

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude

The Angels' Song Charles Villiers Stanford
on a theme of Orland Gibbons (1852-1924)
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song Robert J. Powell (setting)
Bridegroom (b. 1932)

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Sentences

*Doxology - all to sing

No. 592
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Praise

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*Opening Hymn "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" No. 129

*Call to Confession

Leader: God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard the earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by

severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen.

A Time of Silent Prayer

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Thanks and Praise be to God.

*Response of Praise-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music *Sonata No. 3 (1732), Movement II* George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 104:24-35 (NRSV)

Hymn (seated) "Jesus Loves Me" No. 304

Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

(Children may be dismissed to Sunday School as we sing)

Music for Meditation *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* No. 314

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Titus 2:11-14 & Galatians 2:20

Sermon *Divine Surrender* Rev. Rogers Durham

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Loving Spirit" No. 323

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare* Paul Spicer
(b. 1952)

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for June 4, 2023

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8
II Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20