

Advent Lutheran Church



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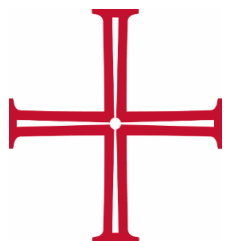
Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024



Welcome to worship at Advent!

Ways to engage throughout the service online:



Space: So much of our living currently happens in one space. Consider designating worship time through the practice of lighting a candle, dimming the rest of the lights in the apartment, placing a cross (it can be homemade) or a Bible on the table – something that is sacred to you that designates we are gathering for sacred worship.

Community: There is a comments section, use it to say hi to one another and check in. Post pictures of you or your household preparing for or engaging in worship. Church is God's people gathered. So make yourself known and check in with each other in turn.

Music: Sing so loudly your neighbors sing along!

Prayers of the People: During the Prayers of the People, type your prayers into the comments section. And commit to holding the prayer request of at least one other person throughout the week.



Offering: Our ministry continues. Throughout this time, we continue to feed people. We continue to worship together. We continue to provide care for the whole community. Please consider continuing your financial contribution through online giving www.adventnyc.org/give or text to give at 917-994-8568 and follow the instructions.



Communion: At Advent, when we gather, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a cosmic event. There is a collapsing of time and space so that in that singular moment when you receive the body and the blood, you do so with every person who ever was, is and will be, in every time and place.

Rev. Tuhina Rasche says it best, *“As a called an ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, I took an oath to not only responsibly administer the sacraments, I also took an oath to care for God’s people. In caring for God’s people, if folks at home lift up their elements in the midst of worship, I fully and wholly believe the Holy Spirit to be at work to consecrate these elements. Yes, Jesus is at the right hand of God. And yes, even in elements consecrated in a virtual space, Jesus is in those elements as well. We cannot confine the moves of the Holy Spirit in community, even if that community is virtual.”*

During the consecration of the elements, you are invited to lift up bread and wine/juice in your home, and to commune when the words are spoken. Scripture tells us nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the promise.

All the People of God speak the text in Bold (that’s you!)

Worship leaders speak the text in regular type. | *Italic Text provides explanation or instruction.*

PRELUDE

"Mein gläubiges Herz" from the Cantata

Julie Bruskin, cello

Also Hat Gott die Welt geliebt (For God so loved the world), BWV 68

My believing [in Christ] heart, Exult, sing, make merry;
Your Jesus is there [in you, my heart]!
Away, lament; away, torments;
To you [torments and lament] I wish to say only: My Jesus is at hand.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

When We Breathe Together
Jan Richardson

This is the blessing
we cannot speak
by ourselves.

**This is the blessing
we cannot summon
by our own devices,
cannot shape
to our purpose,
cannot bend
to our will.**

This is the blessing
that comes
when we leave behind
our aloneness
when we gather
together
when we turn
toward one another.

**This is the blessing
that blazes among us
when we speak
the words
strange to our ears**

when we finally listen
into the chaos

**when we breathe together
at last.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

O Living Breath of God



1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

***GREETING**

...the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: *Acts 2:1-16*

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of

power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *Breath of God (Acts 2:17-21)*

VERSE D G D G

1. The Breath of God, the Prom-ised One filled their mouths and loosed their

5 D G A Bm D A
tongues To sing the praise of the ri-sen Son The might-y works that God has

9 D VERSE D G D
done. 2. The breath of God on daugh-ters, sons He is poured

13 G D G A Bm
out on old and young To sing the praise of the ri-sen Son The migh-ty

17 D A D CHORUS G D
works that God has done. O breath of God, O Spi-rit come fill our

21 G A Bm G A Bm
mouths and loose our tongues To sing the praise of the ri-sen Son The migh-ty

25 D A D VERSE
works that God has done. 3. In these last

28 D G D G D

days ev-'ry one who calls the name of the ri-sen Son they shall be

32 G A Bm D A D

saved by his pre-cious blood Oh might-ty work that God has done! The breath God

SCRIPTURE READING: *Romans 8:22-27*

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu-ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - gain

sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a-loud: Al-le - lu - ia! A - men!

***GOSPEL:** *John 20:19-23*

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the religious leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Danielle Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Spirit Open My Heart

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of tempest and whirlwind,

Breathe on us, Breath of God; Breath of God, breathe on us.

***PEACE**

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Please share the sign of peace with one another in the Spirit of Reconciliation with those around you, in the comments section, or take a moment to text someone the peace of Christ!

OFFERING



The gifts you give today are used for God's ministry here at Advent and around the world. You are invited to give via the offering plate or online at www.adventnyc.org/give. If you already give online or through your bank, please acknowledge and celebrate that offering by placing a yellow giving card, found in your pew, in the offering plate. Let us give thanks to God!

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend
arr. Lloyd Larson

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity, Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace, breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise, lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly God, source of pow - er, source of love:



heav - en and earth are full of you. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is the one, the one who comes in the name of our gra-cious God.



Bless-ed is the one, the one who comes: bless-ed be Je-sus Christ.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

...proclaim this timeless truth: **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

United by Jesus under one faith, but in many languages, let us pray as Jesus taught:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Jesus is the host of this table and all are welcome.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at God's table.

Come as you are. These gifts are for you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*As the Wind Song
O Spirit All Embracing*



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
 gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the
 as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
 2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
 3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
 you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
 and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
 We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
 to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
 you fan the glow - ing em - ber, and kin - dle hope with - in.
 to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
 Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
 for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
 un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
 in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

A CALL TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

Our mission is love.

Our mission is to welcome all people to experience and live out God's love.

Our strategy is community.

Following the example of Jesus, our strategy is to practice authentic community that builds and inclusive faith.

Our vision is transformation.

Our vision is to be a church where the Holy Spirit transforms people's faith, the community and the world.

*BENEDICTION

Pentecost Blessing, Jan Richardson

*SENDING HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom

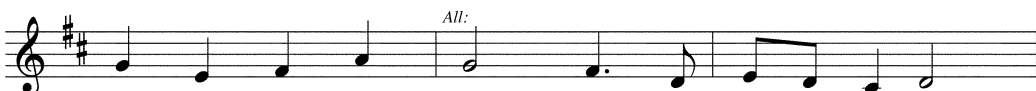
Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

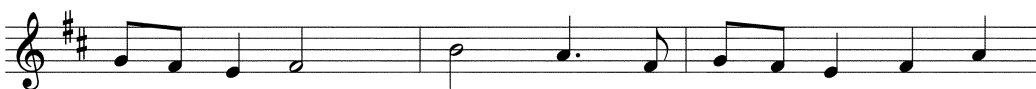


life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

***SENDING**

In our moments of chaos... **God is with us.**

In our moments of calm... **God is with us.**

In our moments of life... **God is with us.**

We go as Pentecost people, touched by fire, stirred by wind, to mend the world.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Mein gläubiges Herz

Bach
arr. Lavignac