



May 28, 2023

Day of Pentecost



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know a nursery space is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones**

Introduction

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us.

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

All Amen

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Living Spirit,

All help us.

Help us to hold on to our Pentecost moments as we walk into the storm.

P May we know the value of story, dream and poetry that tell us of mystery
and wonder, joy and pain, hopes and visions.

May we see that narrow horizons limit compassion and abstractions
blanket feelings.

May we not be afraid to imagine life as it is meant to be for all people;
to live as if the world we long for were already here.

Living Spirit,

All help us to hold on to our Pentecost moments as we walk into the storm.

P May we have the vision to see understanding as different from
knowledge, that money is not necessarily the answer and the rich do not
always do things better than everyone else.

Living Spirit,

All help us to hold on to our Pentecost moments as we walk into the storm.

P May we long for that understanding of prosperity that is about sharing
the good things of life and realize that growth must be emotional and
moral.

All help us to hold on to our Pentecost moments as we walk into the storm.

P Beloved people of God:

Through Jesus, ✝ we are shown God's mercy:
we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All Amen.

Opening Song

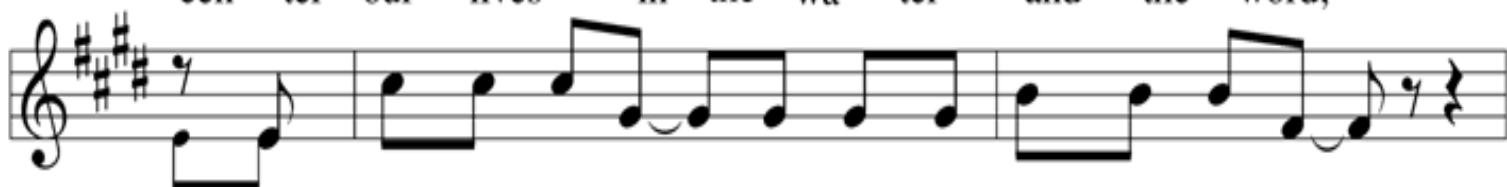
Kyrie eleison



- 1 For peace in the world, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im -
- 3 For peace in our hearts, for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit.

All Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Acts, the 2nd chapter

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of

Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Acts 2:1-21

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 12th chapter

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another’s diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties

of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

John 20:19-23

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

[You may be Seated](#)

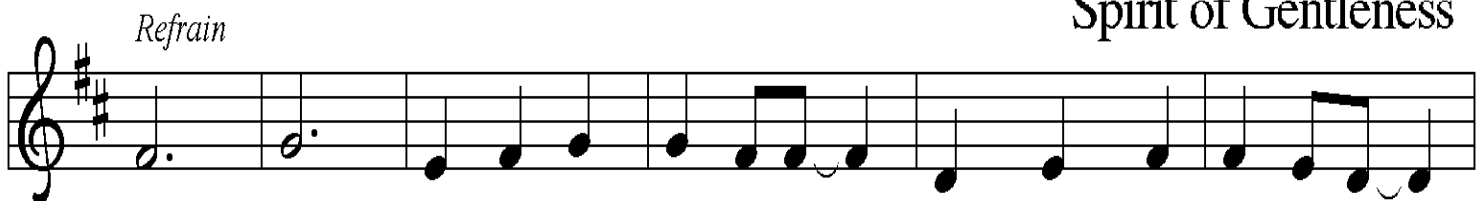
Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

Spirit of Gentleness



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Receiving a New Member Through Affirmation of Baptism

Edith Cryts

Presentation

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Edith, one with us in the body of Christ, as she makes public affirmation of her baptism.

It is her desire to join this community of faith.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Edith,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called her to yourself,
enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished her in the community of faith.
Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Profession of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

***All* I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***All* I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***All* I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Affirmation

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P People of God, do you promise to support Edith and pray for her in her life in Christ?

Response: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

P Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

You may be Seated

L United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.



The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with



sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: Hear us, O God. ***All***: Your mercy is great.

Passing of the Peace

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Christ become peace with yoy.

All And also with you.

