

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WORD AND SACRAMENT:
HOLY COMMUNION

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 31, 2009



Spiritus, Ann L. Bryan

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SONATA FOR BASSOON AND PIANO

ALEXANDRE TANSMAN

MIKE MUSZYNSKI, BASSOON

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use this time to center yourselves for worship.)

WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

CHANCEL CHOIR; MIKE MUSZYNSKI, BASSOON; JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE; MOVEMENT CHOIR

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, come to us.

Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light.

Come, father of the poor, come, generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts.

Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God;

disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people.

Father of the poor, come to our poverty. Shower upon us the seven gifts of your grace.

Be the light of our lives. O come.

You are our only comforter, peace of the soul.

In the heat you shade us; in our labor you refresh us, and in trouble you are our strength.

Kindle in our hearts the flame of your love

that in the darkness of the world it may glow and reach to all forever.

Veni sancte spiritus.

✠ OPENING SENTENCE

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people;

And kindle in us the fire of your love.

✠ HYMN No. 129

COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US

EBENEZER

✠ CALL TO CONFESSION

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples

creating bold tongues, open ears,

and a new community of faith.

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.

We do not listen for your word of grace,

speaking the good news of your love,

or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,

and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,

doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

♣ KYRIE

LEE AFDAHL

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

♣ DECLARATION OF PARDON

♣ RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 322

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

ROMANS 8:22-27

PAGE 150, NT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND LESSON

ACTS 2, SELECTED VERSES

PAGE 121, NT, PEW BIBLE

LEE BIOLA (FRENCH), KEVIN DAVIS (CHINESE), FENTA ENGIDAW (ETHIOPIAN),
LINDA MCCORD (SPANISH), BETH PAULSEN (GREEK)

SERMON

A BIRTH STORY

CAROLINE M. KELLY

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

♣ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH

We believe that the Holy Spirit renews the community of faith.
Israel did not cease to be God's people.
Yet out of Israel a new people was formed.
The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus.
Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness
the new thing God had done in Christ.
They began to experience in their fellowship
a new quality of common life.
We believe that by the power of the same Spirit
the church can be set on its way again.
We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life,
the renewer and perfecter of God's people,
the One who makes real in us what God has done for us. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

THE SPIRIT LIKE A MIGHTY WIND
CHANCEL CHOIR AND MOVEMENT CHOIR

WILLIAM P. ROWAN
TEXT: MARY LOUISE BRINGLE

The Spirit, like a mighty wind, blows wild and fierce and strong,
to fan the flames of kindled love, igniting hearts to song.
Refrain: In swirling sound's ecstatic choir, God's grace abounds in tongues of fire.
The Spirit like a lightning flash, streaks through our darkened skies,
with sudden brilliance bringing hope and sight to clouded eyes. *Refrain.*
The Spirit, like a surging storm, flings open every gate;
breaks down the walls of threat and fear, sweeps clean the chaff of hate. *Refrain.*
The Spirit, like a living breath, still courses through our lands
when strangers speak in common voice, and nations understand. *Refrain.*

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

ARR. JOHN LEAVITT

CHANCEL CHOIR AND JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE
Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
Oh, let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heart consuming.
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round the while my path illuming.
And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling.
For none can guess God's grace till love creates a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

A PENTECOST PRELUDE FOR FLUTE AND ORGAN
JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE

CHARLES CALLAHAN

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

◆ HYMN

PRAISE THE SPIRIT

ABBOT'S LEIGH
TEXT: KATIE OWEN

Praise the Spi rit that des - cen - ded like a blow - ing rush of wind,
Praise the Spi - rit now em - bo - died, speak - ing through our vi - sions and dreams,
Praise the Spi - rit that con - nects us: young and old, each realm and race;

pour - ing out on all your peo - ples as God's Spi - rit en - ters in;
make us in bound - less wit - ness to the truth we all re - ceive;
though our na - tive speech di - vides us, God u - nites through time and space,

Speak a - bout God's deeds of pow - er work - ing through our his - to - ry,
may the Spi - rit dwell a - mong us: tongues of fire that pur - i - fy,
gift - ing us with in - spi - ra - tion, with the Spi - rit we may be

cal - ling us as one in wors - hip, ce - le - bra - ting the mys - te - ry.
fill - ing us with gifts of lan - guage so we may speak and pro - phe - sy.
voi - ces lif - ted up in glo - ry, one in God's com - mu - ni - ty.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 411, STANZA 1

FESTAL SONG

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

WORSHIP NOTES

✠ Those who are able, please stand.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Our liturgists today are Steve Bacon, Emily Wilmarth, and Erika Rembert.

