

The Day of Pentecost



with Renewal of Our Baptismal Covenant St. George's Church

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Welcome to St. George's! This service booklet has everything you need to participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music.

*Those **participating via Zoom** are welcome to keep their **video camera on** during the service. At certain points as we worship today, the gallery view on Zoom will be seen on the large TV by the members of the congregation in the sanctuary. If you prefer, you may also turn your video off. It is our hope that our incorporation of the Zoom component into the service will create a greater sense of connection between those of us participating via Zoom and the people in the sanctuary.*

*You will also be asked to keep your **microphone muted** throughout the service unless you have a speaking role that is presented remotely. As always, you are encouraged to engage in the responses and sing—though with your microphone muted.*

Prelude: *Fill-a Me Up!* by Pepper Choplin (b. 1957)

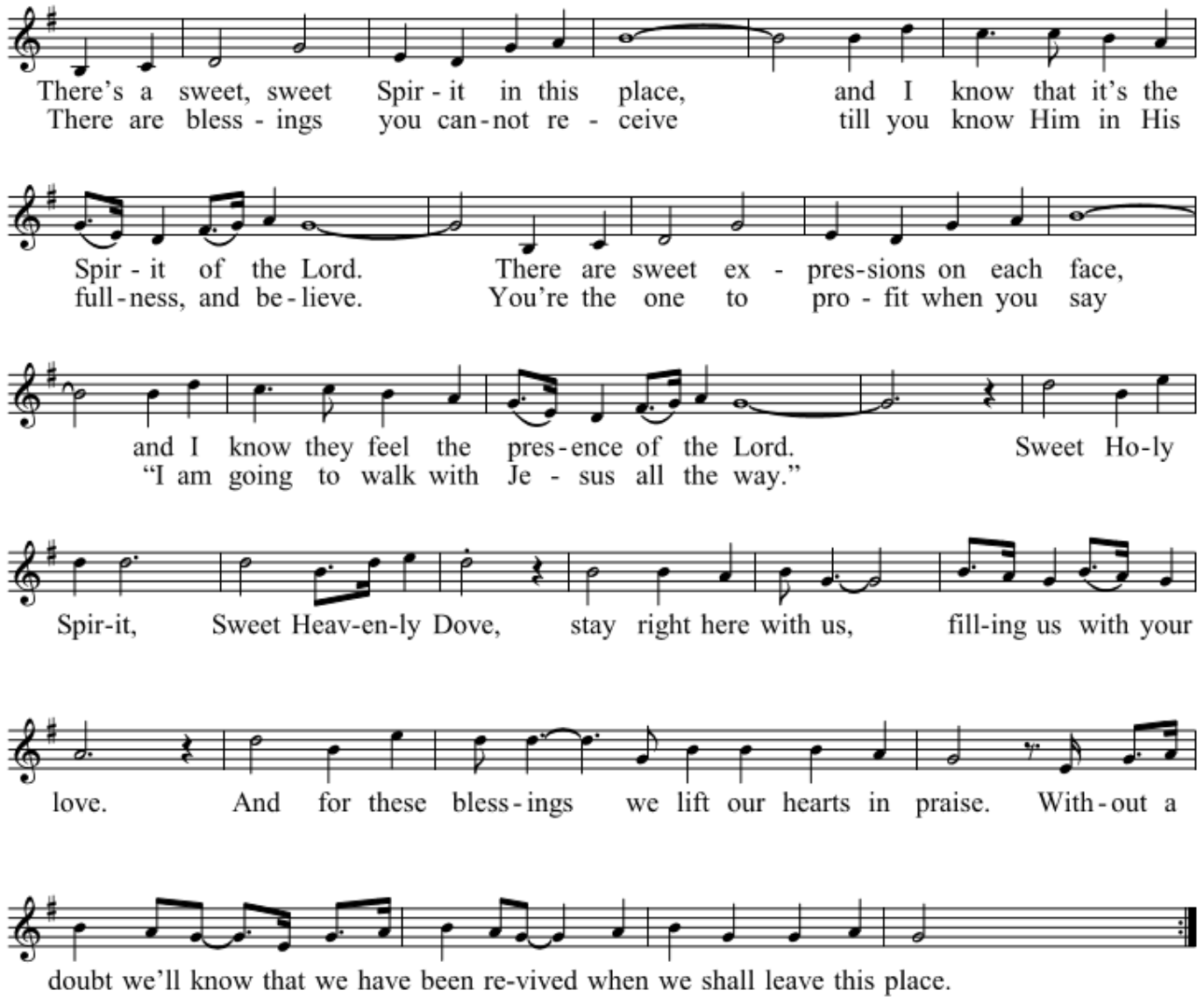
*Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit. Fill-a me up to the top of my soul.
Fill-a me up now and take control. Fill-a me up, come-a Spirit, come.
So many things try to fill me up. So many things weigh me down.
Fill-a my heart now until you stay and chase the other things away.*

*Now my heart is an open door. Here your spirit is welcome, Lord.
Fill-a my heart now, and let it grow and change my life so all will know.*

