

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church

The Feast of Pentecost

May 24th, 2026



Pentecost by Sr. Claire Joy, CHS

THE REGINA CAELI

During Eastertide, the Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus as the prayer rung on the church bell before worship. One set of nine rings accompanies the anthem and another set of nine the concluding Collect. You may pray it as the bell rings, or use the silence to prepare for worship in your own way.

The first three bells

O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia;
For he who was born of your body, alleluia,

The second three bells

Has arisen, as he promised, alleluia:
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

The third three bells

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

The nine bells

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, vouchsafed to give gladness to the world: Grant, we beseech you, that with the help of the Virgin Mary his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (please stand in body or spirit)

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for

ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Spi - rit shone in the

world with God's grace. *First time only* 2 grace.

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his —


wait her ap - pear - ing, she whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain
Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther she comes with seven - fold —
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en —

Repeat Refrain



souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bid:

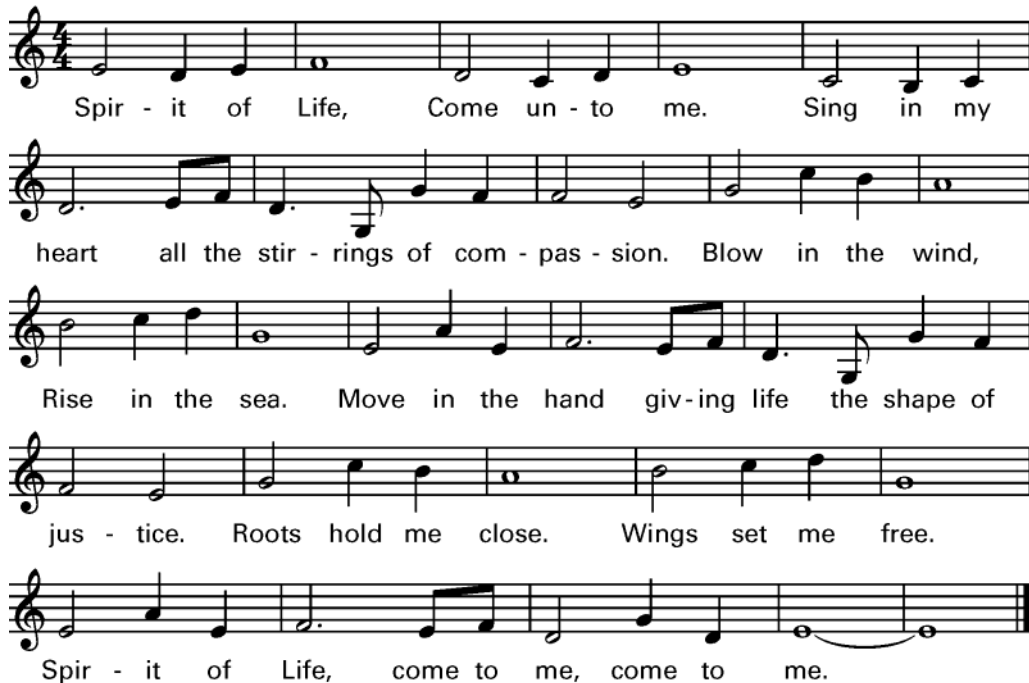
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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE



Spir - it of Life, Come un - to me. Sing in my
heart all the stir - rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the wind,
Rise in the sea. Move in the hand giv - ing life the shape of
jus - tice. Roots hold me close. Wings set me free.
Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who on this day 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 judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in her holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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.'"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE (*chanted in unison*)

Psalm 104:25-32

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your | **works!** *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your | **creatures.**
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to | **number,** *
creatures both small and | **great.**
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Le|**viathan,** *
which you have made for the | **sport of it.**
- 28 All of them look to | **you** *
to give them their food in due | **season.**
- 29 You give it to them; they | **gather it;** *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good | **things.**
- 30 You hide your face, and they are | **terrified;** *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their | **dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are cre|**ated;** *
and so you renew the face of the | **earth.**
- 32 May the glory of God endure for | **ever;** *
may the Lord rejoice in all cre|**ation.**

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

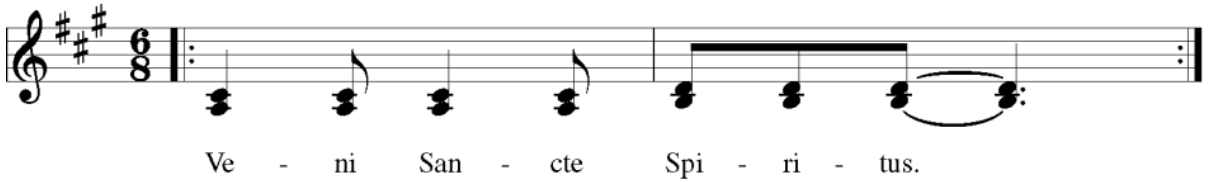
A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For 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. For 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION (*please stand in body or spirit*)



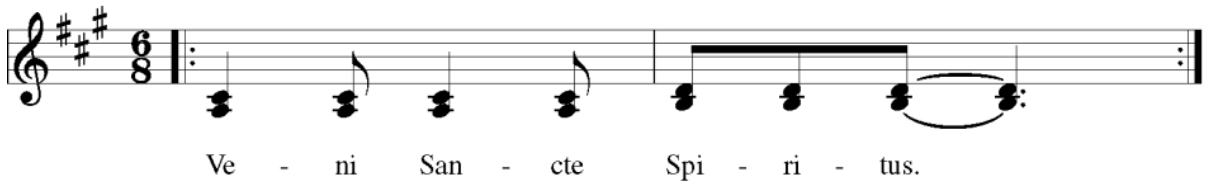
THE GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Wright

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents.