Our lector today is Pam Melville.

Today we receive the Pentecost Offering. One of four church-wide offerings, it provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Each congregation keeps 40% of the offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities.

Gary Charles is on sabbatical leave until August 22, 2009. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Caroline Kelly or the church office (404-659-0274).

We thank Joan Murchison, who created the ribbon banners, table cover and pulpit fall that hang in the sanctuary today; Ellen Phillips, who created the hangings in the vestibule; and Edna Bacon, Ann Bryan, Joan Murchison, and Sandra McDonald for their participation in preparing the sanctuary for Pentecost.

We thank the Movement Choir, under the direction of Leigh Campbell-Taylor, and liturgical dancers Tricia Berrett, Julian Rainwater, Lydia Rainwater, Olivia Roorbach.

We thank Katie Owen for the text to our closing hymn. Katie is a rising middler at Columbia Theological Seminary, and has sung in our Chancel Choir this year.

Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found on the Central website: <http://cpcatlanta.org/worship/sermons.html>. You may also subscribe to the podcast of sermons preached at Central by visiting <http://cpcatlanta.org/worship/podcast.html>.

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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, May 31

- 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Infrastructure Committee
Taylor Conference Room

Monday, June 1

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions
Rand Chapel
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Ministry Night

Tuesday, June 2

- 7:00 p.m. Children's Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Gathering

Wednesday, June 3

- 5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 4

- 10:00 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting

Friday, June 5

No events scheduled.

Saturday, June 6

- 8:30 a.m. Prison Ministry

Sunday, June 7

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
Trinity Sunday
Anna Carter Florence preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Iona Mission Trip Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Movement Choir
- 1:00 p.m. Council of Ministries
- 6:00 p.m. Cancer Ministry
Celebration of Healing and Hope

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Beth Grashof (Captain)
A group of faithful volunteers

Greeters

John & Ann Bryan
Don Robinson ▪ Ellen Thompson

Counters

Lee Biola ▪ Mary Elizabeth Pope
David Messer ▪ Susan Suggs

Cashier

Philip Covin

Sound Engineer

Roland Kinser

Elders of the Day

Campbell-Eagan: Mike Sizemore
Washington Street: Anne Huss

Deacons of the Day

Debbie Miller
Ellen Thompson

Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Pittman Family
Lisa, Pete, Alex and Nicki

Caring for Our Youngest Members

Infants & Toddlers
Terry & Chantal Tusher

Preschool & Pre-K Room
Marcia & Robert Catterall

Choir Guild

Dot Phillips



Summer Studies 2009

What's Christian About Learning?

Education as a Human Right

May 31 - August 30

Each of the three months during the summer, the series will focus on a theme relating to What's Christian About Learning? Education as a Human Right

- ◆ The Crisis in Education
- ◆ New Directions and Solutions
- ◆ Challenges for the Church

Dr. George Stroup, Professor of Systematic Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary, will begin the Summer Series on May 31. Presenters confirmed so far include: *Neil Shorthouse*, President and Founder, Communities in Schools of Georgia; *Dr. Rodger Nishioka*, Associate Professor of Christian Education, Columbia Theological Seminary; *Dr. Beverly Hall*, Superintendent, Atlanta Public Schools; *Dr. Brian K. Blount*, President Union Theological Seminary/Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, VA; *Dr. Mary Hollowell*, Associate Professor & Field Experiences Coordinator, Department of Teacher Education, Clayton State University; *Theresa Brower*, Development Director, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice; *David A. Jackson*, Pres. & CEO, The Center for Working Families, Inc.; *Mark E. Weston*, Education Consultant, Dell Computers; *Brad Bryant*, Georgia State Board of Education.

Watch for specific schedules and updates in emails and *The Weekly!*

Pentecost Sunday
Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit)

Jesus knew Pentecost - which means "fiftieth day" - as a festival marking the Jewish tradition that the Ten Commandments were given to Moses fifty days after the first Passover.

The celebration entered Christian practice fifty days after Jesus' resurrection when, according to the Book of Acts, as disciples were praying in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit descended upon them in wind and flame. They began speaking in many languages, causing such an uproar that a crowd gathered. When Peter seized this opportunity to tell the people about Jesus, some 3,000 were converted to Christianity and the Church was born.



Throughout the ages, the Church has used the symbols of the dove, flames and rose petals to capture the variety of characteristics attributed to the Holy Spirit: powerful, surprising, inspiring, comforting and disruptive. To enhance our understanding of the Spirit's work in our lives, we will use the richness of color, texture, form, sound and motion this morning as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

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