

# Order of Worship

March 20th, 2018



# Pentecost Sunday

This liturgy was written by the Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams and was celebrated in St. Gallen, Switzerland at All Souls Protestant Church which is now dissolved.

# LITURGY

May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

# "Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our mortal sight.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and Thee, of both, to be but One,
That through the ages all along this may be our endless song:
Praise to Thine eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### WELCOME

#### **† PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Acts 2:1-4

Pastor: When the day of Pentecost arrived, the followers of Jesus gathered together. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind. Then divided tongues, as if of fire, appeared and rested on their heads. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues.....

Tongue (English): Come Holy Spirit!

People: And give us life!

Tongue (Spanish): Ven Espíritu Santo!

People: And give us truth!

Tongue (Dutch): Kom, Heilige Geest!

People: And give us faith!

Tongue (Chinese): 聖靈, 來臨吧!

People: And give us hope!

Tongue (Zulu): Woza Umoya!

People: And give us love!

ALL: Come down to us, O Mighty Wind, and bless us as we praise God's name! Amen!

#### † SONG OF APPROACH

# "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

words by Clarence Walworth, 1853; music by Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774



#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### **+ THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: And now, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us saying:

ALL: 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.

#### + SONG OF ADORATION

# "Spirit Song"

words by John Wimber, 1979

O let the Son of God enfold you With His Spirit and His love Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul

O let Him have those things that hold you And His Spirit like a dove Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus, O Jesus.

Come and fill Your lambs

Jesus, O Jesus.

Come and fill Your lambs

O come and sing this song with gladness As your hearts are filled with joy Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name

O give Him all your tears and sadness Give Him all your years of pain And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

Jesus, O Jesus.

Come and fill Your lambs

Jesus, O Jesus.

Come and fill Your lambs

#### + CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, let us pray to the Spirit together saying:

ALL: O Comforter, we bow our heads before You this day, and we confess that too often we forget Your presence within our hearts. Sometimes we live our lives as if Your voice is dead to us, and sometimes we treat You like a "power" that can be controlled. For these things we are truly sorry and ask that You forgive us, and we ask that You would fall afresh and fill us like the Church of old. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Confess in silence)

#### + SONG OF CONFESSION

"Spirit Of The Living God"

words and music by Daniel Iverson, 1926

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

#### **+ CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, hear and believe this promise of the Lord: A new heart I will give you, and a new Spirit I will put within you. I will take away your heart of stone, and give to you a heart of righteousness (Ezekiel 36:26). Therefore, in light this sure promise, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!

Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together saying:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, ALL:

Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead;

On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

And He is seated at the right hand of the Father;

He will come again 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 the life everlasting.

Amen.

\* The word *catholic* means "universal" or "for all people" (not the Roman Catholic Church).

### **+ PASSING OF PEACE**

Pastor: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those

around you.

Every time I feel the Spirit Moving in my heart, I will pray Every time I feel the Spirit Moving in my heart, I will pray

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke Out of His mouth came fire and smoke All around me looks so shine Ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit Moving in my heart, I will pray Every time I feel the Spirit Moving in my heart, I will pray

Jordan river runs right cold Chills the body not the soul Ain't but one train on this track Runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit Moving in my heart, I will pray Every time I feel the Spirit Moving in my heart, I will pray

# Johannes 16.5-15 (HOF)

Jesus lässt seine Jünger nicht allein zurück

Den. Leutenegger: Brüder und Schwestern, eine Lesung aus dem Johannesevangelium:

<sup>5</sup> Dann erzählte Jesus Seinen Jüngern, »Jetzt aber gehe ich zu dem, der mich gesandt hat. Keiner von euch fragt mich, wohin ich gehe, <sup>6</sup> denn ihr seid voller Trauer über meine Worte. 7 Doch ich sage euch die Wahrheit: Es ist besser für euch, wenn ich gehe. Sonst käme der Helfer nicht, der an meiner Stelle für euch da sein wird. Wenn ich nicht mehr bei euch bin, werde ich ihn zu euch senden. <sup>8</sup> Und ist er erst gekommen, wird er den Menschen die Augen für ihre Sünde öffnen, für Gottes Gerechtigkeit und sein Gericht. <sup>9</sup> Ihre Sünde ist, dass sie nicht an mich glauben. 10 Gottes Gerechtigkeit erweist sich darin, dass er sich zu mir bekennt. Denn ich darf zum Vater gehen, auch wenn das bedeutet, dass ihr mich nicht mehr sehen werdet. 11 Und Gottes Gericht zeigt sich daran, dass der Teufel, der Herrscher dieser Welt, bereits verurteilt ist.

