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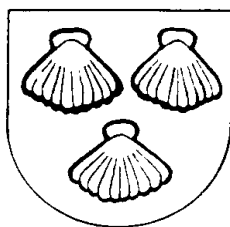
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Spirit of Adoption

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Gathering

Prelude

"I Come With Joy" (Dove of Peace) setting by Sally Drennan Mossing

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Lighting the Prayer Candle

One: The light shines in the darkness.

All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Threshold Song

"Holy Spirit, Come to Us"

TFWS 2118

Holy Spirit, come to us.

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Words: Pentecost Sequence; adapted by Jacques Berthier
Music: Jacques Berthier

Call to Worship

Susan Mascaro

Beloved, pay attention! The Holy Spirit sweeps among us, binding us together as family in Christ.

We are children of God, heirs of grace.

Beloved, have you noticed? The Holy Spirit moves among us, creating and renewing the whole of creation, inspiring us to co-create with God and one another.

We are children of God, co-creators in grace.

Beloved, be encouraged. The Holy Spirit lives among us, surrounding us with mercy and grace, witnessing to us about God's steadfast love for God's people.

We are children of God, witnesses to grace.

Beloved, pay attention! Whether in a rushing wind or a gentle breath, the Holy Spirit welcomes you here, for we are all children of God, brought together by grace.

We are children of God, knit together by the Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2024.

Opening Prayer

Susan Mascaro

May we feel your presence this day, Holy Spirit, like the people gathered on that Day of Pentecost. May you rush into our hearts and inebriate our souls. May we be empowered by your Spirit to live a life more faithful to God. Amen.

Written by Ciona D. Rouse, *The Africana Worship Book, Year C* (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 123.

Prayer of Confession

Susan Mascaro

O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows

against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

Written by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals, A Place for Prayer blog, <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>.

***Opening Hymn**

"Spirit of God" (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

TFWS 2117

1. Spirit of God, bright Wind,
breath that bids life begin,
glow as you always do; create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)

2. Spirit of God, bright Dove,
grant us your peace and love,
Healing upon your wings for all living things
For when we live your peace, captives will find release
Held in your hands, born on your wings,
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)

4. Spirit of God, bright Flame,
send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)

5. Spirit of God in all,
we gladly hear your call,
The life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
Held in your hands, born on your wings,
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)

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Passing of the Peace

Susan Mascaro

Proclaiming

Children's Moment

Donna Benson

Scripture

Susan Mascaro

**John 14: 10-17, 25-27 (NRSVue)
Acts 2:1-13 (NRSVue)
Romans 8:14-17 (NRSVue)**

Word in Music

"Rest On Us"

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Message

"Spirit of Adoption"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response

Prayer for People, Church & World

Susan Mascaro

Response: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

***Doxology**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

Going Forth

*Closing Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

TFWS 2241

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

2. We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
And help the blind to see.

3. We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

4. Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
We go in Jesus' name.

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

“Land of Rest” (The Spirit Sends us Forth) arr. by Joseph Martin

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Question for Reflection

What gift of yours, of your family, and of your community has the Holy Spirit especially nurtured in recent times? How might that gift be expressed and used in a new way in the coming year?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, we thank you for the peace of good sleep and for keeping us safe throughout the night. Let this new day be a time of praise and joy as we go out to meet you in our sisters and brothers. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God, for all that we have done and failed to do this day we turn to you for respite. Forgive us for having shunned your desires; rejoice with us over moments that have filled us with joy. Bless your people in every land with peace. Protect us now through the night that we may wake again to praise your name. Let the Holy Spirit abide in this house. Amen.

RESOURCES:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1 © 2012 Westminster John Knox Press

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