



When the Helper comes, whom I shall  
send to you from the Father, the Spirit  
of truth who proceeds from the Father,  
He will testify of Me.

*John 15:26*

## Festival of Pentecost

May 24, 2015

### A Service of the Word

TLH (hymns 1-660) is the RED book, WS (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book  
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Preservice Devotion: Psalm 104, forepart of TLH p.146

#### OPENING HYMN

**WS 740** (tan hymnal)

*Holy Spirit, End Our Sadness*

#### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19*

Minister (M) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congreg. (C) Amen.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M We have come into the presence of God who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, My Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C Amen.**

#### KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14; Revelation 5:8-14*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

M Let us pray, ... one God now and forever,

C **Amen**

FIRST LESSON

**Acts 2:1–21**

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia,

Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” <sup>12</sup> So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

<sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. <sup>15</sup> For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> *And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,  
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Your young men shall see visions,  
Your old men shall dream dreams.*

<sup>18</sup> *And on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;  
And they shall prophesy.*

<sup>19</sup> *I will show wonders in heaven above  
And signs in the earth beneath:  
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.*

<sup>20</sup> *The sun shall be turned into darkness,  
And the moon into blood,  
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.*

<sup>21</sup> *And it shall come to pass  
That whoever calls on the name of the Lord  
Shall be saved.’*

PSALM OF THE DAY *responsively*

Psalm 139:1–12

M O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

**C You know my sitting down and my rising up;**

M You understand my thought afar off.

**C You comprehend my path and my lying down,**

M And are acquainted with all my ways.

**C For there is not a word on my tongue,**

M But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

**C You have hedged me behind and before,**

M And laid Your hand upon me.

**C Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;**

M It is high, I cannot attain it.

**C Where can I go from Your Spirit?**

M Or where can I flee from Your presence?

**C If I ascend into heaven, You are there;**

M If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

**C If I take the wings of the morning,**

M And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me,

**C And Your right hand shall hold me.**

M If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me,"

**C Even the night shall be light about me;**

M Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day;

**C The darkness and the light are both alike to You.**

GOSPEL LESSON *rise if able*

**John 15:26–27, 16:4b–15**

<sup>26</sup> "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

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<sup>4</sup> "And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

<sup>5</sup> "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and 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 heart. <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 Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> of sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; <sup>11</sup> of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

<sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

M Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

*Luke 11:28*

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

*John 20:31*

CREED ~ The Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

HYMN

**TLH 224** (red hymnal)

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!*

## SERMON

### Acts 2:1-21

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### Recognize the Holy Spirit by the Language He Speaks

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## HYMN

TLH 292:1-8 (red hymnal)

*Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, that God would hear our prayer and save us. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, we ask for the blessing of Your Holy Spirit upon Your Church, upon this congregation, and upon each believer's heart.

For the Church of God which confesses Christ in the world, that the Holy Spirit would unite her in the confession of God's Holy Word, Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Church of God which preaches Christ in the world, that the Holy Spirit would work through the office of preaching and teaching to proclaim the gospel of salvation to all nations and call all people to repentance and salvation, Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation which gathers to hear the Word of God in Christ, that the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth, especially those troubled in conscience or confused as to God's Will, that He would remove all errors and evil speaking, and strengthen in our the comfort of salvation, despite our sins and weaknesses, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Christians who lives under Christ in these last days that the persecutions of body and soul as well as the disasters that threaten property and welfare would not rob them of their hope in Christ Jesus, but that they would remain patient and faithful until His return, Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer in these last days, whether by physical or mental illness, homelessness, violence and oppression, that if it is God's will, He would relieve them of their affliction and, if not, that God's Spirit would use this affliction to turn them to Christ for help and strength, Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those facing death or the loss of someone in death, especially David Windsor as the last days of his grandfather Jesse's life draw to a close, that the Holy Spirit would visit Jesse with the gospel of God's grace and mercy through Jesus' death and resurrection and comfort the family with this same good news that all glory would be given to God's name, Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who approach the altar, proclaiming the death of our Lord until he comes, that the Holy Spirit would grant them humble hearts to call upon the Lord's name for forgiveness and thereby eat and drink to their blessing and salvation, Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C 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!**

#### BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

## C Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

**TLH 292:9** (red hymnal)

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**Welcome!** We wish a warm welcome to our guests this morning. It is our mission to share the good news that God gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him has eternal life (John 3:16-17). May that good news go with you. Feel free to sign our guest book in the entry way. For more information about our church see the visitor comment cards and brochures in the entry way or visit our website at [AscensionBatavia.org](http://AscensionBatavia.org). We hope to see you again!

#### **Participating in this Service of the Word**

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