<sup>12</sup> Ich hätte euch noch viel mehr zu sagen, doch jetzt würde es euch überfordern. 13 Wenn aber der Geist der Wahrheit kommt, hilft er euch dabei, die Wahrheit vollständig zu erfassen. Denn er redet nicht in seinem eigenen Auftrag, sondern wird nur das sagen, was er hört. Auch was in der Zukunft geschieht, wird er euch verkünden. 14 So wird er meine Herrlichkeit sichtbar machen; denn alles, was er euch zeigt, kommt von mir. 15 Was der Vater hat, gehört auch mir. Deshalb kann ich mit Recht sagen: Alles, was er euch zeigt, kommt von mir.«

Dcn. Leutenegger: Das Wort Gottes! Dank sei Gott! People:

† GOSPEL READING (English)

The Work of the Holy Spirit

Rev. Dr. Williams: And now Brothers and Sisters, a reading from the Gospel of John. Listen and hear the Word of God:

<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus told His Disciples, "But now I am going to Him who sent

Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is Mine; therefore, I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you."

Rev. Dr. Williams: This too is the Word of God for you, the people of

God!

Thanks be to God! People:

### **MESSAGE**

Dcn. Christian Leutenegger and Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams

#### WORSHIP IN GIVING

If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give, but if you choose to give we thank you and pray that you are blessed.

† DOXOLOGY words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551



# † INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING (Eucharist)

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of God. Friends, the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

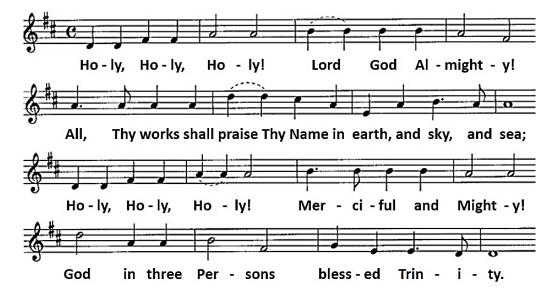
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Let us pray...It is our duty and delight that we should

(Chant) everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to You, O God, through Jesus Christ, Who calls us to follow His way of humble service and love. And so with the Church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn....

**+ SANCTUS** 

words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes 1861



## **† SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

# "Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness"

words and music by James K. Manley, 1940

#### **+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INSTRUCTION**

Pastor: On the night He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take this and eat of it; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me until I come again."

And in the same way, after supper, He also took the cup, and said, "Take this and drink of it; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

Gracious Father, we thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, Who gave His life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these Your gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us His body and His blood. Amen.

Friends, in the breaking of His body, Christ received our brokenness and gave us the blessings of heaven. Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith in Him.

# ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Pastor: Behold the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Let us keep the feast!

## DISTRIBUTION

All Souls Protestant Church welcomes all baptized Christians and those who wish to follow Jesus to come to the Table and receive Communion. We take the elements by *intinction* or dipping the bread into the cup, so once you receive the bread please hold on to it that you might dip it into the cup. To ensure that all can partake our bread is gluten-free, and we use grape juice.

[CHORUS] Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

Blow through the wilderness, calling and free,

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,
Then You coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons You called to each thing;
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."
[CHORUS]

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand And You goaded your people with a law and a land; And when they were blinded with idols and lies, Then You spoke through Your prophets to open their eyes. [CHORUS]

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,
Then You whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city You called once again,
When You blew through Your people on the rush of the wind.
[CHORUS]

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions Your people arise. [CHORUS]

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Friends, as we prepare to leave this place of rest, and go back into a restless world, let us pray together with all our hearts, souls, and minds saying: Come Holy Spirit!

People: Fall fresh on us again.

Pastor: O Spirit of endless life and love, we praise You for Your presence with us. Transform our broken communities and nations - that the hurting might find healing, that the lonely might find love, that the bitter might find peace, and that the fearful might find hope. We ask that You descend upon Israel and Palestine, and that You bring conviction to the unjust, comfort to the

mourning, healing to the broken, truth to the blinded, courage to the helpers, and peace for all the people who are living in these troubled lands: Come Holy Spirit!

People: Fall fresh on us again.

Pastor: O Spirit of endless wisdom and power, guide our leaders in both Church and State to bring renewal and reconciliation – let them build bridges instead of walls that communication might be open, that conflicts might cease, that the hungry might be fed, and that justice might prevail: Come Holy Spirit!

People: Fall fresh on us again.

Pastor: O Spirit of endless mercy and grace fill all believers, and especially our brothers and sisters at the *Bratislava International Church*, with faith, hope, and love – fill us that our worship might be pleasing to You, that our prayers might change hearts and minds, that our lives might impact the world, and that world might know that Jesus lives: Come Holy Spirit!

People: Fall fresh on us again.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious Father, we thank You for the Table of Christ, where the Holy Spirit falls fresh upon Your children. May He be our Helper and Comforter, and the truest mark of Your presence among us. And Father, we pray that You would fill us again; fill us with Your light of fire and love that we might shine with ceaseless praise. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, Who is the fullness of You and the firstborn of everything, and Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever. Amen.

#### † SONG OF SENDING

#### "Christ, You Are The Fullness"



# **+ BENEDICTION**

# **Aaronic Blessing**

Den. Leutenegger: Der Herr segne dich und behüte dich!

Der Herr lasse sein Angesicht leuchten über dir

Und sei dir gnädig!

Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf dich

Und gebe dir Frieden!

Rev. Dr. Williams: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you,

and be gracious unto you.

And may the Lord lift up the light of His

countenance upon you, and give You His peace.

