

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Banner (Made by the Quilter Group at Advent)

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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Annette Nolan

The Pentecost Litany

L: On the day of Pentecost, all the believers were gathered together, and God poured out his Spirit upon them.

C: And on the day of Baptism he poured out His spirit upon us.

L: Come, Holy Spirit, today, pour anew your gifts upon the church.
These gifts are represented in these flames we place upon the altar.
The gift of:

L: Wisdom

C: Come, Holy Spirit,

L: Understanding

C: Come, Holy Spirit,

L: Counsel

C: Come, Holy Spirit,

L: Might

C: Come, Holy Spirit,

L: Knowledge

C: Come, Holy Spirit,

L: Fear of the Lord

C: Come, Holy Spirit,

L: Joy in God's presence

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instruct the hearts of your faithful and grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Move among us, Spirit, and gather us together with you. Take our many selves – our lives, our loves, our ideas, our questions, our speech, our silence – and unite us as your people. Give us the gifts of perception and understanding, so that even as we dream your dreams and see your visions, we may be able to witness to your presence in our common life. Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Gospel Acclamation

“Word of God Speak”

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

The Message

Song of the Day

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Loving God,
We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us pray in those times when we think we know what we need and in those times when we cannot even find the words .

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

L: We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression. We pray for all Christians, all minorities, and all other communities who are victims of injustice, hatred, and religious persecution. We ask your guidance in creating spaces for helpful conversations around the issue of racism.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

L: We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.

We especially pray for:

- Josh Baker
- Lemont Bell
- Daryl Creswell
- Freda Christ
- Willian Ensley
- Eileen Folkerth
- Jennifer Gazda
- Dwight Hartsell
- Carole Johnson
- Dick Kuklantz
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Phyllis Lester
- Ray Matthews
- Rick Messina
- Hilda Mertz
- Justin Mertz
- Ward Misenheimer
- Caroline Morton
- Anita Ortiz
- Jesse Priser
- Richard Schulz
- Myra Steele
- Mary Faith Strickland
- Harold Twitty
- Herbert Watson
- Beverly Williams
- Lewis Williams

We offer praise and thanksgiving that Waylon Kuklantz is in remission and that he has fully recovered from his transplant treatment.

We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially . . .

- Lauren Bradshaw, friend of Sarah Sue Hardinger's family
- Bill Allred, friend of Dick & Marylou Kuklantz

By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

We now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name (*give time for community to pray*).

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

L: We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit for those reaching out to comfort the distressed. We pray for all healthcare professionals and relief workers, especially those who find themselves on the frontlines to bring healing, comfort and care to all impacted by the coronavirus. Strengthen, encourage, and empower us to be people of peace in the midst of anxiety, impatience, worry, dread, and a hunger for life to be normal again. May we be people who embody of a spirit of camaraderie, generosity, and faithful confidence.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

L: Loving God, we ask for the assurance of your Spirit to know your presence with us in our daily lives: in our relationships; in our work and service; in our worship; in our times of joy and pain. In name of Jesus Christ, and filled with fullness of the Spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Sung by Rob Beyersdorf)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction

L: God, who made this amazing universe, is creating you anew every day. Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life, gives you his peace forever.

The Holy Spirit, who sets your hearts on fire, goes behind and before you, drawing you into the very heart of God. Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sending Song