

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
11 am, Sunday, May 23, 2021
Day of Pentecost, Year B

Introduction

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

“In Christ Alone”

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

"Holy Spirit"

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
Nothing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord

Verse 1

Verse 2

Chorus

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for

To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

Chorus

*** Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Emily Wikner

SERMON

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“Indescribable”

Verse 1

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus 1

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God

All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Verse 2

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Interlude

You are amazing God

Chorus 2

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomparable unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God

Ending

You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God
(REPEAT)

You see the depths of our hearts
And You love us the same
You are amazing God

***Lord's Prayer**

"Lay Me Down"

Verse 1

With this heart open wide
From the depths from the heights
I will bring a sacrifice

Verse 2

With these hands lifted high
Hear my song hear my cry
I will bring a sacrifice
I will bring a sacrifice

Chorus

I lay me down
I'm not my own
I belong to You alone
Lay me down lay me down
Oh hand on my heart this much is true
There's no life apart from You
Lay me down lay me down
(Oh lay me down lay me down)

Verse 3

Letting go of my pride
Giving up all my rights
Take this life and let it shine
Take this life and let it shine

Interlude

Oh lay me down lay me down
Lay me down

Bridge

It will be my joy to say
Your will Your way
It will be my joy to say
Your will Your way
It will be my joy to say
Your will Your way always
(REPEAT)

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship

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