

Week 1



Pentecost

Why a prayer book for the Church of God?

The modern Church of God has lost all semblance of worship in their assemblies and convocations. With very few exceptions, when they come together for the Sabbath or Holy Days, the format is nearly always the same as that created by Herbert W. Armstrong for the Radio Church of God (later the Worldwide Church of God). Services begin with two or three hymns, then a prayer, followed by the sermonette, another hymn, the sermon itself, a final hymn and ending with a prayer.

The people in attendance participate little in these so-called worship services, other than in the singing of the hymns. There is no biblical precedent for these types of services; and there is nothing in the history of ancient Israel or in ancient Judaism from which to create this model either. Rather, this form of service grows out from the need of the leaders of the church to maintain absolute control and to elevate themselves above the brethren.

They claim to be following the instructions of Paul in the New Testament regarding the deacons and elders of the churches, but it is faulty understanding of the roles of these men that has led to the present day worship model. There is not room in this brief introduction to explore the roles of deacons, deaconesses, elders, or the other offices established by Paul, but suffice it to say, their primary jobs were that of planning, organization, and maintaining order. They were not preachers in the sense that we know that word today; they were servants to the flock.

The Apostolic Church did not assemble together to listen to sermons delivered by a leader or cadre of leaders. When they came together, everyone was free to participate, but Paul admonishes them in Corinthians to do it in an orderly fashion. This is not to say they never listened to a speaker deliver a message. It happened all the time when visiting apostles were in attendance and from among people of their own congregations, including the elders, but usually included a significant amount of time in questions and answers, and a free give and take among those gathered. However, even before the death of all the apostles, men were rising up in the congregations and establishing themselves as leaders, even putting out of the church brethren who didn't comply with their rule (3 John 10).

The history of the Christian Church gives evidence to how far this model for

worship services has spread. Every congregation now has an “ordained” minister or pastor over the flock. But it seems the modern Church of God have been the ones who have taken the model to its extreme, where only the head pastor and his hand-picked deacons and elders can speak in the assemblies. Everyone else must sit, all facing forward, and listen. Their only form of participation has become standing up, singing a song, and sitting down.

This is not how God desires his people to worship him. While it is better than nothing at all, it still fails to engage the people in true worship of their Lord.

The Tabernacle as Model

God gave detailed instructions in the Old Testament for the construction of the tabernacle, the outfitting of that tabernacle, the clothing of the priests who were to serve in the tabernacle, and the ways they were to live and function. The entire tribe of Levi was set apart to be priests and the family of Aaron was selected as the high priests, the only ones who could enter the holy of holies at that time. But all the priests had jobs and functions in the tabernacle that they performed daily on a rotating schedule.

Until the fall of the temple in 70 AD, one of the major roles of the priesthood was the sacrifice of animals on the altar. These sacrifices were for a variety of different reasons, but nearly all were performed on the behalf of the people. Without a serious study of this subject (which we can't do here for space considerations), it might appear that today's church structure and organization is following this model, minus the animal sacrifices.

But, there is an element missing in today's church, whether we are talking of the mainstream Christian Church or the Churches of God. That element is the fact that God says that ALL of his chosen people will be priests of the most high.

Revelation 20:6 ESV

6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but **they will be priests of God** and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

This means that we all need to learn to function as priests and offer up

our sacrifices (in the form of prayer and worship) to God daily. That role is not being fulfilled by sitting and listening to a sermon delivered every week by the leaders of the church. As priests ourselves, we need to become engaged in the worship of our God. Now is our time of training in preparation for Christ's return when we will reign with him for a thousand years.

The tabernacle in the wilderness was only the model that served for the time it was needed. The temple was constructed (and re-constructed) on the same model. When the temple period ended, the spiritual temple became constructed within God's chosen people, but on the same model God gave at Mt. Sinai. Only now, the sacrifices are of the lips in the form of prayer and worship (Hosea 14:2).

Hosea 14:2 NKJV

2 Take words with you, And return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive *us* graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips."

If we are to take WORDS and offer the SACRIFICES of our LIPS, what else could it be but prayer and worship? It certainly does not mean kissing someone's ring, literally or figuratively. It is not something that is left only to the leadership, but something of which each and every one of us is called upon to participate.

The most important thing to remember here is that the tabernacle and all that follows, were modeled on the tabernacle in heaven. That is why God instructed Moses to see that it was done exactly as God said it should be.

Hebrews 8:5 ESV

5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."

That first physical model was so important, and is why such a large portion of the scripture is devoted to it. It was an image of God's tabernacle in heaven. It set the stage, in a physical world, for all that was to follow and what is yet to come.

A Model in Heaven

The priests did more than animal sacrifices. They were responsible for the maintenance of the tabernacle, the candlesticks, and the table of showbread. They offered prayers, including the singing and chanting of psalms. Later, when the scriptures were written down, they read from the scriptures. But these things were not done in isolation, away from the eyes of the people.

Every day, for both the morning and evening sacrifices, people came to the tabernacle (or temple) with their sacrifices as well. They sang and prayed to their God before the altar of burnt offerings, evidenced by the high priest offering a blessing on the people at the end of the services each day (Num. 6:24-26).

The Psalms, themselves, are evidence of ancient Israel's worship of their God. The Psalms were recited, sung, and chanted. We only have 150 of the Psalms recorded. It is hard to say how many may have become lost with the passage of time before they were written down.

In the scriptures, God has allowed us few glimpses into the tabernacle in heaven, but from what we have been shown through the visions of Ezekiel and John, praise and worship of God is going on continually. The elders before the throne of God are shown to fall down in worship and adoration, as well as the multitudes and multitudes of angels. *This is the model that we have been given.*

The evidence of the people's participation in worship in past generations is abundant in the pages of scripture, both the Old and the New Testaments. Even the mainstream Christian Church has maintained the daily offerings of prayer throughout its history. It was only with the Reformation and the birth of Protestantism that it became relegated to one day a week.

With the revival of the Church of God in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the liturgical aspects of the service were eliminated, primarily as a way to distance themselves from the apostate church. However, this has robbed the people of an important element of their walk with, and worship of, their God. In today's church the people are encouraged to pray pri-

vately every day and, to the church's credit, they are encouraged to study and dig into the scriptures, but they are not offered any form of public or private worship.

