

**May 31, 2020**



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH  
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

**We acknowledge that we meet and live  
on the traditional territories of the  
Mississauga Anishnaabeg People.**

**We give thanks for their care for the land  
over thousands of years and  
for their deep spirituality and  
honouring of the Creator and the creation.**

**May we live with respect in God's creation  
and in harmony with our neighbours.**

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**PENTECOST**

*Welcome to all. May this time of worship touch our hearts and minds  
and offer hope and promise for the days to come*

**PRELUDES:** Three Preludes on “Veni, Creator Spiritus”  
Raymond Weidner; Robert Groves; Michael Bedford

**WELCOME**

**LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**CENTRING TIME: VU382** (*Chanted 5X*)

**Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with thy fire divine.**

**PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION**

**HYMN: VU198<sup>1</sup>** “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,  
come with pentecostal power;  
give the church a stronger vision,  
help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,  
still the church is called to mission  
that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our hallelujahs  
for the grace of yesteryears;  
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,  
hear, O God, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey  
you have led us all the way,  
still in presence move before us,  
fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,  
give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise you,  
glorify your holy name.  
God, all holy, Son and Spirit,  
three in one: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas  
now and through eternity.

**GOSPEL READING:** John 20: 19-23c

**READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES:**

Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-21

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "O Joyful Day" Robert Edward Smith

**REFLECTION:** “Wild Fire”

**HYMN: VU207<sup>2</sup>** “Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth”

Spirit of God, unleashed on earth  
with rush of wind and roar of flame!  
With tongues of fire saints spread good news;  
earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.

You came in power, the church was born;  
O Holy Spirit, come again!  
From living waters raise new saints,  
let new tongues hail the risen Lord.

With burning words of victory won  
inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,  
revive in us baptismal grace,  
and fan our smouldering lives to flame.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

**HYMN: VU460<sup>3</sup>** “All Who Hunger” (V. 1 and 2)

All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING<sup>4</sup>

Minister: The Spirit of God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Creator, our God,  
thank you for the moving of the rock,  
the dancing of life,  
the running of the water,  
the rising of the trees and  
the birth of humankind.

**People: Thank you for the coming of Jesus, our Saviour;  
for his life of joyful loving,  
his ministry and example,  
his messages of divine love.**

Minister: Thank you for the gift of the Spirit,  
the flame of truth, the wind of freedom,  
the song of hope in every age.

**People: With those who have gone before us  
and those who will come after us,  
we worship you in songs of never ending praise:**

**ALL: O holy, holy, holy God.  
O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above  
bear witness to your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest heav'n,  
creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the One who comes  
and bears your name always!**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### LORD'S PRAYER

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION<sup>5</sup>

God of tender care,  
At your table, we have celebrated  
your love for us and for all people.

May we be strengthened by these holy gifts  
to show your love in our lives  
by caring for one another  
and for your beloved world. Amen

### HYMN: VU460<sup>3</sup> (v. 3)

All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

### BENEDICTION

**SUNG BLESSING: VU967** “Three-Fold Amen”

**POSTLUDE: A Festive Prelude on “Come, Holy Ghost”** Charles W. Ore

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Chris Freeman, Choir, Worship Leader; Karla Buckborough, Choir; Wendy Price-Brown, Choir and Dave Freeman, Choir, Technical Production.

**Credits:**

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<sup>5</sup> Adapted from Knox, Gathering SA 1995, 30

**TODAY'S MUSIC**

**PRELUDES:** “Veni, Creator Spiritus” is a hymn believed to have been written by Rabanus Maurus in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. It is an invocation, often sung to Gregorian chant, to the Holy Spirit to come down to earth. American composer Raymond Weidner uses this tune in one of his “Seven Liturgical Preludes”. The tune appears in the top voice and later in the pedals. British composer and cathedral organist Robert Groves (1912-1994) treats the tune in a more romantic language, with the melody embellished in the top voice. Lastly, American composer Michael Bedford’s setting is a slow and freely-moving introspection, with the melody under colourful sustained chords.

**ANTHEM:** American composer Robert Edward Smith (b. 1946) has a knack of writing interesting choral music in canon form (or in a “round”). “O Joyful Day” - A Canonic Anthem for Pentecost is one such example, a piece using the ancient “Beata Nobis Gaudia” text, in an English translation.

*O joyful day, the circling year hath brought our day of blessing here!  
The day when first the light divine upon the Church began to shine.*

*Like unto quivering tongues of flame upon each one the Spirit came:  
Tongues, that the earth might hear their call, and fire that love might burn  
in all.*

*Thus unto all was spread abroad the wonder of the works of God; They  
knew the prophet’s word fulfilled, and owned the work which God had  
willed.*

*Of old in every hallowed breast thou camest in thy grace to rest: O grant us  
now from sin release, and in our time, good Lord, give peace.*

**POSTLUDE:** “Festive Prelude on *Come, Holy Ghost*” by American composer, professor and recitalist Charles W. Ore, is a tour de force for the manuals with the pedals later playing the melody of this old German chorale. The almost constant barrage of sixteenth notes reminds one of the rushing mighty wind in today’s lesson from Acts.

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