Offering

You may be Seated

♪ ♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow. ♪ ♪
Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise God above! Praise God above ye Heav'nly Host!
Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

All Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

You may be Seated

The Invitation

P Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

Spirit Song

Words and Music by
John Wimber



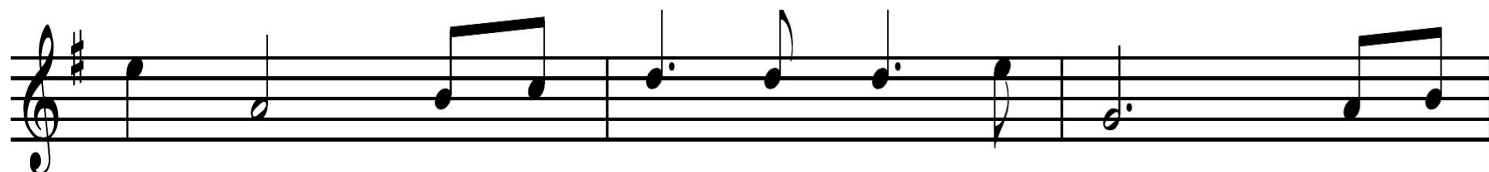
1 Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with His
2 Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness as your



Spir - it and His love; Let Him fill your heart and
hearts are filled with joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur -



sat - is - fy your soul. Oh, let Him have those things that
ren - der to His name. Oh, give Him all your tears and



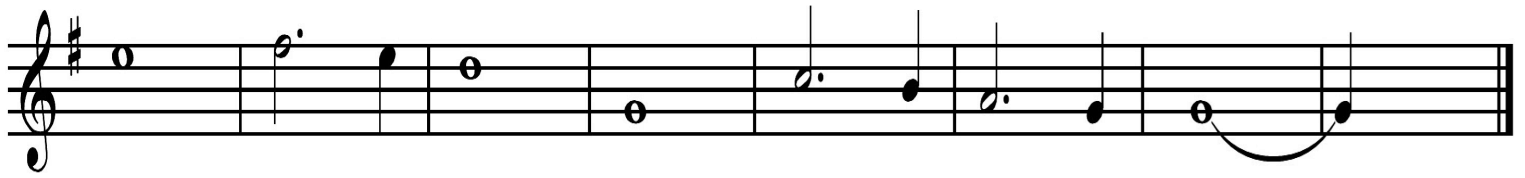
hold you, and His Spir - it, like a dove, will de -
sad - ness, give Him all your years of pain, and you'll



scend up - on your life and make you whole.
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.



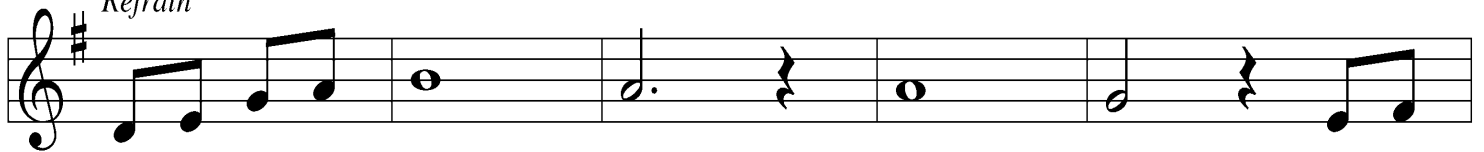
Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs._____



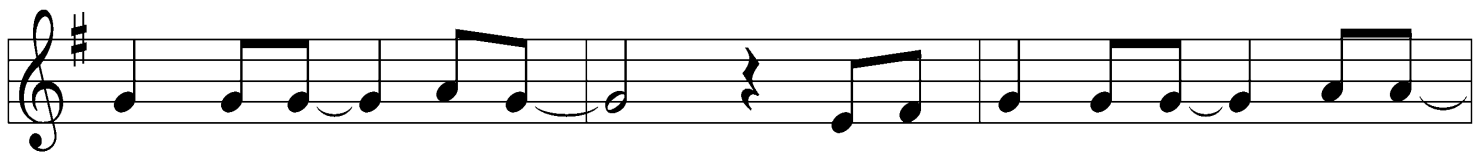
Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs._____