*Now come, O Spirit, come. Fill-a me up and take control.
Fill-a my heart, come Spirit. Fill-a me up. Fill-a me up!*

Opening Hymn: LEVAS #120 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I know that it's the
There are bless - ings you can-not re - ceive till you know Him in His

Spir - it of the Lord. There are sweet ex - pres-sions on each face,
full-ness, and be-lieve. You're the one to pro - fit when you say

and I know they feel the pres-ence of the Lord. Sweet Ho-ly
"I am going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Spir-it, Sweet Heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your

love. And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in praise. With-out a

doubt we'll know that we have been re-vived when we shall leave this place.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

People: **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

All pray together: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **Flowing Spirit, living water, Mother of Creation: refresh our hearts, inspire our gifts, indwell our gathering and make us a sign of all the world's vocation to communion with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Romans 8:22-27

Read by Ed Munro

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.

The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may you rejoice in your works, O Lord—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing for I rejoice in you, O God. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Acts 2:1-21

Read by William Bultman

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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, "People 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: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 513 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

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Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her flight, like the
 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the branch - es of the Vine. to the
 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of prayer, with the

vig - or of the wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Church in faith as - sem - bled, to her midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 power to love and wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you,

sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Thelma Smullen

The Celebrant addresses the people and says:

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, on this festival of Pentecost, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy universal Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Almighty God, you have given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins. Keep us in eternal life by your grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**



The Prayers of the People

Led by Maureen Groome-Lane

In the peace of the risen Christ let us offer our prayers to the Lord, saying:

We offer you our thanks and praise, O God: Alleluia! *Silence*

The Spirit of peace has been breathed on the church. May the church inspire peace throughout the world. And to this let us say: **We offer you our thanks and praise, O God: Alleluia!**

Our land has completed the Passover from winter into spring. May the earth be restored to the freshness of creation. And to this let us say:

We offer you our thanks and praise, O God: Alleluia!

The Lord has appeared on Sinai amid fire and wind. May all people, Jew and Gentile together, climb the holy mountain and see the face of God. And to this let us say:

We offer you our thanks and praise, O God: Alleluia!

The confusion of Babel has been undone with the gifts of Pentecost. May our community mature in wisdom as we come to understand the language of the Spirit. And to this let us say:

We offer you our thanks and praise, O God: Alleluia!

Our week of weeks is accomplished. Our Fifty Days are complete. May all of us, both the living and the dead, be raised into the splendor of endless Easter. May we hold before God's life all in need, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* And to this let us say:

We offer you our thanks and praise, O God: Alleluia!

The Spirit has called us all into your service. To this we give you our thanks, particularly for the ministries of Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our Rector, Thelma and the lay leaders and congregation of St. George's. And to this let us say:

We offer you our thanks and praise, O God: Alleluia!

Creator God, our Lenten ashes have become life-giving fire. We are whole and new again. Help us, like the disciples in Jerusalem, to spill out into the streets to proclaim your wonderful works. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

The Celebrant says

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net. There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

Offertory Anthem: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether by Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully,
we will serve thee faithfully.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
 Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For in fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day, lighting upon the disciples to teach them and lead them into all truth, uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood and to preach the gospel to all nations. Therefore, joining with saints and angels and all of creation, we praise you as we sing:

Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 # S125

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Sanctus Setting: From *A Community Mass*;
Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 the high est, - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues:

Holy are you O God and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. The Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

By the baptism of Jesus's suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy One, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world, empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, for all honor and glory is yours, Holy One, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Celebrant then says

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

Communion Hymn: Wonder, Love, & Praise # 832 *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

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Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. _____

4 *Cantor*



1. Come Ho - ly Spir - it from heav - en shine _ forth

8



with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

12



2. Come, Fa - ther _ of the poor, come, gen - er - ous Spir - it, _

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come, light of our hearts. _ Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Voluntary: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart with O Breath of Life* by Frederick C. Atkinson (1841-1896) and Joel Blomquist (1840-1930), arr. Cindy Berry (b. 1949)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **Gracious God, lover of all, in this sacrament we are one family in Christ your Son and one in the communion of his Spirit: we thank you for the gift of your Spirit, and pray that through the Spirit you help us to grow in love for one another and the world, that we may come to the full stature of the Body of Christ. We make our prayer through your Son our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal Hymn: Gather # 327 *Send Down the Fire*

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Refrain



Send down the fire of your jus - tice,____ Send down the
rains of your love;____ Come, send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your
peo - ple, and we shall be peo - ple of God.____

19 Verses



1.Call us to be your com - pas - sion,____ Teach us the
2.Call us to learn of your mer - cy,____ Teach us the
3.Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,____ Teach us the
4.Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,____ Give us the
song of your love;____ Give us hearts that sing, Give us
way of your peace;____ Give us hearts that feel, give us
fire of your truth;____ Give us right - eous souls, 'Til your
pres - ence of Christ;____ May your ho - ly light Keep us
deeds that ring, Make us ring with the song of your love.____
hands that heal, Make us walk in the way of your peace.____
just - tice rolls, Make us burn with the fire of your love.____
shin - ing bright, Ev - er shine with the pres - ence of Christ.____

D.C.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)