

**Established** 

Madison, Wisconsin



**Day of Pentecost** Sunday, May 31, 2020 10:00am **Online Worship** 

We are ... A Community centered in Christ: gathering in love, growing by grace, going forth to serve. **Pentecost** is celebrated fifty days after Easter Day, and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. (Acts 2: 1–31.) Symbols of Pentecost include:

Wind, representing God's first breath of love (Ruach) into all of creation. The breath of the Holy Spirit strengthens and challenges God's people on their faith journey. Fire, representing the Holy Spirit, who filled the apostles with enthusiasm, replacing their fear with the courage to go forth and share Christ's story. The Color Red, representing the dynamism of the Holy Spirit and the zeal of those who open their hearts to the Spirit. Water, representing the commitment first made at our baptism and renewed throughout our faith lives.

The Dove, representing the Holy Spirit that descended "like a dove" and hovered over Jesus when he was baptized, and a symbol of peace.

#### We Gather in Christ's Love

**The Organ Prelude** Welsh Folk Tune: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Percy Whitlock

#### Welcome

#### The Call to Worship

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. ~ Genesis 1:1 Spirit of the Living God, visit us as on the day of Pentecost, with speech that unites the babel of our tongues, Come, Holy Spirit, dwell among us.

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from, or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. ~John 3:8 With rushing wind that sweeps away barriers, and with love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

Come, Holy Spirit, dwell among us.

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ~ Matthew 3:11 With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame, and with power from above to make our weakness strong,

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Come, Holy Spirit, dwell among us!

**Songs of Praise** Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit) Holy Spirit Francesca Battistelli

#### The Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

Holy Spirit, how we need you! Our vision is dim, our dreams too small. Come, Holy Spirit: Inspire and direct us. Our hearts are cold. Our faith is feeble. Come, Holy Spirit: Kindle fire within us. Our body is broken, our unity breached. Come, Holy Spirit: Heal and preserve us. Fill our hearts with songs of praise. Fuel our lives with power and grace. Renew this world, we pray, that it might flow with the light of your love and show forth your salvation.

#### The Assurance of Pardon

With few disciples and even fewer resources, with no status to speak of, and no influence to wield, the Church of Jesus Christ began on Pentecost.

Yet, this Church had the power of God's Holy Spirit, a mighty wind that touched the hearts and minds and lives of all around. This Spirit remains even yet today, and however humble we might feel, and however great the task before us, there is a calling from God to heed: a ministry to embrace and a Word from God to guide a world in need of hope. Amen.

**Sharing the Peace of Christ** 

The Doxology Glory to God, No. 606

We Grow by Grace as We Hear the Word

News of the Church

Mission Partner Minute Refuge

A Reading from Scripture Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2:1-21

**The Sermon** Let the Fire Fall! Dr. Robinson

**Anthem** Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

John Ferguson

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine, to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power of love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

## We Go Forth in Joy to Serve the Lord

The Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer** (spoken in different languages)

**The Sending Hymn** Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (Ebenezer) Glory to God, No. 280

The Benediction

The Organ Postlude Carillon—Sortie Henri Mulet

## **Leading in Worship Today**

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson

Liturgists: Rev. Dr. Sharol Hayner, Kathy Otterson, Natalie Handley

Call to Worship: Johanna Weinholts and Jeremy Dijkema,

The Mayefske Family, Bob and Stephanie Bolle

Reader: Eugenia Brown

The Lord's Prayer: Rose Nyanjinga (French), Amalia Goldberg (Hebrew), Jiabao Zhang (Mandarin), Maryam Ladoni (Persian), Morgan Smallwood (Turkish)

Organist: John Rafoth Pianist: Natalie Handley

Guitar: Derek Handley Flute: Angie Dickens Drums: Will Ault

Vocalists: Kirstin Roble, John Bohman, Kathy Otterson

Natalie and Derek Handley, Laura Andrews, Aaron Wellman Worship Streaming Coordinator: Bryan Yates

## You are invited...

All worship services at Christ Church are online until further notice.

For more information on services and links to other online activities for children,

youth and adults, please visit:

https://cpcmadison.org/online-worship

# Why read the Lectionary?

The daily Lectionary readings expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion by providing daily scripture citations for home reading.

These readings complement the Sunday and festival readings.

## Here are the Revised Common Lectionary readings for the coming week:

Monday, June 1, 2020: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24

Tuesday, June 2, 2020: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27

Wednesday, June 3, 2020: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39

Thursday, June 4, 2020: Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a Friday, June 5, 2020: Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14 Saturday, June 6, 2020: Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17

Sunday, June 7, 2020: Trinity Sunday

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