The purpose of this series of prayer services for the Church of God is designed to remedy that lack. Nothing like this has ever been done before in the Church of God and will certainly be met with scorn by some and complete resistance by others. But for those who will accept them, hopefully they will be only a jumping off point for individuals to engage in their own private acts of worship. Some may look upon them as merely "crutches" and not true worship. That may be, but it is better to have a crutch to begin the healing process than to not be able to walk at all.

Structure of the Services

The services are primarily designed for individual or small group use. They are not offered as a new model for a Sabbath-day or Holy Day service. There are two services offered each day, a morning and an evening service, to comply with God's command for the two daily sacrifices at the tabernacle. Each service is less than a half hour, depending on how long one engages in the intercessory prayers. Each service is composed of basically three parts — *praise, listening* and *speaking*. The first consists of elements of praise to God, the second of reading and studying his word, and the last is the offering of our prayers for ourselves, our loved ones, our communities, the church, and the world at large.

The elements of the services are heavily scripture based. Nearly all statements, words of praise, and lead-ins to the various sections are drawn straight from scripture. Sometimes elements are carried throughout an entire week; at other times, all the elements change to match the time of year.

The series is made up of small booklets, usually consisting of only one or two weeks of services, and they are all designed around God's calendar. As the series is still being written, we only have booklets for the time between the Holy Days completed at this time. The goal is to complete each section prior to each season throughout this year (2008-2009).

When finished the series will include:

Passover — From Nissan 1 (Abib 1), or New Year's Day, through the 14th of the first month.

Days of Unleavened Bread — From the 15th through the 21st of the first month.

Counting the Omer — One booklet with seven days of services to be rotated throughout the seven weeks leading into Pentecost.

Pentecost — One booklet with two weeks of services, to be used during the weeks following Pentecost.

Ordinary Time — Four booklets each containing one week of services, written on a major theme from the Bible. The time between the Holy Days we are calling "ordinary time" and flows from Pentecost until the fall festivals and is repeated again at the end of the year from the Eighth Day (Last Great Day) until New Year's Day comes again the following spring. These booklets are designed to be rotated through that time frame. (Other booklets may be added at a later date).

Heshuvah — One booklet with seven days of services to be rotated through the month of Elul, known by some as the month of repentance leading up to the Feast of Trumpets. This booklet is designed for those who observe this time. For others, they would continue with the booklets called "Ordinary Time."

Fall Festivals — One booklet with two weeks of services to cover the period from the Feast of Trumpets, through the Day of Atonement and up to the Feast of Tabernacles. The first 10 days are known as the "Days of Awe."

Feast of Tabernacles — One booklet with services for eight days to cover the Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day (the Last Great Day).

How to Use the Booklets

Some of the booklets are laid out from the 1st Day of the Week through the Sabbath. Others are listed as the actual day, such as Nissan 1, or Tishri 1. In any given year, depending on when the days fall, it will be easy to move from one set of booklets to another. If the first day of Ordinary Time falls on a Wednesday, you would merely begin your service on the Wednesday of the first booklet. Likewise with the booklets that are laid out with the actual dates. When that day arrives, regardless of your place in another booklet, you would merely move to the appropriate booklet of services for the time.

If holding the services for a small group, assign a leader for the service, preferably a different person each time. Women may serve as leaders in this instance, as these services are not a form of “teaching” or assuming any kind of authority over the brethren or the church. However, if that is too hard for you, then do what your conscience dictates. The leader reads the elements that appear in regular type face and the group responds with the elements that appear in bold face italic. If holding a service alone, the individual reads all the parts, either silently or out loud.

Music is available to accompany all the hymns, either in the form of piano accompaniment or, in some cases, full choral arrangements. All may be found at www.soundatrumpet.com/sabbathservices.htm. The full blue and the full burgundy hymnals of the Church of God are available in piano accompaniment and several selections from the purple hymnal are available in choral arrangements.

In Conclusion

To create these prayer services for the Church of God, several prayer books from other organizations were studied for format, nature of the devotion, content, purpose, and style. Included were the four-volume *The Divine Hours* by Phyllis Tickle, a set of Catholic prayerbooks; *The Book of Common Prayer*, the 1979 Anglican edition, the standard from which all other churches seem to begin; the prayer books of the Anabaptist and Mennonite church; the Worship Books of the Methodist, the Presbyterian,

and the United Church of Christ churches; and the *Siddur* of the Jewish synagogue services.

Elements from all have influenced the compilations of these prayer books for the Church of God. However, the decision to keep most elements in their original form straight from the scriptures themselves was predicated on the need to avoid all statements or illusions to doctrinal teachings that are not biblical — such as the Trinity, the reward of a good life being an immediate escort to heaven, Jesus Christ as the object of our worship, and more.

The use of terms that smack of “churchianity” have been avoided wherever possible. Don’t be alarmed by the few that still remain. For example, a *Canticle* is simply scripture that can be read, sung or chanted, and is often an element that may be repeated several days in a row. We have retained the word for lack of a better one. The *Benediction* merely means the blessing at the end of the service. All services end with the same blessing the High Priest gave in the temple in ancient Israel (Num. 6:24-26).

May God bless this project and any of his chosen people who will approach it with open and loving hearts.

Pentecost

Pentecost is the Greek name given to the Feast of Weeks; it is celebrated fifty days after the Wave Sheaf offering during the Days of Unleavened Bread and at the conclusion of the 49 days that we have just counted. Pentecost is the 50th day and was celebrated in the Old Testament by waving the first-fruits of the main grain harvest before the Lord in two leavened loaves of bread.

Most agree that this day also commemorates the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai to the new nation of Israel.

The Christian celebration of Pentecost marks the birth of the Christian Church fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. According to Acts 2.1, Jesus' followers were in Jerusalem when the day of Pentecost came. On that occasion, the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, empowering them to be Jesus' witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. This partnership of divine and human energy led to the gospel taking wing through the determined tread of the disciples' feet.

In the prayers contained in this book, we have extended our celebration of Pentecost beyond a single day into two weeks of daily services. We suggest completing the two weeks before moving on to the prayers for ordinary time. Some may even wish to alternate weeks one and two and extend the celebration out to four weeks. Others may wish to complete only one week or even only the one day. The choice is entirely up to you.

