

The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

CHRIST CHURCH

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship

Psalm 143:10

Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good.
Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 20 (page 18)

Q. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

- A. First, He, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God.
Second, He has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all His blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

*Hymn of Adoration

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Hymnal #343

Call to Confession

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Father in heaven, forgive us for quenching the Spirit, resisting the conviction He brings, failing to use the gifts He provides, and neglecting to actively seek Him to produce fruit in our lives that is pleasing to You and a blessing to those around us. For the sake of Christ, may the Holy Spirit bring us washing and cleansing so that we might live the new life Christ has purchased for us. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Have Mercy

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.
Oh, help my unbelief. Oh, help my unbelief.
Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

2 Chronicles 34:26b-27

Thus says the Lord God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard—because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Collect of the Day (unison)

Father, without Your Spirit we would not desire to commit ourselves to follow Jesus. Nor would we be able to fulfil any such commitment apart from the working of Your Spirit. So please fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might be committed to listen to Jesus as our Prophet, submit to Jesus as our King, and receive the benefits Jesus our Priest has procured for us. We pray through Jesus Christ, You Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

*Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 91:1-6, 9

- L:** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
C: I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."
L: Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.
C: He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

L: You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,

C: Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

L: Because you have made the LORD, *who is* my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling place.

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 9:58-62

⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

⁵⁹ Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.”

⁶² But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 14:26-27

²⁶ “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

²⁷ And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Missions Moment

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation**

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

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Sermon

“Perplexing Words – Commit We Must / Will You?”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (unison)

Our Father, which 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response – Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Response**

“Cleanse Me”

Hymnal #425

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**