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### ABOUT THE SERVICE

*The Promise Is For You is a complete order of service for Pentecost Sunday. Jesus said of the promised Holy Spirit, "He will glorify me." When the Spirit came, the disciples proclaimed the risen Savior as Messiah and Lord. The Spirit glorifies Jesus as we share the good news of salvation. The service includes the hymns "Come, Thou Almighty King," "Holy Spirit, Light Divine," and "Crown Him with Many Crowns," as well as Bible readings, a sermon, a children's message and prayers.*

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### NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN NOTICES

#### NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Join us for a special service celebrating the Day of Pentecost. Jesus said of the promised Holy Spirit, “He will glorify me.” When the Spirit came, the disciples proclaimed the risen Savior as Messiah and Lord. The Spirit glorifies Jesus as we share the good news of salvation. The service includes the hymns “Come, Thou Almighty King,” “Holy Spirit, Light Divine,” and “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” as well as Bible readings, a sermon, a children’s message and prayers.

#### BULLETIN NOTICE

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

*He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. John 16:14*

Opening Hymn..... Italian Hymn 664 66 64

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise; Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,  
And let thy righteousness on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

Invocation and Responsive Reading

☞ We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
The Word of God testifies to the presence of the Holy Spirit from beginning to end, from eternity to eternity. As we read in Genesis: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth ...

**C** **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”** (GENESIS 1:1-2)

**P** The prophets told of the promised Savior: “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse ...

**C** **And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.”** (ISAIAH 11:1-2)

**P** When the time was fulfilled, the angel said to Mary: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;

**C** **Therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”** (LUKE 1:35)

**P** “And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him,

**C** **And he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him.”** (MATTHEW 3:16)

**P** Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

**C** **But the Helper, the Holy Spirit ... he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”** (JOHN 14:25-26)

**P** “When the day of Pentecost arrived, [the disciples] were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind ...

**C** **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”** (ACTS 2:1-4)

**P** “No one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says, ‘Jesus is accursed!’

**C** **And no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.”** (1 CORINTHIANS 12:3)

**P** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

**C** **To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”**  
(REVELATION 2:7)

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Jesus said that the promised Spirit would convict the world of sin and righteousness and judgment. Convicted of our sins, let us confess those sins to God.

**C** **Almighty God, we confess that we daily turn away from your Word and your will. We follow our sinful desires and listen to the temptations of the world around us. Have mercy on us and forgive us. By your Spirit restore and strengthen us for service in Jesus’ name.**



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### MEDITATIONS

- A **Meditation** is delivered by the pastor:

¶ When his work on earth was finished, Jesus would ascend into heaven, returning to the Father who sent him. But Jesus promised to send his disciples a Helper, the Holy Spirit. The Spirit, Jesus said, “will glorify me.” It would be the Spirit’s special task to glorify Jesus, to point to Jesus, to draw others to faith in Jesus the Savior. So on this day of Pentecost, as we celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit, we see that this is exactly what the Spirit did. The Spirit glorified Jesus. The Spirit pointed to Jesus. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciple Peter proclaimed the truth about Jesus Christ to the astonished crowd that gathered in Jerusalem. The Spirit’s message about the Savior was clear. According to the plan of God, Peter announced, Jesus was delivered into the hands of lawless men to be crucified and killed.

- A **Meditation** is delivered by the pastor:

¶ In the Spirit-inspired words of Holy Scripture, Jesus “was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:3-4). Jesus’ ancestor David, inspired by the Spirit, had said to God, “You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption” (Psalm 16:10). Yet as Peter pointed out on the day of Pentecost, David was not talking about himself. The great King David died and was buried; you could go see his tomb! Speaking through the prophet David, the

Holy Spirit was pointed ahead to Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of David. Jesus was crucified and killed at the hands of lawless men. His dead body was taken down from the cross and sealed in a guarded tomb. Yet God did not abandon his Son to Sheol, the place of the dead. He did not allow the body of his Holy One to see corruption or decay. On the third day after his death, the stone was rolled away to reveal an empty tomb! Jesus Christ had risen from the dead! Jesus promised that because he lives, we too will live. When Jesus returns, we will be raised bodily from the dead to live in his presence forever. The Spirit will be at work on that day too, as the apostle Paul writes, "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).

- A **Meditation** is delivered by the pastor:

Ⓟ Jesus Christ had risen from the dead! This was no fictional account or wishful thinking that Peter proclaimed on that day of Pentecost. He and the other disciples were eyewitnesses. They had seen the risen Lord. They talked to him, touched him, ate with him, learned from him. They saw him taken up into heaven and heard the promise that he would return in the same way. That same risen and ascended Lord now reigned in majesty at the Father's right hand. What the crowds saw and heard that day in Jerusalem was the fulfillment of Jesus' promise: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter did just what Jesus had commanded him to do. Peter proclaimed the truth about the risen Savior: "Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

- A **Meditation** is delivered by the pastor:

Ⓟ On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit was at work in the hearts of those who heard Peter's message. Through the power of the Holy Spirit they were crushed, "cut to the heart," and moved to repentance. They knew the truth. They had crucified their Messiah, and now Jesus, the Crucified One, had risen from the dead and was exalted as Lord. The people asked a desperate question: "What shall we do?" Peter was ready with the answer: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." Through his Spirit at work in the Gospel message proclaimed that day, God called people to himself. Three thousand people heard and believed the good news. They were baptized, adopted as God's sons and daughters and received the forgiveness of sins won for them by the crucified and risen Lord.

On that day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did just what Jesus had said he would do. The Spirit glorified Jesus. In the good news announced by Peter the Spirit exalted Jesus as Lord and Messiah,

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Tune..... Italian Hymn 664 66 64

The first system of the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a measure rest, followed by four measures of chords: G4-A4-B4, A4-G4-F#4, G4-A4-B4, and A4-G4-F#4. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a measure rest, followed by four measures of chords: G3-A3-B3, A3-G3-F#3, G3-A3-B3, and A3-G3-F#3.

The second system of the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a measure rest, followed by four measures: G4-A4-B4, A4-G4-F#4, G4-A4-B4, and A4-G4-F#4. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a measure rest, followed by four measures: G3-A3-B3, A3-G3-F#3, G3-A3-B3, and A3-G3-F#3.

The third system of the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a measure rest, followed by four measures: G4-A4-B4, A4-G4-F#4, G4-A4-B4, and A4-G4-F#4. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a measure rest, followed by four measures: G3-A3-B3, A3-G3-F#3, G3-A3-B3, and A3-G3-F#3.

- The **Opening Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Italian Hymn 664 66 64, or a selection from the contemporary music song suggestions list at the end of the music guide for this service can be sung instead:

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise; Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,  
And let thy righteousness on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

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