As with all the other prayer books in this annual cycle series, these prayer services are designed for individual or small group use. There are two services per day offered to coincide with the command of God for the two daily sacrifices in the tabernacle — in the morning and in the evening. It is commonly held that those sacrifices occurred at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The schedule you choose to follow will be dependent on your own personal schedule and lifestyle, however, remember that God marks time from evening to evening, so if your evening service falls after dark, it is already the next day. You might want to adjust your reading and prayers to accommodate that timing, especially on the Sabbath.

The First Week

For the first week of Pentecost services, we drew on Old Testament texts about the Spirit coming on the Messiah, in particular, but also about God's Spirit refreshing God's people more generally. The Psalms and the Prophets often yearn toward the Spirit as source of healing and holiness. The haunting canticle of Ezekiel 36:23-38 is our evening song for this week, orienting us to the new heart and spirit that God gives to those who long for God's covenant of peace (Eze. 34:25; 37:26).

The morning canticle is drawn from the first words we hear from Peter after his denial—in themselves a compelling witness to the power of the Spirit (Acts 2:22-33). The opening sentences are drawn from Ephesians 2:17-22 and remind us that the Spirit we celebrate in this season of Pentecost is the spirit of the one who came proclaiming peace; that Spirit now reconciles strangers and aliens, making of them a dwelling place for God.

Scripture readings and Psalms for the first week span the times: Old Testament promises that God will pour out the Spirit, and New Testament declarations that God's Spirit inspired Jesus' ministry, and that of his followers in the Acts of the Apostles. Evening selections from Jesus' upper room discourse highlights his promise of the Spirit to teach and guide his disciples, then and now. Selections from the Epistles emphasize the fruit of the Spirit in making life new and holy, uniting us with God and Jesus. The blessed Holy Spirit also leads us in prayer, as we, in sorrow and struggle, hunger for the fullness of the new creation (Rom. 8).

The Second Week

The scriptures selected for the second week of Pentecost season services connect with the Old Testament celebration, a time of great rejoicing and gratitude for God's gifts to the people. In the mornings we linger with ancient rhythms of work and worship, as we read from God's directions for observing the feast. In the evenings, the readings from 2 Corinthians 8-9 feature Paul's appeal to Corinthian believers to emulate God's grace and generosity by contributing from their abundance to the relief for the poor in Jerusalem.

In the Old Testament sense, God's abundance and providential generosity in liberating Israel and claiming a people for himself, is synthesized most pro-

foundly in God's giving of the Law. Torah as pure grace was the historical event that came to be commemorated on Pentecost by Israel. The Psalm selections for both morning and evening prayers celebrate this gift of God extended now also to the Gentiles.

Pentecost has become a rich and multi-layered celebration of God's goodness: the first-fruits of the harvest and our delight in God's bountiful earth; the graceful gifts of freedom and peoplehood embodied in the law; the flame of the Spirit unlocking tongues and minds and hearts, giving wings to feet. The readings from Acts for both morning and evening prayers describe these dynamic days of the Spirit's work in the early church, stirring our imaginations and inviting our own boldness for Christ. The work of the Spirit we celebrate in this season is paradoxical, holding together Spirit and letter, law and gospel, the inner life of the spirit and the outer life of discipleship.

As a rehearsal for the coming Day of the Lord, we observe this holy day of God with the inner knowledge that it not only represents all of the above, but is also pointing us to the harvest when God will call all of his first-fruits to resurrection, to walk and reign with Christ in the world tomorrow.

PENTECOST 1

First Day of the Week (Sunday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

Messiah came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Isaiah 57:15-19 ESV

- 15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.
- 16 For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made.
- 17 Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.
- 18 I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,
- 19 creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the LORD, "and I will heal him.

Thanksgiving

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, you are very great.

*You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.*

(add free prayers)

You make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
*you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers. Amen.*

Song

#79 (Blue)

Bless The Lord Eternal, O My Soul

Psalm 103

Dwight Armstrong

Bless the Lord Eternal, O my soul, bless His holy sacred name!
And forget not all His benefits to those who fear His name.
He forgives all our iniquities; our diseases He will heal;
From destruction He redeems our life, and He crowns us with His love.

Bless the Lord Eternal, O my soul, let the heavens praise His name!
For His mercy is as high above as the heav'n above the earth.
Not according to our many sins has the Lord so dealt with us;
For as far as east is from the west He removes from us our sins!

Bless the Lord Eternal, O my soul, let the angels praise His name!
For in heaven He has fixed His throne and there He rules the earth.
The Eternal vindicates the cause of all those who have been wronged;
For His mercy is as high above as the heav'ns above the earth!

Bless the Lord Eternal, O my soul, for His love always endures!
And His loyalty is to our sons who keep all His commands.
As for man he blossoms like a flow'r, and his days are like the grass;
But from death the Lord redeems our life and He crowns us with His
love.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Let us hold to the standard of sound teaching that we have heard, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

We will guard the good treasure entrusted to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Acts 1:1-8 ESV

- 1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,
- 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.
- 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
- 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, **"you heard from me;**
- 5 **for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."**
- 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
- 7 He said to them, **"It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.**
- 8 **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

Romans 15:7-13 ESV

- 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
- 8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,
- 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

- 10 And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."
11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."
12 And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."
13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#121 (Blue)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Attributed to George Croly, 1866

Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies,
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love:
one holy passion filling all my frame,
the baptism of the heav'n descended Dove,
My heart an altar and Thy love the flame.

Canticle

Acts 2:22-24 ESV

- 22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—
- 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.
- 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Acts 2:32-33 ESV

- 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.
- 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

Beloved, let us build ourselves up on our most holy faith, and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keeping ourselves in the love of God, we look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to life.

God of hope, you promise peace to all, both far and near. In your mercy, ***Lord, hear our prayers.***

You are the source of comfort and healing. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy, ***Lord, hear our prayers.***

You revive the hearts of the humble. We pray for our community and for our

neighbors.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayers.

You send your Spirit to give us power to witness. We pray for the church in all places, that we may be one.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayers.

The ends of the earth will see your salvation. We pray for the world, that your reign may come and your will be done on earth.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayers.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayers.

