

# **Thy Kingdom Come**

**Morning Prayer  
Day of Pentecost  
May 31, 2020**

## **Instructions:**

Please mute your microphone as we begin.  
There will be one responder unmuted but please  
respond audibly in your own space.

O Lord, open our lips  
*A//* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
*A//* **and clothe us with power from on high.**  
**Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, creator God,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters  
bringing light and life to your creation,  
pour out your Spirit on us today  
that we may walk as children of light  
and by your grace reveal your presence.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open  
before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may  
the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts  
on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

# *Psalm 87*

*Refrain: The Lord has chosen Zion for himself.*

- 1 His foundation is on the holy mountains. ♦  
The Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 2 Glorious things are spoken of you, ♦  
Zion, city of our God.
- 3 I record Egypt and Babylon as those who know me; ♦  
behold Philistia, Tyre and Ethiopia:  
in Zion were they born.

- 4 And of Zion it shall be said, 'Each one was born in her, ♦  
and the Most High himself has established her.'
- 5 The Lord will record as he writes up the peoples, ♦  
'This one also was born there.'
- 6 And as they dance they shall sing, ♦  
'All my fresh springs are in you.'

*Refrain: The Lord has chosen Zion for himself.*

*Lord, as you call us to your city founded on the rock of ages, let the springs of living water rise within us to eternal life; in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

*All* **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## *Genesis 11.1-9 (NRSV)*

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.



<sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.

<sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A// The Spirit of God fills the whole world.  
Alleluia.**

- 1 I will take you from the nations, ♦  
and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦  
and you shall be clean from all your  
uncleannesses.
- 3 A new heart I will give you, ♦  
and put a new spirit within you,

- 4 And I will remove from your body the heart  
of stone ♦  
and give you a heart of flesh.
- 5 You shall be my people, ♦  
and I will be your God.

*Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

*A//* **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*A//* **The Spirit of God fills the whole world.  
Alleluia.**

*Acts 10.34–48 (NRSV)*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles,



<sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”  
<sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

*A//* **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

*A//* **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.**

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,  
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,  
*A//* **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

For the creation waits with eager longing for  
the glorious liberty of the children of God.  
*A//* **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your  
people and kindle in us the fire of your  
love.**

*cf Romans 8*

***All* Christ has gone up on high and has led  
captivity captive. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them  
free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.

- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands  
of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father  
Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of  
our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of  
the Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his  
way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and  
the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

*A//* **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*A//* **Christ has gone up on high and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.**



## *Prayers*

*Some or all parts of this form of intercession may be used.*

*Specific petitions may be added, or silence may be kept, at suitable points.*

Through Christ, who ever lives to make  
intercession for us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places  
and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## *Prayers*

Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and  
grant on earth the blessing of peace:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit  
and renew your Church with power from on high:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that  
we may vanquish injustice and wrong:

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## *Prayers*

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,  
and grant us the needful gifts of your grace:  
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Further prayers may be added.*

Let us commend the world, for which Christ prays,  
to the mercy and protection of God.  
**Amen.**

Gracious God, thank you that you are over all, in all and through all. We lift our world before you as we journey through the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray for those who are suffering its effects, the medical personnel who are caring for them and those seeking a vaccine or cure, and all essential workers. We are grateful for the lives of people who have died and pray for their families and friends in their bereavement. We ask that you enable us to know your love for all and give us your peace which passes all understanding. In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

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*Collect for Thy Kingdom Come*

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

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*Collect for Pentecost*

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

***A// 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, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.***

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May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**