Day of Pentecost



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"As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God's saving grace for all."

Prelude "Breathe" Marie Barnett

INTRODUCTION

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

Welcome and Announcements

Stand – if standing is difficult please feel free to remain seated

Call to Worship

- P: Spirit Descending,
- C: for all of the ways you speak to us in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in gentle coos of a dove. You speak to us in holy ways that transcends language; we give thanks.
- P: Set our hearts on fire for your Word and your way!
- C: Give us courage to speak your language of grace and love,

everywhere we go, to everyone we meet. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer – Korean

Rikki Schaal

Sit

Gathering Song "Light the Fire"

Bill Maxwell

Verse 1

I stand to praise you, but I fall on my knees My spirit is willing, but my flesh is so weak.

Chorus

Light the fire Light the fire)
In my soul (In my weary soul)
Fan the flame (Fan the flame)

Make me whole (Make my spirit whole)

Lord you know (Lord you know)

Just where I've been (Where I've been)

So light the fire in my heart again.

Verse 2

I feel your arms around me, as the power of your healing begins. Your spirit moves through me, like a mighty rushing wind.

Chorus twice

Ending:

Light the fire in my heart again. Light the fire in my heart again.

WORD

Bible Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I

prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' 12Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed.

saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below. blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Jesus said, "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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. 16:4b" I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been

condemned. ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sit

Children's Message Pam Ensley

Message Pr. Susan Dollinger

"O Living Breath of God"

Number 407

O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;

Refrain:

- Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant. O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.
- 2 O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us; O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life a new; *Refrain*
- 3 O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters; O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth; *Refrain*

Stand

The Lord's Prayer – German

Laura Greulich

The Prayers

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.

A brief silence

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 those we remember aloud or in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, fill Zion 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.**

Sit

Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"

Russell Fragar

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down. Oh, Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again. Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down. Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard. Come and change our hearts, as we stand on Your word. Holy Spirit, rain down. *Repeat*

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind can know what God has in store So open up heaven, up it wide, over our church and over our lives. *Repeat*

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down. Oh, Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again. Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down. Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard. Come and

change our hearts, as we stand on Your word. Holy Spirit, rain down.

Prayer of Preparation

P: God of love,

C: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

Receive our lives as a gift. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Institution

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 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.

Invitation to Communion

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and always. *Amen.*

Prayer after Communion

P: Wellspring of joy,

C: through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stand

Benediction

P: May the advocate, God's Holy Spirit, sent in Christ's name, teach you and remind you of Christ's words. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid. Christ's peace go with

you today, tomorrow, and always. In the name of the Creator, the Word, and Holy Spirit who sets our hearts on fire. \oplus **Amen.**

Sending Song "Soul On Fire" arr. by Dan Galbraith, Jared Hashek
God, I'm running for Your heart I'm running for Your heart

God, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire
I'm waiting for the day
'Til I am a soul on fire
I'm running for Your heart
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
When I am a soul on fire

I'm running for Your heart
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
When I am a soul on fire
God, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire
I'm waiting for the day
'Til I am a soul on fire

Verse 1

Lord, restore the joy I had

back

In this darkness, lead me through

When I have wandered bring me

Until all I see is You

Chorus

God, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire
I'm waiting for the day
'Til I am a soul on fire

I'm running for Your heart Lord, I'm longing for Your ways When I am a soul on fire

Verse 2

Lord, let me burn for You again Lord, let me burn for You again Let me return to You again Let me return to You again

Chorus

God, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire
I'm waiting for the day

I'm running for Your heart Lord, I'm longing for Your ways When I am a soul on fire

Outro

God, I'm running for Your heart

'Til I am a soul on fire

fire

'Til I am a soul on fire

I'm running for Your heart (I want to be) 'Til I am a soul on

Dismissal

P: Go into the world. Be the Spirit of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

Today's Flowers – Mel & Karen Blair In gratitude to God for blessings and care for us all

SERVICE

Usher Norm Bembenek
Lector Pam Ensley
Sound Tech Nolan Purkerson
Musicians Karen Rezabek, Rick Schaal, Brandon Zarzana
Altar Guild Marilyn Anderson, Amy McElhaney, Ursula Richards

"Breathe"

Marie Barnett; CCLI #1874117; 1995 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Vineyard Music USA)

"Light the Fire"

Bill Maxwell; CCLI #332454; 1986 Bloodsmith Music

"O Living Breath of God"

Text: Osvaldo Catena, trans. Gerhard M. Cartford

Music: Swedish folk tune

Text trans. @1998 Augsburg Fortress

"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"

Russell Fragar; CCLI #2405227; 1997 Hillsong Music Publishing (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)

"Soul On Fire"

Brenton Brown, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark Lee, Matt Maher, Tai Anderson; arr. by Dan Galbraith and Jared Hashek; CCLI #7032679; Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing); Be Essential Songs, I Am A Pilgrim Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC); Kobalt Music Copyrights SARL (Admin. by Kobalt Music Publishing America, Inc.)