God of convincing power,
you pour out your Spirit on all who call on you.
Restore us with the breath of your holy presence,
that we may see the vision of your shalom
and proclaim your good news to the world.

Charge and Benediction

Do not worry about how you are to speak
or what you are to say;
for what you are to say will be given to you at that time;
for it is not you who speak,
but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Amen.

*The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to
shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

Num. 6:24-26

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First Day of the Week (Sunday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

Messiah came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

May my meditation be pleasing to you,
for I rejoice in you, Lord.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Isaiah 52:7-10 ESV

- 7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
8 The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.
9 Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Thanksgiving

Lord, how manifold are your works!
The earth is full of your creatures.
*When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

(add free prayers)

O Lord, may your glory endure forever;
may you rejoice in your works.

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground. Amen.*

Song

#73 (Blue)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm

William M. Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.
Blessings, all mine, with ten thousand beside.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Confession

In goodness and loving kindness, God saves us,
*not because of anything that we have done, but in mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy
Spirit.*

(silence)

This Spirit God pours out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
*so that, having been justified by grace,
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal
life.*

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

God chose us as the first fruits for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit
and through belief in the truth.

*Then let us stand firm
and hold fast to the traditions we were taught.*

John 14:15-17 ESV

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Ephesians 6:14-18 ESV

14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

- 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,
18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#181 (Burgundy)

His Mercy Never Fails

Psalm 136

Dwight Armstrong

O give thanks, unto the Lord; Give thanks unto the Lord of Lords;
He performs wonderful works; He stretch'd the earth above the sea!
Give thanks to God for He is good; He who alone doeth great works!
His kindness shall always endure, His mercy never fails!

O give thanks, unto the Lord; For it was He who made great lights;
For the day He made the sun; And for the night the moon and stars!
Give thanks to God for He is good; He who alone doeth great works!
His kindness shall always endure, His mercy never fails!

O give thanks, unto the Lord; He struck at Egypt's stubborn pride;
Their first born He took in wrath; He led His people through the sea!
Give thanks to God for He is good; He who alone doeth great works!
His kindness shall always endure, His mercy never fails!

O give thanks, unto the Lord; For mighty kings of mighty names,
He destroyed and put to shame; Isr'el was saved from all their foes!
Give thanks to God for He is good; He who alone doeth great works!
His kindness shall always endure, His mercy never fails!

Canticle

[Ezekiel 36:23-28 ESV](#)

23 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when

- through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.
- 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.
- 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
- 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.
- 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

The whole creation has been groaning, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, grown inwardly while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.

*The Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with signs too deep for
words.*

God of hope, you promise peace to all, both far and near. In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

You are the source of comfort and healing. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

You revive the hearts of the humble. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

You send your Spirit to give us power to witness. We pray for the church in all places, that we may be one.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

The ends of the earth will see your salvation. We pray for the world, that your reign may come and your will be done on earth.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

God of abiding presence,
you lead us by your Spirit and claim us as your children.
Call us in righteousness, and renew us in hope and joy,
that we may be messengers of your peace,
fearlessly announcing your salvation.

Charge and Benediction

May the God of peace sanctify us entirely;
and may our spirit and soul and body be kept sound
and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls us is faithful and will do this. Amen.

*The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to
shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

Num. 6:24-26

PENTECOST 1

Second Day of the Week (Monday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

Messiah came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near;
*for through him both of us have access in one Spirit
to the Father.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Isaiah 11:1-12 ESV

- 1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- 2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- 6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

- 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- 9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
- 10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.
- 11 In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.
- 12 He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Thanksgiving

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, you are very great.

***You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.***

(add free prayers)

You make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
***you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers. Amen.***

Song

#85 (Burgundy)

God Is Most Gracious, Kind and Good

Psalm 52

Dwight Armstrong

O mighty man, why boast you of evil,
Scheming and devising subtle mischief and lies?
Like a sharp razor does your tongue speak;

Planning destruction against godly men.
You despise good and evil do you love;
Falsehood do you prefer to speaking the truth.

Why do you boast when God is most gracious,
Kind and merciful and ever loving and good?
Since you trust in falsehood and your great wealth;
God will remove you, uproot you from life.
Those who trust God shall see and be in awe;
They shall laugh at you for all your folly and pride.

O see the man who made not God his strength.
For he sought refuge in abundance of wealth.
But in God's mercy, in His steadfast love,
And His great kindness, in these do I trust.
And in God's house, like an olive green am I;
I will praise Him and proclaim His great name!

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Let us hold to the standard of sound teaching that we have heard,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

***We will guard the good treasure entrusted to us,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.***

Acts 2:1-13 ESV

- 1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.
- 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.
- 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

- 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"
- 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?
- 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,
- 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."
- 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
- 13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Acts 10:34-48 ESV

- 34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,
- 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
- 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),
- 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:
- 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
- 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,
- 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear,
- 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
- 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.
- 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."
- 44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.
- 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter

were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared,

47 "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#231 (Burgundy)

Come Thou Almighty King

Author unknown

Felice de Giardini

Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy Name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious, over all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness, Our prayer attend!

Come, Holy Advocate, A pure heart in us create
In this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, Open our minds to see,
What Christ would have us be, Spirit of power!

Canticle

[Acts 2:22-24 ESV](#)

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through

him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Acts 2:32-33 ESV

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

We Respond to Him

Intercessary Prayers

Beloved, let us build ourselves up on our most holy faith, and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keeping ourselves in the love of God, we look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to life.

God of wind and word, you send your Spirit of power. In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

You show mercy and an abundance of steadfast love. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

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You bring an end to division and enmity between people. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

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Your Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are your children. We pray for the church in all places, that we may know the freedom of life in the Spirit.

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In your mercy,
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You decide with equity for the meek of the earth. We pray for the world and for all who care for creation.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

God of convincing power,
you pour out your Spirit on all who call on you.
Restore us with the breath of your holy presence,
that we may see the vision of your shalom
and proclaim your good news to the world.

Charge and Benediction

And Jesus came and said to them,
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey
everything that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Amen.

