



*Living Praise
Celebration*
Online
Sunday, May 31, 2020

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OPENING HYMN

“Holy Spirit Light Divine” - LSB 496

Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all the beau - ties trace;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guil - ty heart of mine;
 Ho - ly Spiri - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
 Ho - ly Spiri - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;

Chase the shades of night a - way Turn the ___ dark - ness in - to day.
 Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are ___ on - ly known to Thee.
 In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's ___ bond - age set me free.
 Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it ___ grow and still in - crease.
 Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP – John 7:37-39

Pastor: On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,

All: “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

Pastor: Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said,

All: rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

Pastor: By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All: Jesus, you promise to quench my spiritual thirst by pouring your Spirit into me. I confess that it's hard to trust that promise. My life feels parched and dry from all the challenges around me. Worry and anxiety take their toll on my physical, emotional, and spiritual health. I struggle to receive your grace and goodness, which takes its toll on all my relationships. Fill me up, again, Jesus with your life-giving Spirit. Forgive my sin, renew my trust, and cause rivers of living water to flow from within me. Amen.

Pastor: And how do we respond to this good news?

All: We overflow with thanks and praise!

READING

Acts 2:1-24, 32-33

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken...Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy...

And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved."

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

SERMON

SONG

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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EXPLANATION TO THE 3rd ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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 richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

PRAYERS

LORDS PRAYER

All: 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