



# PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Ordinary Time  
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Those ages wherein the Spirit of God is most, is where Christ is most preached. —Richard Sibbes

The gift of the Spirit is the crowning achievement of Christ's work. It is His coming in exaltation to the church in the power of the Spirit. —Richard Gaffin

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.*

### Gospel Invitation—Joel 2:32

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

### Sung Response—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;

Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Text: Christian Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody,  
arr. David Evans, 1927.

## Call to Worship—from Psalm 116:1-4, 13, 17

Pastor: Love the Lord, because He has heard our voice and our pleas for mercy.

**All: Because He inclined His ear to us, therefore we will call on Him as long as we live.**

Reader 1: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Reader 2: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

**All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: We will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. Praise the Lord!

## Congregational Hymn—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come, O Creator Spirit Blest". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Come, O Cre - a - tor Spir - it blest, and in our souls take up Your rest;  
Great Com - for - ter, to Thee we cry; O high - est gift of God most high,  
Kin - dle our sen - ses from a - bove, and make our hearts o'er - flow with love;  
Praise we the Fa - ther and the Son and Ho - ly Spir - it, with them One,

Come, with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid, to fill the hearts which You have made.  
O Fount of life, O Fire of love, and sweet a - noin - ting from a - bove!  
With pa - tience firm, and vir - tue high, the weak - ness of our flesh supp - ly.  
And may the Son on us be - stow the gifts that from the Spir - it flow!

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, c. 800, tr. Edward Caswall, 1849;  
Music: TRURO, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789.

# GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.

## Congregational Psalm—The Voice Of The Lord Is Over The Waters (Psalm 29)



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!  
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!  
The voice of the Lord is flam - ing in fire. The God of glo - ry thun-ders free!



The voice of the Lord is o - ver the wa - ters. His voice is full of maj - es - ty!  
The voice of the Lord will break down the ce - dars. Be - fore His voice the migh - ty flee!  
The voice of the Lord is shak - ing the for - ests. Cry a - loud in glo - ry!



Give to the Lord, in heav'n - ly chor - us; Give to the Lord, all glo - ry and strength!



Give to the Lord, the glo - ry due His name. Wor - ship the Lord

Women



in beau-ty of ho - li - ness. in beau-ty of ho - li - ness.

Men



in beau-ty of ho - li - ness. in beau-ty of ho - li - ness.

Text: based on Psalm 29:1-9, Nathan George, 2013; Music: Nathan George, 2013.

## Scripture Reading—Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.” So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Hymn—Come Down, O Love Divine



Come down, O Love di - vine, seek Thou this soul of mine,  
O let it free - ly burn, til earth - ly pas - sions turn  
And so the year - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing.  
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
And let Thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
For none can guess its grace, till he be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, 15<sup>th</sup> century, tr. Richard Littledale, 1867;  
Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

## Reading of the Word—Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.<sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.<sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”<sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?<sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,<sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”<sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”<sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.<sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.<sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:<sup>17</sup> ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;<sup>18</sup> even on My male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy.<sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;<sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—Spirit Of The Living God

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below each staff. The first two staves have the same melody and lyrics: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me." The third staff has a different melody and lyrics: "Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!" The fourth staff has the same melody and lyrics as the first two: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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Music: IVERSON, Daniel Iverson, 1926.

## Sermon—*Christ's First-fruits*

—Pastor, James Crampton

# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

*The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

## Confession of Sin—based on Malachi 3:1-3, 5

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. The Lord whom we are seeking will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

All: **But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.**

Pastor: He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.

All: **We have been sorcerers and adulterers, and we have sworn falsely. We have oppressed the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless. We have thrust aside the sojourner, and we have not feared You.**

## Assurance of Pardon—Hebrews 9:24-26; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **He is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.**

Pastor: He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

## Sung Response—There Is A Redeemer, Vs. 1



There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.

*Chorus*



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

# HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

*As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.*

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God: The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.  
On the third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN

MEN

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might Hea-ven and Earth are

Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hos-

Lord. Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

*This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.*

## Congregational Psalm—Bless The Lord O My Soul (Psalm 104)



Bless the Lord, O my soul! For my God is great in - deed.  
He lays down the cor - ner - stone of His throne up - on the wat - ers.  
Vast, O Lord, are Your works! All Your creat - ures fill the earth.  
May the glor - y of the Lord ev - er en - dure as He re - joic - es!



Glo - ry! Splen - dor is His robe; light for cov'r - ing as a tent;  
On the clouds His char - i - ot rides. He, on wings of wind, in - spires;  
Wis - dom, You have made them all; teem - ing life both great and small;  
I will sing as He gives breath; praise my God while life af - fords.



Stretch - ing out the heav - ens.  
Mak - ing saints a flam - ing fire.  
Formed to fill Your might - y call.  
O my soul, now bless the Lord!

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 104, Nathan George, 2001; Music: Nathan George, 2011.

## Congregational Hymn—Breathe On Me, Breath Of God



Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, 'til I am whol - ly Thine,  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I ne - ver die,



That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.  
Un - til my will is one with Thine, to do and to en - dure.  
Un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with Thy fire div - ine.  
But live with Thee the per - fect life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.



Text: Edwin Hatch, 1878, Music: TRENTHAM, Robert Jackson, 1888.

# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

## Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;  
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

## Benediction—2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—Gloria Patri

Glor - y be\_ to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is\_ now, and ev - er shall be,

World\_ with - out end. A - men. A - - - men.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 2<sup>nd</sup> century; Music: Nathan George, 2015, harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

If it seems like we just recently sang many of the psalms and hymns in this morning's service, you're absolutely correct! Many of these pieces were chosen for the service on May 19 to align with the church calendar (May 19 was Pentecost Sunday this year). This week, the story of Pentecost from Acts 2 is our sermon text. Once again, we'll celebrate the coming of the "Great Comforter," "highest gift of God most high." Echoing the language of "a mighty, rushing wind" and "tongues of fire" in the Pentecost narrative, Psalms 29 and 104 describe God riding on the winds and His voice as "flaming in fire." We thank the Lord for bestowing this "holy flame" on us, just as He did on the disciples in the upper room. We pray for the Spirit to "fall fresh on us," and we thank the Lord for promising the Spirit's help "until the work on earth is done." We take comfort in the promise that the Spirit will purify us, molding our wills and affections to those of God, and we trust that even when we wander from His ways Jesus' Spirit will draw us home to Him. As we walk through this service, let's pray that we will leave this morning filled with the "breath of God," glowing with the "fire divine" that ignited in the hearts of the first Christians in Jerusalem two thousand years ago. —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Holy Spirit, Fire, Pentecost, Language, Mighty Work, Call, Save

**Keystone Verse:** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4)



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