

the Day of
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Spirit, Working in Creation C. Callahan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Holy Spirit, Fall on Me M. K. Beall

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#128 Spirit, Working in Creation IN BABILONE

***INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from cpcatlanta.org)

Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.
We confess that we ignore
the wind of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire
to be your faithful people.
(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI** R. Goodson

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.

ANTHEM

Rushing Wind, Dancing Flame M. H. Corl

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11 Page 123, second half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#129 Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord D. Evans

BABY BLESSING

Barocha Lyrics, by Michael Card

*The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace
And give you peace
And give you peace forever*

*The Lord be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face towards you
And give you peace
And give you peace
And give you peace forever*

*The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace
And give you peace
And give you peace forever. . .*

SECOND READING

Acts 2:12-21 Page 123, second half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Holy Breath"

Dawn Stiles

***HYMN OF APPROACH**

#132 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart MORECAMBE

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Affirmation of Faith:** (from the Iona Community)

We believe in God who chose a wandering people for
God's own, calling them from slavery into freedom;
yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius
and many others, called outsiders to be agents
of God's purpose.

We believe in Jesus who was revered by Persian sages,
sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached that God
loves Syrians, attracted to God's cause Greeks and
Romans, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan,
had his mind changed by a Phoenician, and his cross
shouldered by an African; and ascended above his native
land that he might be present in every place.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who at Pentecost proved that
heaven had no favoured mother-tongue, who in the
baptism of an Ethiopian denied racism and a foothold in
faith, and who in the ancient world founded churches
across cultures.

We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus, yet we
affirm that God may choose to show God's face in different
guises, for the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church
and the love of God is beyond our understanding.
We therefore celebrate that God's ways are not our ways,
that God knows whom God chooses, and that, as in Jesus,
God's surprise surpasses all human expectations.

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

WORDS OF SHARING

The One who promised to be with us
to the end of the world,
keeps his promise in this bread.
The One whose Spirit descended on his disciples
with startling power, embraces us in this cup.

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart J. Utterbeck

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#326 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness J. K. Manley

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven J. Rutter

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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