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and peace to those who were near;
*for through him both of us have access in one Spirit
to the Father.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

May my meditation be pleasing to you,
for I rejoice in you, Lord.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Isaiah 63:7-16 ESV](#)

- 7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to
the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
- 8 For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely."
And he became their Savior.
- 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved
them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and
carried them all the days of old.
- 10 But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be
their enemy, and himself fought against them.
- 11 Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is
he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit,
- 12 who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided

- the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name,
- 13 who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble.
- 14 Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.
- 15 Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and beautiful habitation. Where are your zeal and your might? The stirring of your inner parts and your compassion are held back from me.
- 16 For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

Thanksgiving

Lord, how manifold are your works!
The earth is full of your creatures.

***When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.***

(add free prayers)

O Lord, may your glory endure forever;
may you rejoice in your works.

***When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground. Amen.***

Song

#153 (Burgundy)

O Give Thanks Unto Our God

Psalm 118

Dwight Armstrong

O give thanks unto our God; blessed be His name
His mercy shall always endure; and His kindness never fails.
Let Israel confess to God, "His mercy always shall endure;
Let Aaron's house-hold now repeat, that His mercy never fails!

I called upon the Lord my God; in distress I cried!
He answered me and set me free; put your confidence in God.
With the Eternal on my side, why should I fear what men can do?
Trust not in princes nor in man; better far to trust in God!

All nations compassed me about, compassed me like bees;
But the Eternal is my strength; in His name I cut them off.
Open the gates of righteousness, where all the righteous enter in;
I shall not die but I shall live, and shall tell of all His works!

O give thanks unto our God; He has answered me!
He my salvation has become, He the chief, the corner-stone.
He by the builders was refused; He was rejected by His own.
God is the Lord who shows us light; Bless-ed be the name of God!

Confession

In goodness and loving kindness, God saves us,
*not because of anything that we have done, but in mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy
Spirit.*

(silence)

This Spirit God pours out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
*so that, having been justified by grace,
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal
life.*

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

God chose us as the first fruits for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit
and through belief in the truth.

*Then let us stand firm
and hold fast to the traditions we were taught.*

John 14:18-21 ESV

- 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.
20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.
21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Romans 8:14-17 ESV

- 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"
16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#137 (Burgundy)

Holy, Mighty Majesty!

Psalm 99

Dwight Armstrong

The Eternal reigneth high above; He is mighty, He is great!
There between the cherubim He sits; let the people praise His name!
He is King and He maintains the right; He restoreth equity;
Worship and exalt the Eternal One! Holy, Mighty Majesty!

The Eternal One is God and King, and He spoke unto His priests;
In the pillar of the cloud He spoke, unto them who kept His law.
Moses is among them, Aaron too; they extolled the Lord their God.
Samuel also called upon His name; God did hear, and answered them.

O Eternal, You did answer them; You forgave and you avenged;
So, exalt the One Eternal God, Who in Zion is most great!
He is King and He maintains the right; He restoreth equity;
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Canticle

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According to the riches of his glory
may God grant that we may be strengthened
in our inner being with power through the Spirit,
and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith,
as we are being rooted and grounded in love. Amen.

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Num. 6:24-26

PENTECOST 1

Third Day of the Week (Tuesday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

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So then you are no longer strangers and aliens.

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[Joel 2:26-32 ESV](#)

- 26 “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 28 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
- 29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.
- 30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.
- 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.
- 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be

those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, you are very great.

*You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.*

(add free prayers)

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you ride on the wings of the wind,
*you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers. Amen.*

Song

#22 (Blue) #221 (Burgundy)

Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander, 1680

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

From Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

Arr. in Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
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Acts 2:14-21 ESV

- 14 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.
- 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.
- 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:
- 17 "'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;
- 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
- 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
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- 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Romans 10:9-18 ESV

- 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
- 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."
- 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.
- 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?
- 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"
- 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"
- 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- 18 But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#15 (Blue)

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Reginald Heber, 1826, alt.

John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song to Thee be raised;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God ever glorious evermore be praised.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
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God of convincing power,
you pour out your Spirit on all who call on you.
Restore us with the breath of your holy presence,
that we may see the vision of your shalom
and proclaim your good news to the world.

Charge and Benediction

If we sow to the Spirit,
we will reap eternal life from the Spirit.
So let us not grow weary in doing what is right,
for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.
So then, whenever we have an opportunity,
let us work for the good of all,
and especially for those of the family of faith. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Num. 6:24-26

PENTECOST 1

Third Day of the Week (Tuesday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

Through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

May my meditation be pleasing to you,
for I rejoice in you, Lord.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Isaiah 42:1-6 ESV

- 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
- 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not
quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the
earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.
- 5 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the
people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:
- 6 "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the
hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for
the nations,

Thanksgiving

Lord, how manifold are your works!

The earth is full of your creatures.

*When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

(add free prayers)

O Lord, may your glory endure forever;

may you rejoice in your works.

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground. Amen.*

Song

#1 (Blue)

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Verses 1-3 Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780

Verse 4 John Rippon, 1787

Oliver Holden, 1793

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, And hail Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem, And hail Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye who did hear the call,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And hail Him Lord of all;

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And hail Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe, And hail Him Lord of all;

To Him all majesty ascribe, And hail Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall;

We'll join the everlasting song, And hail Him Lord of all;

We'll join the everlasting song, And hail Him Lord of all.

Confession

In goodness and loving kindness, God saves us,
*not because of anything that we have done, but in mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy
Spirit.*

(silence)

This Spirit God pours out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
*so that, having been justified by grace,
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal
life.*

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

God chose us as the first fruits for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit
and through belief in the truth.

*Then let us stand firm
and hold fast to the traditions we were taught.*

John 14:25-27 ESV

25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Galatians 5:16-25 ESV

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

- 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,
20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,
21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#112 (Blue)

He Lives

Alfred H. Ackley, 20th cent.

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And, just the time I need Him, He's always near.
He lives (*He lives*), He lives (*He lives*), Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives (*He lives*), He lives (*He lives*), salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last.
He lives (*He lives*), He lives (*He lives*), Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

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Rejoice, rejoice, O Christians, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.
He lives (*He lives*), He lives (*He lives*), Christ Jesus lives today!
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He lives (*He lives*), He lives (*He lives*), salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Canticle

Ezekiel 36:23-28 ESV

- 23 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.
- 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.
- 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
- 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.
- 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

We Respond to Him

Intercessary Prayers

The whole creation has been groaning, and not only the creation, but we

ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, grown inwardly while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.

