

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MCALLEN
MAY 24, 2026
DAY OF PENTECOST



*Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Renew your whole creation,
nature and grace,
soul and body,
and all manner of matter.
Move in and around us;
fill us with your creative energy
and extravagant light.
May our hearts be open,
may our hearts be stirred,
for the work of love
to which you call us
and the hope of the world
for which we labor.
Amen.*

Marni Maree
Peace Church Pentecost Art

Opening Sentences

- The Spirit of God renews all life. Bless the name of the Lord!
- Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Come, Holy Spirit!

Grant us your peace.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Give us your power.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Grace us with your presence.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

#285

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 our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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

Prayer of the Day

Exuberant Spirit of God,
bursting with the brightness of flame
into the coldness of our lives
to warm us with a passion for justice and beauty:
we praise you.

Exuberant Spirit of God,
sweeping us out of the dusty corners of our apathy
to breathe vitality into our struggles for change:
we praise you.

Exuberant Spirit of God,
speaking words that leap
over barriers of mistrust
to convey messages
of truth and new understanding:
we praise you.

Exuberant Spirit of God,
flame
 wind
 speech,
burn, breathe, speak in us;
fill your world with justice and with joy.
Amen.

Soichi Watanabe
The Coming of the Holy Spirit



Call to Confession

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.

Out of the believer's heart
shall flow rivers of living water.

Trusting in this promise of grace,
let us confess our need to God.

Prayer of Yearning

**Spirit of wind and flame,
blow open the doors we construct
to keep ourselves sealed off from your world.
We long to be set free from the fears that jail us
and to be released from chains that bind us.
We yearn to draw near to your source of living water,
and to drink deeply from its well.
We want to be cleansed in your holy fire,
and to be driven into the streets
by your winds of grace.
Come to us, and heal us once more, Mighty Spirit,
that we may embrace the gifts you have given us
and offer them to a world in need.**

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news!

As people born of water and the Spirit,
we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun.

Friends, hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

Thanks be to God!

Act of Praise Spirit of the Living God (English and Spanish) GG #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.

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord be with you all. / **And also with you.**

Time with the Younger Church

Life of the Church

Prayer for Illumination

This morning, I invite you to join me in a meditative Prayer for Illumination. Please bow your head and open your non-dominant hand, palm side up. With the finger of your dominant hand, trace the shape of the wind on your palm in honor of the way the Spirit can move in us.

Now, trace a flame on your palm, remembering that God can show up in mysterious ways, remembering how the presence of God warms and purifies us.

Now, clasp your hands, lacing your fingers together, remembering the way in which Scripture calls us into unity with one another.

With clear minds and focused hearts, may we hear the words of Scripture today and be receptive to the way in which God speaks to us through this good word.

In God's holy name we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Reading from the Epistles

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

Hymn

Loving Spirit

GG #293

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness, I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Prayers of the People – *The Coming of the Spirit: A Prayer in Many Languages*

(English – Kathy)

Lord, Holy Spirit,
you blow like the wind in a thousand paddocks.
Inside and outside the fences,
you blow where you wish to blow.

(Spanish -- Caly)

Lord, Holy Spirit,
you are the sun who shines on the little plant.
You warm it gently, you give it life,
you raise it up to become a tree with many leaves.

(Gaelic -- Jeff)

Lord, Holy Spirit,
you are the mother eagle with her young,
holding them in peace under your feathers.
On the highest mountain you have built your nest,
above the valley, above the storms of the world,
where no hunter ever comes.

(French or other – Bernard)

Lord, Holy Spirit,
you are the bright cloud in whom we hide,
in whom we know already that the battle has been won.
You bring us to our Brother Jesus,
to rest our heads upon his shoulder.

(English – Kathy) -- Lord, Holy Spirit,

(Spanish – Cally) -- Lord, Holy Spirit,

(Gaelic – Jeff) -- Lord, Holy Spirit,

(French or other – Bernard) -- Lord, Holy Spirit,

(English – Kathy)

in the love of friends you are building a new house.
Heaven is with us when you are with us.
You are singing your song in the hearts of the poor.
Guide us, wound us, heal us. Bring us to God.

(Spanish – Cally)

Bring us to God.

(Gaelic – Jeff)

Bring us to God.

(French – Bernard)

Bring us to God.

*Nalini Jayasuriya
The Great Commission*



Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord has taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Invitation to the Offering

With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us,
let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor
for God's work in the world.

Offertory

Act of Dedication Holy, Holy, Holy / *Santo, Santo Santo* GG #595

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón re sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor!

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, you create all that is.
Your breath sustains every living thing.
Grateful for your care, we bring these gifts.
May they spread your love to all people. Amen.

Hymn Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, v. 1-3 GG #291

*Refrain: 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." *Refrain*
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. *Refrain*
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. *Refrain*

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, v. 4 GG #291

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.

Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.

With bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

Postlude

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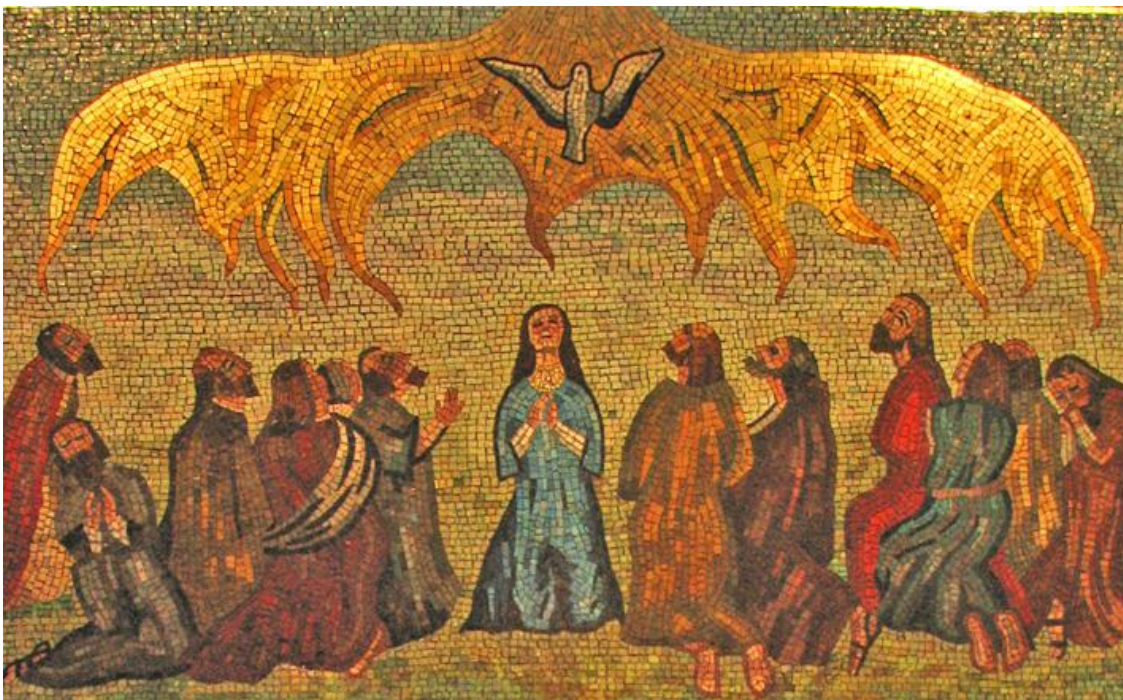
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Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost; detail