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May 31, 2020: Day of Pentecost, Year A

Color: Red

Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at Oremus Bible Browser]

[Acts 2:1–21](#) (*The day of Pentecost: God pours out the Spirit upon the earth*)

[Psalm 104:24–34, 35b](#) (*The Lord of creation sends the Spirit to renew the face of the earth*)

[1 Corinthians 12:3b–13](#) (*The body of Christ: many gifts, but one Spirit*)

[John 7:37–39](#) (*Jesus promises the Spirit: living water from the believer's heart*)

Themes: Holy Spirit, Creation, Spiritual Gifts, Unity, Water

FOCAL Faithelement PASSAGE: Acts 2:1-21
(Podcast will be ready 2 weeks before date of use)

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to Hymnary.org, a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the morning's scriptures or themes.

Breathe On Me, Breath of God (TRENTHAM, ST. COLUMBA).....	Acts
Come Down, O Love Divine (DOWN AMPNEY)	Acts
Every Time I Feel the Spirit (UP ON THE MOUNTAIN, WHEN MY LORD SPOKE)	Acts
Gather Us In (GATHER US IN)	Acts
God Is Here (ABBOT'S LEIGH)	Acts, 1 Corinthians
Hail Thee, Festival Day (SALVE FESTA DIES)	Acts
Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather (TOKYO)	Acts
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (KINGSFOLD, VOX DILECTI, FOREST GREEN)	John
I Sing the Almighty Power of God (ELLACOMBE, FOREST GREEN, PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)	Psalms, Acts
In Christ There Is No East or West (ST. PETER, MCKEE)	1 Corinthians
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (BRIDEGROOM)	Acts, 1 Corinthians
On Pentecost They Gathered (MUNICH, ST. THEODULPH)	Acts
One Bread, One Body (ONE BREAD, ONE BODY)	1 Corinthians, Communion
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (MORECAMBE)	John
There's a Spirit In the Air (LAUDS)	Acts, John, 1 Corinthians
Wind Who Makes All Winds that Bow (ABERYSTWYTH)	Acts
We Are One In the Spirit [They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love] (ST. BRENDAN'S)	1 Corinthians

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

All Good Gifts - M Psalms, 1 Corinthians
David Schwoebel
© 1990, Hinshaw Music, HMC-1101
SATB, Piano

Come, Dearest Lord - E Pentecost
Charles Callahan
© 1989, MorningStar Music, MSM-50-9303
Unison, Descant, Organ

Come, Holy Ghost (Be Not Afraid) - E Acts
Bruce Benedict & Ray Mills/Greg Scheer, arr.
© 2010, Greg Scheer, gregscheer.com
SATB, opt. Cong., Keyboard, Guitar, opt. Strings

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether - M 1 Cor., Comm.
Harold Friedell
© 1957, H.W. Gray, CMR2472
SATB, Organ

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me - E Acts, 1 Cor.
ADORO TE DEVOTE/K. Lee Scott, arr.
© 1984, Augsburg Fortress, 9780800646134
2-Part Mixed, Organ

I Will Sing With the Spirit - M Pentecost
John Rutter
© 1994, Oxford University Press, 9780193511484
2-Part Treble, Organ (also available in SATB)

I've Just Come From the Fountain - E John
Traditional Spiritual/Anthony Giamanco, arr.
© 2018, Augsburg Fortress, 9781506447339
SATB, Piano

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song - M ... Pentecost
BRIDEGROOM/John Ferguson, arr.
© 2000, GIA Publications, G-4948
2-Part Mixed, Organ

Many Gifts, One Spirit - M 1 Corinthians
Allen Pote
© 1992, Coronet Press, 392-41388
SATB, Keyboard (also available for SSA and SAB)

O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit - MD Acts, John
Thomas Tallis/S. Drummond Wolfe, ed.
© 1988, Concordia Publishing, 98-2833
SATB, a cappella

-- youth and children --

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove - M Acts
Joe Cox and Jody Lindh
© 1989, Sacred Music Press, S-464
SATB, Piano

Wind Song - E Acts
Swee-Hong Lim/Helen Kemp, arr.
©2015, Choristers Guild, CGA 1403
2-Part, Piano, opt. Glockenspiel, Tree Chime

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*O Heavenly Comforter, Spirit of truth, present in all places and filling all things;
Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come and dwell in us, cleanse us from
every impurity, and of Your goodness, save our souls. Amen.*

-- ROMANIAN ORTHODOX PRAYER

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God sends his Spirit to us in just as many ways as there are people.

-- HENRI J. M. NOUWEN (1932 – 1996)

*Effortlessly, Love flows from God into man,
like a bird who rivers the air
without moving her wings.
Thus we move in His world,
one in body and soul,
though outwardly separate in form.
As the Source strikes the note, humanity sings—
The Holy Spirit is our harpist,
and all strings which are touched in love must sound.*

-- MECHTHILD OF MAGDEBURG (c. 1207 – 1282)

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come,
People: Come and fill us.
Leader: Come, fount of life, come,
People: Come and flow through us.
Leader: Come, wind of heaven, come,
People: Come with your power.
Leader: Come, flame of love, come,
People: Come with your passion.
Leader: Come, giver of all gifts, come,
People: Come and renew us.

GATHERING PRAYER

(1 Corinthians 12)

Weaving God, as the body of Christ, we gather. Wonderfully and uniquely made by you, we bring our gifts. Living out loud and in diversity we knit together our callings.

Encourage us as we spread your hope and grace in our world. Empower us to speak the truth in love, listen with clarity, reach out in compassion, act with wisdom, and invite the Spirit to guide us.

Trusting that though we are many, we are one faith family nestled in your care. Though we are different, we are united in your love. Embracing equity and building community, we lean into you this morning and hold silence as we open our minds, our hearts, and our hands. We pause to breathe in your breath and breathe out your love.

(Hold Silence)

In the power and freedom of the resurrected Christ we pray, Amen.

-- GINGER BRASHER-CUNNINGHAM

RESPONSIVE LITURGY

(Inspired by John 7:37-39)

Leader: Jesus said, Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.

**People: Recent days have been drought-filled with physical distancing.
We come, yearning to quench the thirst of isolation.**

Leader: Trust that the streaming living water flows as the dancing Spirit draws near.

People: As the waters of hope replenish us, the Spirit of understanding fills us.

Leader: Together we experience the healing grace of love.

People: Let us journey forward in strength and faith.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION with ASSURANCE

Forgiving One, at times we have looked inward and engaged our ego-driven desires. Rather than resting in the abundance of your love, we have practiced the illusion of control. Sometimes we have forgotten how to sing songs of praise, and have chosen to speak in pride. This day we seek not only grace for our behaviors, but ask for courage to change. Help us leave any prejudice, ism, or phobia in our past. Tutor us in ways to walk gently with one another and on our earth. We pray to live as Jesus taught. Allow your spirit to flow in and about teaching us how to understand ourselves and engage the wider world.

In mercy we pray.

Leader: With love and grace abounding, God forgives.

People: This day is new! Amen.

(GB-C)

BENEDICTION

(Inspired by Acts 2)

We are called to hear the rush of the wind that reminds us that the universe is bigger than the lens through which we see our immediate world. From republicans to democrats, gay to straight, young to old, females to males, people to people, we are entrusted to prophesy, see visions, and dream dreams. Go forth in the Spirit of compassion, wholeness, grace, and love. Go forth to be the people we know we can be! Amen.

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