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In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

God of abiding presence,
you lead us by your Spirit and claim us as your children.
Call us in righteousness, and renew us in hope and joy,
that we may be messengers of your peace,
fearlessly announcing your salvation.

Charge and Benediction

May we have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

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shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you, and give you peace.***

Num. 6:24-26

PENTECOST 1

Fourth Day of the Week (Wednesday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
*But you are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Psalms 16:7-11 ESV](#)

- 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- 10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- 11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Thanksgiving

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, you are very great.
*You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.*

(add free prayers)

You make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
*you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers. Amen.*

Song

#200 (Burgundy)

Hallelujah! Praise God!

Psalm 146

Dwight Armstrong

Sing unto the Eternal, Sing your praises to Him:
Put your trust not in mortals for in them is no help
Hallelujah! Praise God! The Eternal shall reign!
He shall reign for all ages; Our King and our God!

Sing unto the Eternal, give your praises to Him;
He it was who made heaven, earth and sea and all things.
Hallelujah! Praise God! The Eternal shall reign!
He shall reign for all ages; Our King and our God!

Sing unto the Eternal, let your hope be in Him;
He remains true for ever He gives justice to all.
Hallelujah! Praise God! The Eternal shall reign!
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We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Let us hold to the standard of sound teaching that we have heard,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

*We will guard the good treasure entrusted to us,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.*

Acts 2:22-28 ESV

- 22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—
- 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.
- 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.
- 25 For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
- 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.
- 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.
- 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

Acts 11:11-18 ESV

- 11 And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea.
- 12 And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.
- 13 And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter;
- 14 he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’
- 15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.
- 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘**John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**’
- 17 If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”
- 18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#57 (Burgundy)

Open My Eyes That I May See

Clara H. Scott

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me,
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp, and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
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Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
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Ganticle

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24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Acts 2:32-33 ESV

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

Beloved, let us build ourselves up on our most holy faith, and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keeping ourselves in the love of God, we look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to life.

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You show us the path of life. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

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and proclaim your good news to the world.

Charge and Benediction

If then there is any encouragement in Christ,
any consolation from love,
any sharing in the Spirit,
any compassion and sympathy,

be of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind. Amen.

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Num. 6:24-26

PENTECOST 1

Fourth Day of the Week (Wednesday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

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We Offer Him Praise

Praise

May my meditation be pleasing to you,
for I rejoice in you, Lord.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Psalms 143:5-10 ESV](#)

- 5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.
- 6 I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
Selah
- 7 Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.
- 8 Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!
- 10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

Thanksgiving

Lord, how manifold are your works!

The earth is full of your creatures.

*When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

(add free prayers)

O Lord, may your glory endure forever;
may you rejoice in your works.

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and you renew the face of the ground. Amen.*

Song

#198 (Blue)

All Things Are Thine, No Gift Have We

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1873

William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

All things are Thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee:
And hence with grateful hearts today
Thine own before Thy feet we lay.

Thy will was in the builders' thought;
Thy hand unseen amidst us wrought;
Through mortal motive, scheme and plan
Thy wise eternal purpose ran.

In weakness and in want we call
On Thee for Whom the heavens are small;
Thy glory is Thy children's good,
Thy joy Thy tender Fatherhood.

O Father, deign these walls to bless;
Fill with Thy love their emptiness;
And let their door a gateway be
To lead us from ourselves to Thee.

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John 15:4-5 ESV

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 ESV

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#17 (Blue)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.

John Zundel, 1870

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave,
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till with Thee we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Canticle

Ezekiel 36:23-28 ESV

23 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

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Charge and Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit within us be with all of us tonight. Amen.

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Num. 6:24-26

PENTECOST 1

Fifth Day of the Week (Thursday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

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But you are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God,
*built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Ezekiel 37:9-14 ESV](#)

- 9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."
- 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.
- 11 Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'
- 12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.
- 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, you are very great.

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(add free prayers)

You make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
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fire and flame your ministers. Amen.*

Song

#35 (Burgundy)

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Isaac Watts, 1709

From Gesangbuch der Herzogl,

Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the Wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them
good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne.
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And ev'rywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

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Acts 2:29-36 ESV

- 29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,
31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.
32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.
33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.
34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,
35 until I make your enemies your footstool.’
36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

1 Corinthians 12:3-11 ESV

- 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.
4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.
7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

- 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#199 (Burgundy)

There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing

Ezekiel 34:26

Words, Daniel W. Whittle, 1863

Tune, James McGranahan, 1883

There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Savior above.
Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing: Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys, Sound of abundance of rain.
Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing: Send them upon us, O Lord;
Grant to us now a refreshing, Come, and now honor Thy Word.
Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing: Oh, that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing, Now as on Jesus we call!
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Canticle

Acts 2:22-24 ESV

- 22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—
- 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.
- 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Acts 2:32-33 ESV

- 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.
- 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

Beloved, let us build ourselves up on our most holy faith,
and pray in the Holy Spirit.

***Keeping ourselves in the love of God, we look forward
to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to life.***

God of the apostles and prophets, the breath of your Spirit revives dry bones.
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

You bind up the brokenhearted. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

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God of convincing power,
you pour out your Spirit on all who call on you.
Restore us with the breath of your holy presence,
that we may see the vision of your shalom
and proclaim your good news to the world.

Charge and Benediction

Be filled with the Spirit,
as you sing psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs among yourselves,
singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,
giving thanks to God the Father at all times
and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Num. 6:24-26

PENTECOST 1

Fifth Day of the Week (Thursday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God.
*built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

May my meditation be pleasing to you,
for I rejoice in you, Lord.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Isaiah 61:1-3 ESV

- 1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
- 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;
- 3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Thanksgiving

Lord, how manifold are your works!

The earth is full of your creatures.

*When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

(add free prayers)

O Lord, may your glory endure forever;

may you rejoice in your works.

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground. Amen.*

Song

#178 (Burgundy)

Praise God's Name!

Psalm 135

Dwight Armstrong

Hallelujah! Praise God's Name! Praise His Name, of whom you serve!
You who stand within God's house shall praise His Name within His
courts!

Praise the Lord, for He is good; Sing your praises to His Name!
God has chosen for Himself, as His prized possession Israel.

