



June 5, 2022
Day of Pentecost

REFLECTION

So much does separate us one from another in this world, in this life, but for a moment in time long ago people were drawn together by a common understanding. They were embraced by the same wondrous joy. Only from time to time I am reminded that this was not just once so long ago. For somehow it still happens. ~ Rev. Janet Hunt

PRELUDE

Partita on "Veni, Creator Spiritus"

arr. Austin C. Lovelace

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

For God has done wondrous things for us.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.

****HYMN No. 291**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
And you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see vision; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Spirit of God:

you come, aflame with new life, but our routines threatens to douse your passion;

Sung Response: Hymn No. 288

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

you come, on fire with love, yet we limit our affections to a select few; you come, surging with new dreams, but we still cling to the old ways of living;

Sung Response: Hymn No. 288

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Forgive us, Spirit of Truth, forgive us. Come to us, anew, this day to shatter our hardened hearts with your tenderness;

Sung Response: Hymn No. 288

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Set our souls on fire with your love and send us into a world which aches for the new joy, the new fire, the new life offered in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Sung Response: Hymn No. 288

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

We pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The prophet Joel declares that in the last days God's Spirit will be poured out upon all flesh. "All it shall be that whoever calls on God shall be saved."

As we call on God's name, Christ intercedes and delivers us in his righteousness, blameless before God.

****HYMN No. 292, St. 1**

As the Wind Song

WAIRUA TAPU

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
As the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm,
So it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown
Bringing life, bringing power to the world,
As the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire,
So it is with the Spirit of God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2: 1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Mary McDonald

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23

SERMON

Pentecost Keeps Going

Rev. William Schram

****HYMN No. 292, St. 2**

As the Wind Song

WAIRUA TAPU

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
As the green in the spring, as a kite on a string,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
Making worlds that are new, making peace come true,
Bringing gifts, bringing love to the world.
As the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast,
So it is with the Spirit of God.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In the beginning there was only God: the Creator dreamed, giving birth to a vision; the Word spoke, calling the universe into being; the Breath swept through all things, bringing life.

Breathe on us, O Breath of God. Give us the promise of life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

In the beginning, O God, there was only you. Be our guide, our hope and our joy. As you led your people Israel, as you led Sara and Abraham, Jacob and Isaac, Moses and David, Mary and Joseph, lead us.

Breathe on us, O Breath of God. Send us your light, our hope and our salvation. Send us your Son. Send us Jesus.

In the beginning, O God, there was only you: Creator, Word and Breath. And from that beginning we see our birth. From that beginning we see our salvation. From that beginning we see our source of life.

Come loving Parent. Come Lord Jesus. Come Holy Spirit. Come to us now.

For the promise of our salvation, the ember of life still burning, is Christ Jesus who comes as one of us, who comes to save us, who sends us the fire of your Spirit, who comes to lead us into the light. Amen.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

SHARING IN COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, on this day you opened the word of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit. Help us also speak of your love throughout the world. You have given us the Bread of Heaven and the Wine of eternal joy. May all who have eaten and drunk as we have this day spread your love and grace until we feast all together in your everlasting kingdom. We ask it through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

God Has Work for Us to Do

Mark A. Miller

'Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled;
'Til no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled:
God has work for us to do, God has work for us to do,
'til God's will is done, and all things are made new,
God has work for us, work for us to do!

'Til age and race and gender no longer separate;
'til pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate:
God has work for us to do, God has work for us to do,
'til God's will is done, and all things are made new,
God has work for us, work for us to do!

Stanza 3 & 4 – CHOIR ONLY

***Please stand for the last stanza*

By praying through our doing, and singing though we fear,
by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near:
God has work for us to do, God has work for us to do,
'til God's will is done, and all things are made new,
God has work for us, work for us to do!

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Hail Thee, Festival Day

arr. Robert A. Hobby

***Those who are able may stand*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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