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

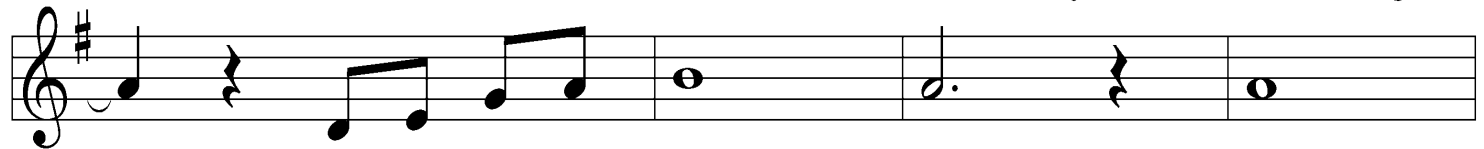
Refrain



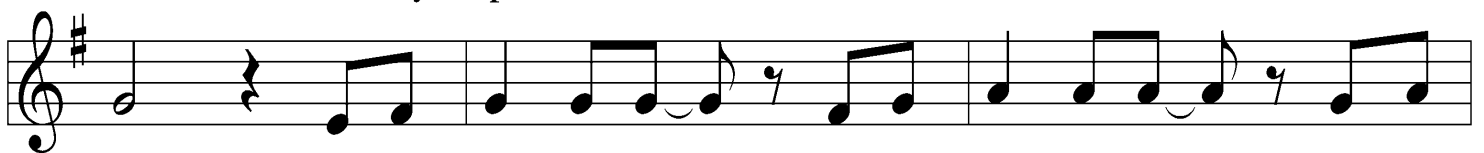
Ho-ly Spir-it, rain down, rain down; O



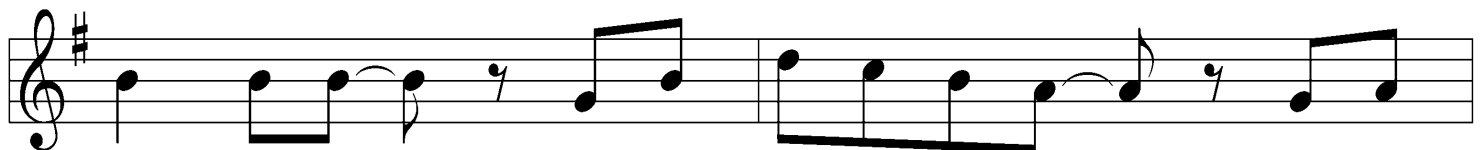
Com-fort - er and Friend, how we need your touch a - gain;



Ho - ly Spir - it, rain down, rain



down; let your pow - er fall, let your voice be heard, come and



change our hearts as we stand on your word; Ho - ly
last time to Coda



Spir - it, rain down.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind can know what God has in store. So
o - pen up heav - en, o - pen it wide, *D.C.*
o - ver your church and o - ver our lives. *repeat as desired last time ritard.*
Coda
Rain down, rain down.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

P Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.

**All With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.**

Please be seated for
Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

All Amen.

Sending Song

Send Down the Fire

Refrain



Send down the fire of your jus - tice,



send down the rains of your love; come, send down the



Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and we shall be



peo-ple of God.

To stanzas Last time



- 1 Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
- 2 Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
- 3 Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
- 4 Call us to wit - ness your king - dom,



teach us the song of your love; give us
 teach us the way of your peace; give us
 teach us the fire of your truth; give us
 give us the pres - ence of Christ; may your



hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring, make us
 hearts that feel, give us hands that heal, make us
 righ - teous souls, till your jus - tice rolls, make us
 ho - ly light keep us shin - ing bright, ev - er



ring with the song of your love. *to verse 2*
 walk in the way of your peace. *to refrain*
 burn with the fire of your truth. *to verse 4*
 shine with the pres - ence of Christ. *to refrain*

Refrain



Send down the fire of your jus - tice,



send down the rains of your love; come, send down the



Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and we shall be



peo-ple of God.

To stanzas Last time

Dismissal

P May we understand what repentance means.
May we appreciate that lament is a part of living,
a place to express that depth of sorrow out of which hope will come.

Give us a spirituality of resistance and struggle that refuses to let
injustice have the last word.

All Living Spirit,
help us to hold on to our Pentecost moments as we walk into the storm.

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

All Thanks be to God!

PETER'S SERMON SOUNDS
LIKE HE THINKS PENTECOST
IS THE END OF THE WORLD,
"IN THE LAST DAYS... THE
SUN TURNED TO
DARKNESS..."



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THAT
HAPPENED
AT THE
CRUCIFIXION.*

*LUKE 23:44-45



EVER SINCE THE
RESURRECTION,
WE'VE BEEN LIVING
IN THE **END TIMES.**



JESUS REALLY
KNOWS HOW
TO **STRETCH
THINGS OUT!**



ACTS 2:1-21



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Readings for next Sunday,
June 4
Trinity Sunday

First Reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalm: Psalm 8
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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