God is great above all gods, What He pleases that He does;
In the heav'n and on the earth; in the seas and depths of oceans wide;
Raises mists o'er all the earth; Sends the lightning and the rain;
And in Egypt He it was struck the first born both of man and beast.

He sent signs and wonders great In the midst of Egypt's land;
Many nations did He strike; Many mighty kings for Israel.
Great Your Name Eternal God; Great Your fame for ever more!
Both endure to ev'ry age and to generations yet to come.

Confession

In goodness and loving kindness, God saves us,
*not because of anything that we have done, but in mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy
Spirit.*

(silence)

This Spirit God pours out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
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we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal
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John 15:11-15 ESV

- 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.
- 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.
- 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.
- 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

1 John 3:16-24 ESV

- 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

- 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?
- 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.
- 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;
- 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.
- 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;
- 22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.
- 23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.
- 24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#208 (Burgundy)

If I Have Not Charity

1 Corinthians 13

Dwight Armstrong

Tho' I speak with tongues of men, Tho' I speak as angels,
If I have not charity I am become as nothing
I become as sounding brass, Or a tinkling cymbal;
With the gift of prophecy, Still I am as nothing.

Tho' I know all mysteries, Tho' I have all knowledge,
If I have not charity, I am become as nothing.
Tho' I give all I possess, Let my body burn;
If I have not charity, Then I am as nothing.

Charity will suffer long, Charity is kind,
Envies not nor vaunts itself, Behaveth not unseemly.
Seeketh not to have her way, Nor is eas'ly angered;
If I have not charity, Then I am as nothing.

Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity,
But rejoiceth in the truth; Believes and bears all things;
Hopes all things, endures all things; Never thinketh evil.
If I have not charity, Then I am as nothing.

Whether there be prophecies, Whether there be knowledge,
These shall likewise pass away, But charity remaineth.
Faith and hope and charity; All of these abide;
But among the three of these, Charity is greatest.

Canticle

Ezekiel 36:23-28 ESV

- 23 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.
- 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.
- 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
- 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.
- 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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Intercessary Prayers

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God of abiding presence,
you lead us by your Spirit and claim us as your children.
Call us in righteousness, and renew us in hope and joy,
that we may be messengers of your peace,
fearlessly announcing your salvation.

Charge and Benediction

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant us to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus,
so that together we may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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countenance upon you, and give you peace.***

Num. 6:24-26

PENTECOST 1

Sixth Day of the Week (Friday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

In him the whole structure is joined together
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Psalms 68:17-20 ESV](#)

- 17 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands;
the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.
- 18 You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.
- 19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah
- 20 Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

Thanksgiving

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, you are very great.
*You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.*

(add free prayers)

You make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
*you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers. Amen.*

Song

#34 (Burgundy)

Praise, The King

From Psalm 103 - Henry F. Lyte

Ludvig M. Lindeman

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His race and favor To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him; Gathered in from every race.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise with us the God of grace.

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Let us hold to the standard of sound teaching that we have heard,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

*We will guard the good treasure entrusted to us,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.*

[Acts 2:37-41 ESV](#)

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and

- the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"
- 38 And Peter said to them, "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.
- 39 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."
- 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."
- 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Ephesians 4:1-13 ESV

- 1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
- 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
- 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—
- 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
- 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.
- 8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."
- 9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?
- 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)
- 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
- 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
- 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#31 (Blue)

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Words: Unknown, 7th Century;

translated from Latin by John Mason Neale, 1851.

Music: "Regent Square" Henry Smart 1867

Christ is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's Help forever,
And her Confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With Thy faithful lovingkindness
Hear Thy people as they pray.
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain;
What they gain from Thee forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

Canticle

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Lead a life worthy of the calling
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with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
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in the bond of peace. Amen.

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Num. 6:24-26

PENTECOST 1

Sixth Day of the Week (Friday) — Evening Prayers

Opening

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Praise

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[Psalms 51:6-13 ESV](#)

- 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Thanksgiving

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(add free prayers)

O Lord, may your glory endure forever;
may you rejoice in your works.

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and you renew the face of the ground. Amen.***

Song

#192 (Burgundy)

Hear My Cry, Eternal One

Psalm 141

Dwight Armstrong

Hear my cry Eternal One; Let my voice rise unto Thee;
Let my prayer as incense be; As the evening sacrifice.
Set a watch on my mouth; O Eternal, guard my lips;
Let my heart not turn to sin; Nor to practice wicked ways.

O Eternal, hear my cry; Let the righteous smite reprove;
'Tis a kindness to desire; I will pray for their good will.
Let my heart turn from sin; Not to works of wicked men;
I would never taste their feasts; Their own judges are thrown down.

Hear my cry Eternal One; Tell the wicked of your threats;
How their bones shall lie around; Scattered at the mouth of graves.
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John 15:26-27 ESV

- 26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.
- 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Ephesians 4:14-21 ESV

- 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.
- 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,
- 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.
- 17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.
- 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.
- 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.
- 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!—

21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#67 (Burgundy)

For It Is God Who Orders Life

Psalm 39

Dwight Armstrong

I said my ways I'll guard with care,
Lest with my tongue I sin, O God;
I put a bridle on my lips, When in
the presence of ungodly men
With silence I became as dumb;
I held my peace but to no avail.
Sorrow within my heart was stirred;
My distress grew hot as fire!

Then with my tongue I spoke these words;
Let me know my end, O God;
What is the number of my days;
O let me know how fleeting is life.
Thou hast made my days as a span;
They are as nothing in Thy sight,
Surely before Thee all men stand;
As a mere breath they stand before Thee.

O surely man is but a breath;
Like a shadow he goes about;
Men are in turmoil all for nought;
Wealth do they gather but all in vain.
Now, O God, for what do I wait?
My hope in Thee is; my sin forgive.
O make me not the scorn of fools!
I shall not speak but remain as dumb.

For it is God who orders life;

Take away Thy stroke from me.
I am consumed by Thine own hand,
When Thou dost chasten man for all his sin.
Man's life is vain and wasted away;
Hear Thou my cry and hold not Thy peace!
Spare me that I may gladness know,
O God, recall how fleeting is life.

Canticle

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Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another;
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Amen.

