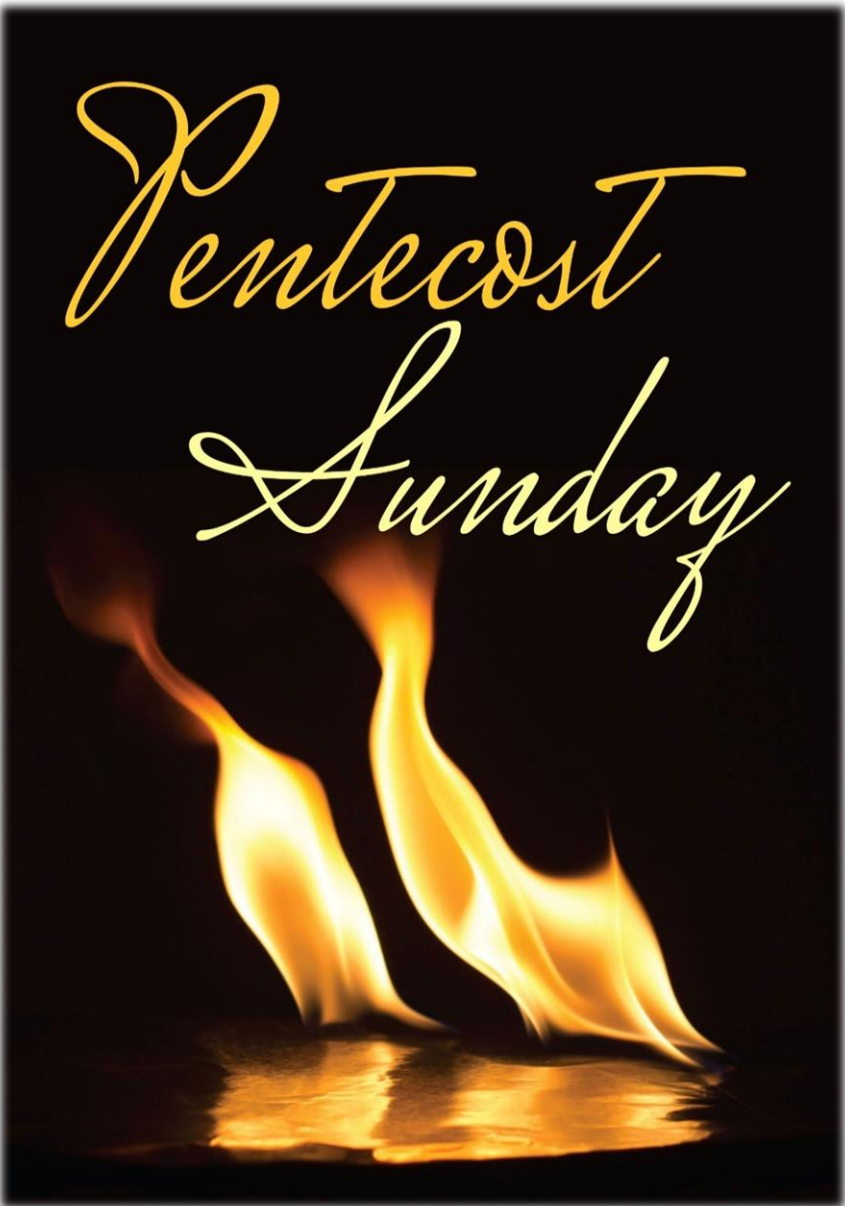


# Pentecost Sunday



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**Pentecost**

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Welcome to Pentecost worship! Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.  
May we be open to the Spirit's dynamic leading.

Welcome

Prelude

*Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*

African American Spiritual

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

Katherine Hawker

One: Then I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, thus says the Lord.

Many: **Send down the fire of your justice!**

One: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Many: **Send down the rain of your love!**

One: Your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.

Many: **Send down your Spirit, breathe life in your people!**

One: In those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Many: **And we shall be people of God.**

### \* Opening Prayer

Spirit of fire, your holy presence burns bright within this world.  
Spread your spirit throughout our communities, so that our hearts may burn with love and hope. Amen.

### \* Opening Song

*Move in Our Midst*

# 827 <sup>VT</sup>

Verse 1:

Move in our midst, thou Spirit of God.

Go with us down from thy holy hill.

Walk with us through the storm and the calm.

Spirit of God, go thou with us still.

### Verse 2:

Touch thou our hands to lead us aright.  
Guide us forever, show us thy way.  
Transform our darkness into thy light.  
Spirit of God, lead thou us today.

### Verse 3:

Strike from our feet the fetters that bind.  
Lift from our lives the weight of our wrong.  
Teach us to love with heart, soul, and mind.  
Spirit of God, thy love makes us strong.

### Verse 4:

Kindle our hearts to burn with thy flame.  
Raise up thy banners high in this hour.  
Stir us to build new worlds in thy name.  
Spirit of God, O send us thy pow'r!

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Time with our Children

#### Song

*I'm Gonna Sing*

African American Spiritual

1. I'm goin'a sing\* when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm goin'a sing\* when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm goin'a sing\* when the Spirit says sing,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
2. shout
3. preach
4. pray
5. sing

#### New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-4 NRSVUE

#### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared

among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

## Pastoral Prayer

# WORSHIP IN GIVING

## Thoughts on Giving

I Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

## Special Music

### *As the Deer*

arr. David Nevue

*As the Deer* by Martin J. Nyström

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Verse 1: *As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.*

*Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.*

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

## Scripture Lesson

Acts 4:32-35 NRSVUE

### The Believers Share Their Possessions

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

<sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as

owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## Blessing of the Word

One: The Word of God, for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Song

*Joys Are Flowing like a River*

#375 <sup>VT</sup>

### Verse 1:

Joys are flowing like a river since the Comforter has come,  
who abides with us forever, makes the trusting heart a home.

#### *Refrain:*

*Blessed quietness, holy quietness—  
what assurance in my soul!*

*On the stormy sea speaking peace to me—  
how the billows cease to roll!*

### Verse 2:

Like the rain that falls from heaven, like the sunlight from the sky,  
so the Holy Ghost is given, coming on us from on high.

#### *Refrain*

### Verse 3:

See, a fruitful field is growing, blessed fruit of righteousness,  
and the streams of life are flowing in the lonely wilderness.

#### *Refrain*

### Verse 4:

What a wonderful salvation, where we always see God's face!  
What a perfect habitation, what a quiet resting place!

#### *Refrain*

## Sermon

“What Does It Mean?”

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

## \* Closing Song

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

#716 <sup>VT</sup>

### *Verse 1:*

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy pow'r.  
Crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, (of this hour)  
for the facing of this hour.

### *Verse 2:*

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, (of these days)  
for the living of these days.

### *Verse 3:*

Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal)  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

### *Verse 4:*

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

serving thee whom we adore, (we adore)  
serving thee whom we adore.

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Share His Love*

William J. Reynolds

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