

# ECEC GLOBAL LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our King. Make known the power of His grace, The beauty of His peace. Remember how His mercy reached And we cried out to Him. He lifted us to solid ground, To freedom from our sin.

# Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done, Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Lord. His power in us is greater than, \_\_\_\_\_\_ ls greater than this world. To share the reason for our hope To serve with love and grace, That all who see Him shine through us Might bring the Father praise.

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Light. No other name on earth can save, Can raise a soul to life. He opens up our eyes to see The harvest He has grown. We labor in His fields of grace As He leads sinners home.

ALL THE EARTH

Praise the Lord All the earth, all the earth Bless His name Only one name, now and always

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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JESUS, OUR BLESSED REDEEMER • ECBC ORCHESTRA

# CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

### MORNING SERMON

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BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

### **CELEBRATING PENTECOST RYAN GRIFFITH**

If it weren't for Pentecost, we wouldn't know about Easter. For most of us, [this Sunday] isn't flagged on our calendars as Pentecost Sunday. But it is a big deal for Christians, and there are at least three reasons why it's a day worth celebrating.

### THREE REASONS TO CELEBRATE

How, then, is Pentecost important for us?

### 1. Pentecost fulfills Jesus's promise to never forsake his own.

As painful as the parting at the ascension might have been, Jesus assured the disciples that it was to their advantage that he would go away, "for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you." (John 16:7, 13–14)

The fulfillment of the promise of Jesus was the outpouring of the gift of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and, as Peter proclaimed, on all of God's people in this new era (Acts 2:38).

The promises of the new covenant are ours through the indwelling Spirit (Jeremiah 31:33ff; Ezekiel 36:26ff). Jesus did not end his work on earth with the ascension he continues it now through his Spirit-indwelt church. We, therefore, can take fresh courage in Jesus's words, "Behold, I will be with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

### 2. Pentecost launches the global proclamation of the gospel.

Jesus's death at Passover and his mighty resurrection three days later signaled the "firstfruit" of God's victory over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:20–24). Jesus had accomplished everything necessary for the gospel to run and triumph (Hebrews 2:14–15; cf. Revelation 20:1–3) and the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost signals that the greater harvest has begun.

The three thousand souls added to the church on Pentecost hailed from all cor-ners of the Roman world. They, in turn, would carry the gospel to their families and communities. The narrative arc of Acts follows the Spirit-Indwelt disciples as they carry the gospel from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). You heard about Easter because of Pentecost. The fields are white with harvest and, as part of the church of the risen Christ, we too can "go, therefore, and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19) 28:18).

### 3. Pentecost signals the coming of fuller restoration and a greater celebration.

At Pentecost, Peter proclaims that the prophecy of Joel 2:28–31 has come to pass. Intriguingly, this prophecy of the eschatological gift of the Spirit comes immediately after another striking promise from God in Joel 2:25–27:

I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

While Jesus's reign is secure and eternal, it has yet to come to its fullest expression on the earth. While death has been decisively defeated, it has yet to be put to a final end (1 Corinthians 15:24–26). Paul reminds us that creation longs for its final restoration and that even we ourselves, who "have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies" (Roman's 8:23)

Pentecost is a pointer that history is inexorably moving towards the restoration of all things. The bridegroom has come; his bride is making herself ready. We await the greatest celebration of all. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." (Revelation 19:9)



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# PENTECOST SUNDAY

THAT ALL PEOPLES MAY KNOW HIM



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Please use the following prayer to prepare your hearts for worship:

Spirit of the Living God; as we worship You this day, we thank You for the freedoms we enjoy in this nation to worship and serve You.

blessings of seeing Your hand at work through the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men here and around the world for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

Amen

### COVER PHOTO:

Today's bulletin cover art and the flags displayed in our Sanctuary are for Pentecost Sunday, representing our desire as a church to follow the Biblical mandate of our Lord to proclaim the glories of Christ to all nations.

# **PENTECOST** SUNDAY THAT ALL PEOPLES MAY KNOW HIM

This morning we give thanks for the many blessings of God in our lives, and especially, on this Pentecost Sunday, for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are molded into the image of Christ, and into a church that brings glory and delight to our God.