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Seventh Day of the Week (Sabbath/Saturday) — Morning Prayers

Opening

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into a dwelling place for God.*

We Offer Him Praise

Praise

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Isaiah 55:1-6 ESV

- 1 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
- 6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

Thanksgiving

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, you are very great.
*You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.*

(add free prayers)

You make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
*you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers. Amen.*

Song

#10 (Burgundy)

I Will Praise Thee, O Eternal!

Psalm 9

Dwight Armstrong

I will praise Thee, O Eternal; I will show forth Thy great works!
O Thou Most High God, Eternal; I will sing praise to Thy Name!
But my foes shall turn and stumble; At Thy presence they shall fall;
The Eternal judges rightly; And forever He will rule!

The Eternal lives forever; He destroys all wicked men;
He removes their name forever; Even their memory dies;
But He judges all with fairness; He will rule with equity;
All who know His Name shall trust Him; He will not forsake His own.

To the Lord who dwells in Zion, Sing to Him and praise His Name!
Tell His deeds among the nations! Tell of all His glorious works!
He avenges all His people; He will not forget their cry;
To the Lord who dwells in Zion; Sing to Him and praise His Name!

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

Let us hold to the standard of sound teaching that we have heard, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

We will guard the good treasure entrusted to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Acts 2:42-47 ESV

- 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
- 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.
- 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common.
- 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.
- 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,
- 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Romans 15:25-33 ESV

- 25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.
- 26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.
- 27 For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.
- 28 When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.
- 29 I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.
- 30 I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,
- 31 that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

32 so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.

33 May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#107 (Blue)

Remember the Sabbath Day

Exodus 20:8-10; Isaiah 58:13-14; Mark 2:27-28

Ross Jutsum

In six days God made earth and seas and heavens.
He sanctified and blessed the seventh day;
God hallowed it and rested from His labor,
So we can worship Him and follow His way.
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy:
A rest for the people of God, a true delight.
The Son of Man, He reigns as Lord of the Sabbath
And shows His brethren how to do what's right.

Six days to work, six days to do our labor;
Christ said He made the Sabbath just for man.
The seventh day of rest, the Lord, He gave us
The Sabbath to remind us all of His plan.
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy:
A rest for the people of God, a true delight.
The Son of Man, He reigns as Lord of the Sabbath
And shows His brethren how to do what's right.

We keep this weekly Holy Day with honor;
He raised us up to ride earth's highest peak
And gave us blessings promised to our fathers.
We worship God the seventh day of the week.
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy:
A rest for the people of God, a true delight.
The Son of Man, He reigns as Lord of the Sabbath
And shows His brethren how to do what's right.

Canticle

Acts 2:22-24 ESV

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Acts 2:32-33 ESV

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

Beloved, let us build ourselves up on our most holy faith,
and pray in the Holy Spirit.

***Keeping ourselves in the love of God, we look forward
to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to life.***

Awe-inspiring God, your ways are higher than our ways, yet you invite us to
come to you. In your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayers.

Your love is steadfast and sure. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

(add open prayers)

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You call all to seek you while you may be found. We pray for our community and for our neighbors.

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Your Spirit breaks walls of division and inspires us to share resources with those in need. We pray for the world, for our enemies and for those who are in conflict.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

(add open prayers)

In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayers.

God of convincing power,
you pour out your Spirit on all who call on you.
Restore us with the breath of your holy presence,
that we may see the vision of your shalom
and proclaim your good news to the world.

Charge and Benediction

See that none of you repays evil for evil,
but always seek to do good to one another and to all.
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
Do not quench the Spirit. Amen.

*The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to
shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

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Praise

May my meditation be pleasing to you,
for I rejoice in you, Lord.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

[Isaiah 55:6-13 ESV](#)

- 6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let
him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our
God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,
declares the LORD.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than
your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return
there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to
the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me
empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in
the thing for which I sent it.

- 12 "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
- 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Thanksgiving

Lord, how manifold are your works!

The earth is full of your creatures.

***When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.***

(add free prayers)

O Lord, may your glory endure forever;

may you rejoice in your works.

***When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground. Amen.***

Song

#28 (Blue) #32 (Burgundy)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke, 1907

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect
Thy rays;

Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea.
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Father-love is reigning o'er us; brother-love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

Confession

In goodness and loving kindness, God saves us,
*not because of anything that we have done, but in mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy
Spirit.*

(silence)

This Spirit God pours out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
*so that, having been justified by grace,
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal
life.*

We Listen to His Voice

Call to Discipleship

God chose us as the first fruits for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit
and through belief in the truth.

*Then let us stand firm
and hold fast to the traditions we were taught.*

John 16:13-14 ESV

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Ephesians 1:11-17 ESV

- 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,
12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.
13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,
14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,
16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

Silent reflection on the readings

Song

#144 (Burgundy)

O Bless and Praise God!

Psalm 104

Dwight Armstrong

O bless and praise God, O my soul praise His Name!
Eternal One, my God, Thou art very great!
O Thou art arrayed in glorious majesty.
Thou cov'rest Thyself with light as with a robe.

Thou spreadest the heavens; made them like a tent;
Thou buildest Thy chambers on waters above;
Thou formest the clouds to be Thy chariot;
Thou walketh and rideth on the wings of wind.

Thou makest the winds to be Thy messengers;
And also Thy ministers flames of fire;
Thou didst set the earth on its foundations,
So that it never should be shaken or be moved.

With the deep Thou didst cover earth as with a robe;
Till waters rose and stood over mountains great;
They fled at Thy rebuke; Thy voice of thunder;
At thy command mountains rose and valleys formed.

Canticle

Ezekiel 36:23-28 ESV

- 23 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.
- 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.
- 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
- 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.
- 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

We Respond to Him

Intercessory Prayers

The whole creation has been groaning, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, grown inwardly while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.

*The Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
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God of abiding presence,
you lead us by your Spirit and claim us as your children.
Call us in righteousness, and renew us in hope and joy,
that we may be messengers of your peace,
fearlessly announcing your salvation.

Charge and Benediction

Jesus Christ was not "Yes and No";
But in him it is always "Yes."
For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes."
For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen,"
to the glory of God.
But it is God who establishes us in Christ
and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us
and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first installment. Amen.

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