



**St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral  
Laramie, Wyoming**

*In Christ we grow in faith, respond through action, and  
embrace all people.*

**Prelude**

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**Welcome**

We are so happy you are with us. Please add your voice and heart to the prayers. Help others find a place near you and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please stand and sit as you are able.

**Opening Hymn**

“Holy, holy, holy!”

**Hymnal 362**

**Gathering**

Blessed are you, God of all creation,  
and blessed is the communion into which you gather us.

Your Son has called us to continue his mission  
and promised not to leave us alone,  
but to send us a partner with wisdom and power.  
**Send your Holy Spirit to call us by name and lead us home.**

We look to you with eager expectation,  
for you have promised gifts unimaginable  
and opened us to the delight and wonder of life.  
**Send your Holy Spirit to call us by name and lead us home.**

Like a blazing fire, melt the stubborn grip of fear.  
Like a wild wind, dispel the dust of complacency.  
Like a red-tailed hawk's call, pierce pride with joy.  
**Send your Holy Spirit to call us by name and lead us home.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Lord, hear our prayer.  
**And let our cry come to you.**

Let us pray together saying  
**Living God, eternal Holy Spirit,  
let your bright, intoxicating energy  
which fired those first disciples  
fall on us to turn the world again.  
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

## First Reading Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 104:25-35, 37

<sup>25</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*

**in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

<sup>26</sup> Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*

**creatures both small and great.**

<sup>27</sup> There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*

**which you have made for the sport of it.**

<sup>28</sup> All of them look to you \*

**to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>29</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; \*

**you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

<sup>30</sup> You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*

**you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>31</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*

**and so you renew the face of the earth.**

<sup>32</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*

**may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

<sup>33</sup> He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*

**he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

<sup>34</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*

**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>35</sup> May these words of mine please him; \*

**I will rejoice in the LORD.**

<sup>37</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*

**Hallelujah!**

## Special Music

Wir eilen mit schwachen from BWV 78 by J.S. Bach

sung by Laurissa Backlin and Holly Dalrymple

## Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

## Sequence Hymn

"Holy Spirit, ever living" **Hymnal 511**

## Gospel John 14:8-17, 25-27

Gospeler The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

**The Very Rev. Brian K. Gross**

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

With joy for the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
together, let us pray for the well-being of the church,  
the world, and all in need, saying,

Come, Spirit of Truth: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

We thank you for the wonder that erupted on the day of Pentecost,  
for the birth of the church, for the gifts of amazement and challenge,  
and for all the witnesses whose lives have been altered  
by your power alive in our world.

Come, Spirit of Truth: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

For the many peoples of this earth whose visions differ,  
whose languages offer special insights,  
whose ways of worship and compassion feed our own, we thank you.

Come, Spirit of Truth: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

For the earth itself, through whose creatures we see your love  
and in whose winds we remember the coming of the Spirit, we thank you.

Come, Spirit of Truth: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Make us grateful for the confounding experiences  
the Holy Spirit's presence creates in our lives,  
for the marvel of new visions, for the wisdom in prophetic words,  
and for the prayers of your great high priest.

Come, Spirit of Truth: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Make us hungry to protect the health and nurturance of all people;  
let your fire burn in the leaders of the nations,  
in governors and mayors, on city councils and school boards;  
guard the lives of peacemakers, soldiers, philosophers, and artists.  
Pool the skills and passion of all your people  
for the sake of our delight and the nourishment of others.

Come, Spirit of Truth: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Give comfort to all people who are refugees from war and famine,  
those who are lonely and frightened, ill, imprisoned, homeless, or without work,  
and those who face death today. We pray especially for Mel, Judith, Lucas, Danny,  
Marilyn, Darcy, Janet, Amy, Milward, Sunny, Cody, Brock, Hank, Liz, Pat, Martha, Neil,  
Kris, Nora, Barb, Katherine, Ronnie, Helene, Deb, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Come, Spirit of Truth: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Knowing it is your Holy Spirit who has flowed through your witnesses of ages past,  
we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, especially Gary and \_\_\_\_\_.

Come, Spirit of Truth: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With confidence that you hear our prayers,  
we commend all for whom we lift our voices, trusting that you give more than we need.  
Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession

O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you.  
We confess that we have sinned.

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we use our power to dominate and our weaknesses to manipulate:

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we live within our limits, touching the bounds only for reassurance:

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we distrust visions and dreams and seek to destroy the visionary:

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we welcome your gifts only to entertain, but not to change us:

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we fail to integrate spirit and flesh  
and forfeit our wholeness and dignity:

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

We turn to you, O God of infinite mercy;

**We renounce evil;**

**We claim your love;**

**We choose to be made whole.**

Sisters and Brothers, our sins are forgiven; be at peace. **Amen.**

## The Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet each other in the name of God.*

## Offertory

Because God first loved us, we are made to love one another.

For the sake of the life of the world, offer your selves,  
your time, and your possessions as signs of love.

## Offertory Music

Whirlwind Spirit by Joel Raney

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

## Presentation Hymn

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

*This is the Lord's table where ALL are welcome.*

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

God of surprises, your Spirit brooded over the waters at creation and lived among your chosen people in wilderness, exile, and promised land. Your Spirit filled Mary's womb at the moment of Jesus' conception and came upon him like a dove at his baptism. When Christ died on the cross, your power raised him from the tomb on the third day, and that same evening he breathed your forgiving grace on those who had deserted him. On the day of Pentecost, you sent your Spirit upon the fearful disciples, filling them with fire, with power, with wonder and joy, and making them your Church.

And so we gladly thank you, with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

### Celebrant and People

### Hymnal S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

God of comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness, remembering that at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us your gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith, of healing, discernment, and interpretation, your Church may be built up in the likeness of your Son. Come among us now through the power of your Spirit, that we may be transformed into your image, and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew, Creator, Child, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

**AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Leader breaks the bread.*

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

**Christ is the bread of life.**

*The Leader lifts the cup.*

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

**Christ is risen from the dead.**

### Invitation

Come, God's people,

come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

### Special Music

Lamb of God by Twila Paris

Sung by Holly Dalrymple

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*We stand.*

**Praise and glory to you, Creator Spirit of God; you make our bread Christ's body to heal and reconcile and to make us the body of Christ.**

**You make our wine Christ's living sacrificial blood to redeem the world.**

**You are truth. You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden.**

**Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day. You warm and comfort us. You give us courage and fire and strength beyond our everyday resources. Be with us Holy Spirit, in all we say or think, in all we do this and every day. Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

"O day of radiant gladness"

**Hymnal 48**

### Sending

Go out into the world, and labor to bring forth new life.

Dream dreams, pursue visions, and speak of God's goodness in the words of those who would hear.

May the God who breathed life into creation be our delight,

May Christ Jesus give hope to our dreaming,

and may the Holy Spirit, our advocate and supporter, set our hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

Valentina Gavrilova