  
peace to peo - ple of good will.

1. We praise you,  
we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory, your great glory  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **To Amen below**



A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,  
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.



## THE COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Seated*

### A PARTICIPATORY READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

**2:1-21**

*This is an interactive reading. Please join in with any language you choose whether listed here or not.*

Reader When the day of Pentecost came the disciples were met in one room. Suddenly they heard a sound like a powerful wind filling the house in which they sat. And there appeared above them what seemed like tongues of fire. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. And by some miraculous act they began to speak to each other in foreign tongues, proclaiming the wonders of God in every language.

*Choose a language and speak **loudly** together. Repeat three times.*

(English)	The spirit is here! As Jesus promised! Alleluia!
(Spanish)	¡El espíritu está aquí! ¡Como prometió Jesús! ¡Aleluya!
(French)	L'esprit est là, comme Jésus l'avait promis! Alléluia!
(German)	Der Heilige Geist ist da! Als Jesus versprochen hat! Halleluja!
(Zulu)	Umoya ongcwele ufikile! njengoba sithenjiswa nguYesu! Alleluya!
(Dutch)	De geest is hier! Zoals Jezus beloofde! Halleluja!
(Welsh)	Mae ysbryd yma! Fel yr addawyd Iesu! Haleliwia!
(Hindi)	Aatma yahaan hai! Jaisa ki yeeshu ne vaada kiya tha! Alleluiya!
(Swahili)	Roho iko hapa! Kama Yesu alivyoahidi! Aleluya!

Reader Now in Jerusalem at that time were gathered people of devout faith from many corners of the earth. Witnessing the disciples, they were astonished saying,

Skeptic Aren't these people simple folk from Galilee? How is it possible for them to be speaking to us all in our own language?

Reader Some were dismissive,

Skeptic These people are drunk, they are not full of new words, but new wine.

Reader Hearing this, Peter came forward with the disciples,

Peter People of Judea, listen to me. We are not drunk but filled with the Holy Spirit. Remember

the words of the prophet Joel as he spoke the word of God.

Joel	"In the days to come I will pour out my spirit upon humankind. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young shall see visions, your elders dream dreams and even the lowly will be filled with the spirit. Before the great day of the Lord's coming, the sun will be turned into darkness and the moon blood red. All who call on the Lord's name will be saved."
Peter	Alleluia! Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon us.
People	<b>Alleluia! Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon us.</b>
Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY

**104**

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,  
creatures both small and great. **ANTIPHON**
- ANTIPHON: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**
- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan,  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season. **ANTIPHON**
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust. **ANTIPHON**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke. **ANTIPHON**

- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I love;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him;  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Hallelujah! **ANTIPHON**

## **A PARTICIPATORY READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13**

- Reader No one can say:
- People **"Jesus is Lord!"**
- Reader except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
- For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and
- People **we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**
- Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
- People **Thanks be to God.**

*Sing two times.*

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er

pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple

free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple

free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

**THE GOSPEL**

Reader      A reading from the Gospel of John.

7:37-39

People      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *Sing the music above one time through.*

**REFLECTION** *Sit*

**KATIE JONES**

## REFLECTION HYMN

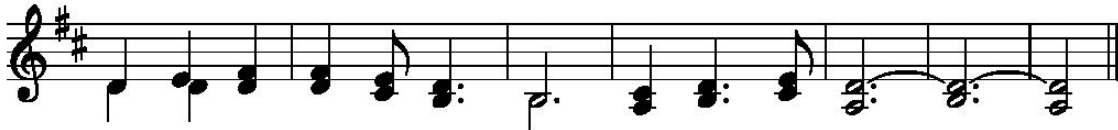
## SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness



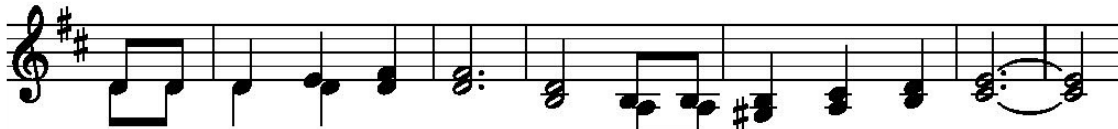
call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,



stir me from plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*to Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

## **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS** *Stand*

Presider Do you trust in God?

People **I trust in God, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I trust in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you trust in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I trust 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.**

Presider How will you connect to Christ in community?

People **With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

Presider How will you resist evil and turn to Christ?

People **With God's help I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

Presider How will you show Christ in your life?

People **With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Presider How will you seek and serve Christ in your life?

People **With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.**

Presider How will you preserve God's creation?

People **With God's help I will cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Presider We pray for God to fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Intercessor Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Come Holy Spirit,

People **Renew your people.**

Intercessor We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will. Come Holy Spirit,

People **Renew your people.**

Intercessor We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us. Come Holy Spirit,

People **Renew your people.**

Intercessor We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. We pray especially for those we name. (*We invite you to call out in a loud, audible voice, the name of people you'd like to pray for.*) Come Holy Spirit,

People **Renew your people.**

Intercessor We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Come Holy Spirit,

People **Renew your people.**

Intercessor	We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Come Holy Spirit,
People	<b>Renew your people.</b>
Intercessor	We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. Come Holy Spirit,
People	<b>Renew your people.</b>
Presider	Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.
People	<b>Amen.</b>

## THE PEACE

Presider	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

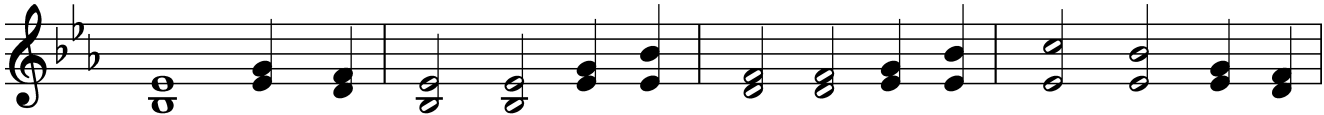
## BLESSING THE GRADUATES

Presider	God of Wisdom, we thank you for Katie and Leah as they graduate from high school. You have blessed them with wisdom, friendships, and skills. We ask that you enable them to make this world a better place with their education.
People	<b>Help them in their next steps. Give them faith and a sense of purpose. Show them how to serve you in others.</b>
Presider	And may they always be aware in everything they do that you are with them.
People	<b>Amen.</b>





1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy  
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con-strained to



1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est  
 3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to



1. praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
 3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel— it, Prone to leave the God I



1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

## **DOXOLOGY** *Stand*

*The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.*

**H 380**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above you heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Presider	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People	<b>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, for ever and ever. Amen.</b>

## **SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Presider	May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life she gives.
People	<b>Amen.</b>
Presider	May the Spirit, who overshadowed Mary the Godbearer when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.
People	<b>Amen.</b>
Presider	May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
People	<b>Amen.</b>
Presider	And may God's blessing be with you on this day and evermore.
People	<b>Amen.</b>

I'm goin' - a sing\* when the Spir - it says sing.\_\_\_\_\_

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing.\_\_\_\_\_

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing,\_\_\_\_\_ and o -

bey the Spir - it of the Lord.\_\_\_\_\_

\*2. pray 3. moan 4. shout

## DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