# Give us a heart for **REFLECTION**

the nations and the THOUGHTS FOR WORSHIP PREPARATION

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, That which I know not, teach thou me, Keep me a humble disciple in the school of Christ, learning daily there what I am in myself, a fallen sinful creature, justly deserving everlasting destruction; O let me never lose sight of my need of a saviour, or forget that apart from him I am nothing, and can do nothing. Open my understanding to know the Holy Scriptures; Reveal to my soul the counsels and works of the blessed Trinity; Instil into my dark mind the saving knowledge of Jesus; Make me acquainted with his covenant undertakings and his perfect fulfillment of them, that by resting on his finished work I may find the Father's love in the Son, his Father, my Father, and may be brought through thy influence to have fellowship with the Three in One. O lead me into all truth, thou Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that I may know the things that belong unto my peace, and through thee be made anew. Make practical upon my heart the Father's love as thou has revealed it in the Scriptures; Apply to my soul the blood of Christ, effectually, continually, and help me to believe, with conscience comforted, that it cleanseth from all sin; Lead me from faith to faith, that I may at all times have freedom to come to a reconciled Father, and may be able to maintain peace with him against doubts, fears, corruptions, temptations. Thy office is to teach me to draw near to Christ with a pure heart, steadfastly persuaded of his love, in the full assurance of faith, Let me never falter in this way.

A PURITAN PRAYER from The Valley of Vision

We may say the gospel is for all the nations, but people won't buy it unless we live it. Daniel Oh

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY THE PRELUDE

Pentecost

represents God's

gracious, enabling

work among His people, uniting,

calling and enabling them to

live out in dynamic

being His people.

"pentecost" means "fiftieth day," and is

celebrated in most

Christian traditions

50 days following

Pentecost Sunday

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Easter Sunday.

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ELENA CRUDGE, ORGANIST

THE MORNING WELCOME AND SERVICE PREPARATION

### CALL TO PRAISE FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY ACTS 2:1-8; PSALM 72:17-19

**LEADER:** Acts 2 :1-8 (The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost)

CONGREGATION: May the name of the LORD endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed. Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever: may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

### ALL THE EARTH

VERTICAL WORSHIP

From the rising of the sun To the ending of the day One name alone be praised Every nation tribe and tongue All creation lifting up Your name alone we raise

Praise the Lord All the earth, all the earth Bless His name Only one name, now and always

Jesus, You have rescued us You are good and You are just One name alone be praised From the heights and from the depths In every heart with every breath Your name alone we raise

Every sky is filled with wonder All creation lifting higher The only King who reigns forever Who is like our God, Who is like our God

### **JESUS SHALL REIGN** DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song, And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: The prisoners leap to lose their chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring The highest honors to our King, Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise, Let the Redeemer's Name ben sung Through every land by every tongue

## FOR THE NATIONS THERE IS A REDEEMER

poured out at Pentecost (Acts 2), enabling those gathered to declare

His praises in native tongues, so we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue to proclaim to all nations the glories of the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language... .. we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Acts 2:1-6,11

As the Spirit was **KEITH GREEN** 

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son Precious Lamb of God, Messiah Holy One

#### Thank you, oh my father For giving us Your Son And leaving Your Spirit 'Til the work on Earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer Name above all names Precious Lamb of God, Messiah Hope for sinners slain

When I stand in Glory I will see His face And there I'll serve my King forever In that Holy Place

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

OUR WORLD BELONGS TO GOD

**LEADER:** What does Pentecost mean for Christians?

ALL: At Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given to the church. In pouring his Spirit on many peoples God overcomes the divisions of Babel; now people from every tongue, tribe, and nation are gathered into the unity of the body of Christ.

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.

The Spirit thrusts God's people into worldwide mission. He impels young and old, men and women to go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace with the good news of God's grace.

The Spirit goes before them and with them convincing the world of sin and pleading the cause of Christ.

The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit's work. He gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.

# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

On this Pentecost Sunday, we want to spend time this morning in prayer together

... for our neighbor ... for our world ... for ourselves.

seeking the Lord for His hand of forgiveness and blessings on us and others, asking that His Spirit might fall fresh on us and that we might be a light to our city and to the nations.

Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son; And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

### ANTHEM FOR PENTECOST HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,* I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Above the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing. It sounds a mighty echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth. How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death knell ringing. When friends rejoice both far and near. How can I keep from singing In prison cell, or dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging. When friends by shame are undefliled. How can I keep from singing?