

✘ **THE ORDER OF SERVICE** ✘

May 27 & 28, 2023

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

In silent prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to create clean hearts within us.

P O Spirit of God,

C **we confess that we have dishonored Your Holy Word through our lives of disobedience. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have not allowed Your message of truth to rule in us. Forgive us, faithful God. By Your grace, draw us to the cross of Jesus. Through faith in His promises, enable us to receive the restoring mercy that You alone can give. Amen.**

P In Christ Jesus, you and I receive the fullness of who we are called to be through the Spirit who has been given to us. United with Christ through our Baptism, the Spirit who claims us as the Father's own now delivers to us the message of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, commissioned by His Spirit, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray in the fellowship of the Spirit.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray for the blessing of the Spirit.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray as we are united by the Spirit.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray as we rejoice in the Spirit.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #498, vv 1 & 2

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

1 **Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.**

2 **To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

C **Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all;**

P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 11:24-30 *(The Lord's Spirit rests on the elders of Israel, and they proclaim His message.)*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO Refiner's Fire ... Brian Doerksen

SECOND READING Acts 2:1-21 *(The Holy Spirit fills the disciples on Pentecost.)*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 7:37-39 (*Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to those who believe.*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S OBJECT LESSON

SONG God Made Me

1 **God made me, God made me,
In my Bible book it says that God made me.**

2 **God loves me, God loves me,
In my Bible book it says that God loves me.**

CATECHISM (The Third Article)

P The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed addresses the work of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead. We join in confessing:

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

HYMN #650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 **Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those on earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.**

**2 Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ;
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.**

**3 Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.**

SERMON

PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS ARE GATHERED

OFFERTORY HYMN #781, vv 1 & 2

**1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blesses us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

NOTE:

Sunday worship concludes with the Prayer of the Church, the Lord's Prayer, the Benediction, and the closing hymn.

Saturday Service continues with the Prayer of the Church and the Sacrament.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who sends to us Your Holy Spirit that with our hearts we believe in You and with our mouths we confess Your saving name. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS HYMN #821, v 3

C **Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

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 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI HYMN #821, v 4

4 **Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

(after all have communed)

DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that You have refreshed us through this saving and renewing gift of Your Son's body and blood. Seal us with Your Holy Spirit that the message we have here received may be our guide as we go forth in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN #498, vv 5 – 7

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.**

- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.**

- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!**

POSTLUDE

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Flautist: Chris Fagan
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