

✠ **The Order of Service** ✠  
May 19, 2024

**PRELUDE**

**INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES** *John 7:37–39*

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

C **Amen.**

P On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

C **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”**

P Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

C **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**EXCHANGING OF THE PEACE**

P After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and gave them His peace. Today we also share those words with each other. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Please share God’s peace to those who are near you.

*People: Peace be with you.*

*Response: And also with you.*

## KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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 to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #498, vv 1 & 7** 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.

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

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through 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** *Ezekiel 37:1-14* (The valley of the dry bones hears the Word of the Lord.)

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** *Acts 2:1-21* (The Spirit descended upon the disciples as Jesus had promised.)

L This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO** 10,000 Reasons ... Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

**VERSE** *Liturgical Text*

P Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15* (“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.”)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN #861** Christ Be My Leader

**1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

**SERMON**

**PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERINGS ARE PRESENTED**

**OFFERTORY** *(p.176 in hymnal)*

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
And will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now  
In the presence of all His people,  
n the courts of the Lord's house,  
In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## **THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

#### **PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

**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.**

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is good, right, and our very duty to praise You, almighty Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose death and resurrection have borne the good fruit of salvation for all who believe. Having shown to us His mercy, clothing us in His righteousness, grant that we be faithful in witness and fervent in love toward those who do not yet know Him. Bring us at last with all the saints of old and all the heavenly host, so that we may join their unending hymn, praising Your holy name and saying:

#### **SANCTUS** *(p. 178 in hymnal)*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**C** 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.*

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

**AGNUS DEI** (*p. 180 in hymnal*)

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

(After all have received communion)

**BLESSING ON 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. Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

**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 #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  
hose of 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.

**POSTLUDE**

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