

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stand

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

All: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING, BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Paschal Candle is now extinguished

Leader: Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.
May God who raised Jesus to life, grant us new life.

All: Amen.

Leader: May Jesus who ascended, reign forever at God's right hand.

All: Amen.

Leader: May the Spirit who loves, descend upon us with peace.

All: Amen.

Leader: May almighty God bless us,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

FINAL HYMN

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SUNDAY ASSEMBLY OF WORD AND COMMUNION

PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR A 2023

SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING, WELCOME & GREETING

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Leader: On this Pentecost day we rejoice in the presence of the Spirit.
The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things understands what is said.
Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

PENITENTIAL RITE

GLORIA

Leader: On this Feast of Pentecost, it is fitting that we give praise to God
and so we pray: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God,
heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

Sit

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

SEQUENCE

Leader: In response to the Word of God, let us pray the traditional prayer to the Spirit.

All: Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, from the clear celestial height
thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure
come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
dost refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil art comfort sweet, pleasant coolness in the heat,
solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine, visit thou these hearts of thine,
and our inmost being fill.
If thou take thy grace away, nothing pure in us will stay,
all our good be turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew, on our dryness pour thy dew,
wash the stains of guilt away.
Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen, warm the chill,
guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore, thee confess and thee adore,
with thy sevenfold gifts descend.
Give us comfort when we die, give us life with thee on high,
give us joys that never end. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia! alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 20:19-23*

SHARED REFLECTION

PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

Leader: Let us now stand and profess our shared faith. I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, *(all bow)*
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

COLLECTION

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PRAYER OF PRAISE

Leader: We are gathered here today as the People of God.
Let us now stand and give thanks and praise to the God who dwells with us.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, the creator of all life, who made the universe and sustains
all creatures. You are blest, Lord God for ever.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, the hope of all people, who speaks the life-giving Word
and brings forth the fruit of the earth. You are blest, Lord God for ever.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who enriches our lives
with love and surrounds our days with joy. You are blest, Lord God for ever.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, the all holy one, who chose us in Christ and anoints us
with the Spirit of adoption. You are blest, Lord God for ever.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, the rock of our salvation, who inspires our hymns and
renews our youth. You are blest, Lord God for ever.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, the revelation of love, who makes us one in Christ and
gives us the crown of victory. You are blest, Lord God for ever.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, the healer of hearts, who forgives our sins and binds up
our wounds. You are blest, Lord God for ever.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, the guardian of your chosen ones, who lives among us
and leads us in all our ways. You are blest, Lord God for ever.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, the source of eternal light, who calls us from darkness and
clothes us in glory. You are blest, Lord God for ever.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, the provider of good gifts, who raised us from death and
crowns us with life. You are blest, Lord God for ever.

All: To you glory and praise for evermore.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER / PRAYER FOR PEACE / ADMONITION TO UNITY

Kneel

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION / COMMUNION SONG

COMMUNION REFLECTION OR PERIOD OF SILENCE