

Day of Pentecost – May 31, 2020

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music:

Ron Coons, soprano saxophone

Words of Welcome

Confession and forgiveness

Lord Jesus, you have promised to be with us, even to the end of the age. We confess that while we do try to live faithfully, we often forget to ask for and live into the power and wisdom and love pouring forth from the Holy Spirit and readily made available to us and all your people. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us from sin and fill us with your promised Spirit. Breathe into us a new commitment to use each day of our lives to proclaim your love and mercy. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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ELW #807

Gathering Song: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
 While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
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- 2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
 And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

 Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day: Great Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

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

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

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

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

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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. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time Sermon

Hymn of the Day: O Living Breath of God ELW #407

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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The Offering (At this time in our regular service, we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Although many normal functions and programs of New Hope's ministry are on hold because of the corona virus, your church continues to care for people in our congregation, our community, and throughout the world in the name of Jesus. We appreciate your faithfulness in contributing your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! In these weeks while we are not meeting in person, please continue to send your regular financial support to New Hope via US mail (3125 5th Ave S. GF, 59405), automatic bill pay through your bank, or try our new online feature through **tithe.ly**. As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be. Thank you!)

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Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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Christ's Church in every age has faced frightening, uncertain, and dangerous times. In this time of covid19 we are no different. Still, in every age, Christ promises an abundant outpouring of his own sustaining, fiery Spirit. Let us go out into God's world filled with the spark of this Spirit. It may be from our laptop screens or it may be with masks. It may be together or alone. However it looks, it will be with God's thirst-quenching and lifegiving Spirit. Let love guide our actions, and let us spread the peace and hope of (+) Christ in all we do and say, this special and holy day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW #631

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

Accompanist: James Rickley

Prayer Focus: Language (In your prayers this week you are encouraged wonder how the Holy Spirit wants you to use the language of your life to proclaim the good news of God's love and mercy.)

Keeping in Prayer... Jennifer, Scot, Ben, Morgan, Jillian, Kate, Ron, LeRoy, Mitchel, Edna, Julie, Betty Jo, Bob, Steven, Ken, Michelle, Kathy, Charlie, Darwin, Dean, Michelle, Jan, Megan, Marissa, Walt & Sandy, Scott, Haley, Sherri, all essential workers and first-line responders, those who have been laid off or whose livelihoods are threatened, those who are homeless or experiencing food insecurity.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Ron Coons and James Rickley for today's special music!

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No. 7 from St. Paul (1836)

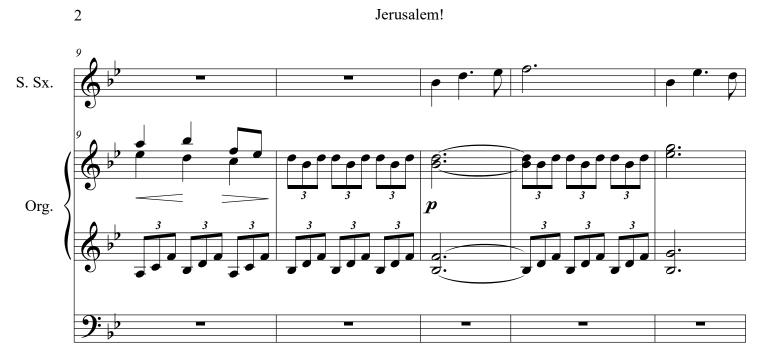
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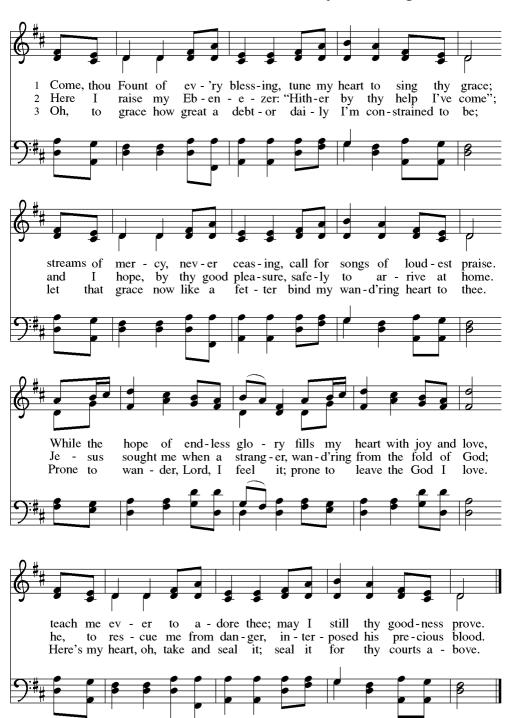
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Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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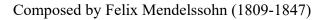
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C Score

But The Lord Is Mindful Of His Own

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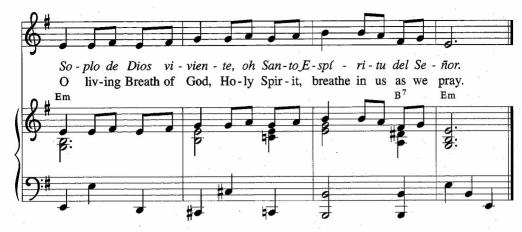
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O Living Breath of God

Soplo de Dios viviente





- 2 Soplo de Dios viviente por quien el Hijo se hizo hombre, Soplo de Dios viviente que renovaste la creación: Estribillo
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Offertory:

O Rest In The Lord

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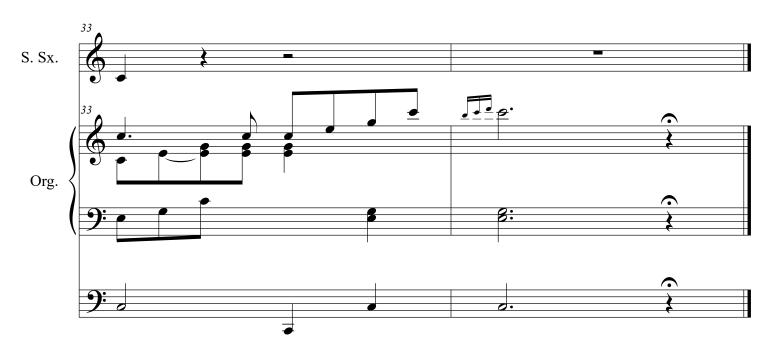
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Sending Song: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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Postlude:		

If With All Your Hearts

No. 4 from Elijah (1846)

Composed by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

