

28 May 2023 - Pentecost

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□ *O let the power fall on me*

Call to Worship

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
and inspire our thoughts and actions.
Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
and fill us with energy to spread joy in the world.
Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
and refresh our commitment to serve.
Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
as we worship and witness to God's coming reign.

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† Gathering Prayer / Words of Hope

† Prayer for Understanding

Spirit of God, at Pentecost you created new understanding among Jesus' gathered disciples. So fill us with new understanding of the Scriptures this day. Energize us to act faithfully in the name of Jesus Christ, God's Living Word. Amen

Scripture **John 7: 37-39** [NT 100]

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"*

Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Acts 2: 1-21 [NT 119]

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in

our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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Spirit of grace and power, bless these gifts today so that they accomplish surprising things in Jesus' name. We offer ourselves, too, so that our lives may proclaim the Good News with your grace and power. Amen

† Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

...Our Father, who art in heaven – hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come – thy will be done – on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

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