

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV

The Coming of the Holy Spirit
The Day of Pentecost

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Jesus keeps his promise to Comfort us

We Gather in the Name of our Triune God

Hymn

“We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost”
Christian Worship 190 st. 1

We now implore God the Holy Ghost;
For the true faith which we need the most,
That in our last moments he may befriend us
And, as homeward we journey, attend us. Lord have mercy!

P: God has shown us mercy, saving us through the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Hymn

“We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost”
Christian Worship 190 st. 2

Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood has bought us,
Who again to our homeland has brought us. Lord, have mercy!

P: God has shown us mercy, proclaiming we have a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and protecting us by his power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

Hymn

“We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost”
Christian Worship 190 st. 3

O sacred Love, grace on us bestow,
Set our hearts with heav'nly fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Of one mind, in peace with ev'ry brother. Lord, have mercy!

P: God has shown us mercy, declaring we are all sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ, even promising that all who are baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. For this reason we have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. At the same time, we must rightly and humbly confess we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

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.

Hymn

“We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost”
Christian Worship 190 st. 4

O highest Comfort in ev'ry need,
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed;
That e'en then our courage may never fail us
When the foe shall accuse and assail us. Lord, have mercy.

P: God has shown us mercy, reconciling us through the death of Jesus Christ in his body, in order to present us holy, blameless and faultless before him, as we continue steadfast and firm in faith, without being moved away from the hope of the Gospel. To him be glory and praise, forever and ever!

Amen.

Prayer for the Day

P: O faithful and loving Savior, you graciously promised to send the Holy Spirit. As the divine Comforter he unites all people in the one true faith. As the divine Counselor he encourages us through the powerful working of the Gospel. Because we live in a sin-filled world, we know we need his presence. Cause him to work freely in us through the daily study of your Word. Keep him as our constant companion through the faithful use of the Sacraments. Then, as he works in us, empower us to be bold and faithful disciples. Bless and guide us, O Lord, and make full use of us until you bring us to life in heaven. There we will praise you our faithful Savior—together with the Comforter and the Father—throughout endless ages.

Amen.

The Lessons from God's Word

"I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of Truth."

Joel 2:28-29—²⁸After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions. ²⁹Even on the servants, both male and female, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Response to the Lesson

¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God. Renew an unwavering spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me from your presence. Do not take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Sustain me with a willing spirit. ¹³I will teach rebels your ways, and sinners will turn to you. ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, the God who saves me. My tongue will shout for joy about your righteousness. ¹⁵Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Acts 2:1-21—¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Response to the Lesson

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. ⁹The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

John 16:5-11—⁵“But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.”

Hymn of the Day

“Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit”
Christian Worship 181 st 1, 4-5

Lesson for the Day - Acts 2:12-13

“What Does This Mean?”

The world offers its answer

The Lord offers his answer

Confession of Faith—Third Article of Apostles Creed

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the last he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”
Christian Worship 183 st. 1-3

Prayer for the Day and Lord’s Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen!

Psalm of Praise

P: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Teach us to do your will, for you are our God;

May your good Spirit lead us.

P: I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Teach us to do your will, for you are our God;

May your good Spirit lead us.

P: Almighty God, Giver of every good and perfect gift, pour out upon us and upon your Church your Holy Spirit along with his precious gifts. Give us clean hearts and pure spirits. Renew us through your gracious and powerful presence, that we may serve you now, and live with you in heaven—all through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit throughout all eternity.

Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord look on you with his favor; and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”
Christian Worship 183 st. 4-5

Silent Prayer

Welcome in the name of our Triune God! What a blessing it is to be able to worship in the presence of the Lord, and in his house. We look forward to next Sunday when we will be able to receive the assurance of his love in the Lord’s Supper. Instructions regarding the reception of it, along with some precautionary practices will be explained in the newsletter which will come this week.

- The newest edition of Meditations begins today. You may still pick up a copy by my office door.
- Next week we will observe Trinity Sunday, rejoicing in our Triune God who alone is the God of our salvation.