Parents and Godparents

I present Alex to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant then asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for Alex, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE


Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Announcements may follow.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (*sung by choir*)

It is the Holy Spirit's day
Words: Alda M. Milner-Barry
Music: Old Cornish Carol

OFFERTORY HYMN (*please stand in body or spirit; verses sung by choir*)

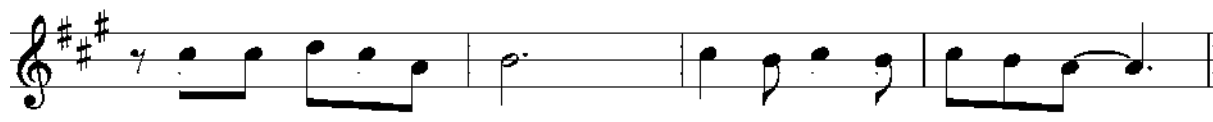


Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.


Cantor



1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, from heav - en shine forth



with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.



2. Come from the four winds, O Spir - it, come breath of God; dis -



perse the shad - ows ov - er us, re - new and strength - en your



peo - ple. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer for Pentecost, Sara Miles ©2009*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

In the beginning, God of creation, your wind swept the darkness, stirring up life from the heights to the depths. Your spirit raised us from dust and formed us to be like you, children with one common breath. We couldn't see where the wind had come from; we couldn't tell where the wind would go.

Divided, we hid behind walls, turning away from the breath of life. But you blew through the prophets, you gave visions to slaves, you spoke in the whirlwind, and promised salvation. You breathed on Mary, your listening servant, making your Word alive in her flesh. You gave us Jesus, who shared our same breath, receiving your Spirit in the river Jordan. He proclaimed freedom to captives, good news to the poor; he gave hope to the suffering, and life to the dead.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was a supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them saying: "Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, God of endless mercy, of all the things that are yours, we offer you these, which are yours especially. We offer them gladly, as he told us, giving thanks for his death and resurrection. Filled with your Spirit, and drawn together in his peace, we praise you and we bless you:

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Now pour out your Spirit once more to make this bread and wine the body and blood of Christ, that we might blow through the world with his love, healing and forgiving, reconciling like Jesus, until the heights and depths are filled with your children from every tribe and language and people and nation, joined with the angels in one triumphal song:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A brief silence is kept. All then join in singing

Antiphon: Cantor; then All

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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If you wish to receive Communion, please come forward to the altar rail. (We will bring communion to you if you are unable to come forward.) Extend your hands, one over the other, palms up, to receive the bread; gently help guide the cup to your mouth. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms in front of you. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask the priest.

COMMUNION HYMN



1 She sits like a bird,
wings o - ver earth,
dan - ces in fire,
is the Spi - rit,



brood - ing on the wa - ters, hover - ing on the cha - os of the
rest - ing where she wish - es, light - ing close at hand or soar - ing
start - ling her spec - ta - tors, wak - ing tongues of ec - sta - sy where
one with God in es - sence, gift - ed by the Sav - iour in e -



world's first day; she sighs and she sings,
through the skies; she nests in the womb,
dumb - ness reigned; she weans and in - spires
ter - nal love; she is the key —



moth - er - ing cre - a - tion, wait - ing to give birth to all the
wel - com - ing each won - der, nour - ish - ing po - ten - tial hid - den
all whose hearts are o - pen, nor can she be cap - tured, si - lenced
o - pen - ing the scrip - tures, en - e - my of ap - a - thy and



Word — will say.
to — our eyes.
or — re - strained.
heaven - ly dove.

2 She
3 She
4 For she

COMMUNION CHANT



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Words and Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926 (Acts 11:15)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand or kneel as able)*

God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *(see following page)*



1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's
 2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most
 3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets
 4 Tell of how the a - scend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple
 5 Pray we then, O God the Spi - rit, on our lives de -



1 or - i - gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters,
 2 thoughts and ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders,
 3 with the word; hers the truth be - hind the wis - doms
 4 for his own; how a hun - dred men and wo - men
 5 scend in might; let your flame break out with - in us,



1 quick - ening worlds to life with - in, source of breath to
 2 is her - self the power to gaze; and God's will, to
 3 which as yet know not our Lord; by whose love and
 4 turned the known world up - side down, to its dark and
 5 fire our hearts and clear our sight, till, white - hot in



1 all things breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.
 2 those who lis - ten by a still small voice con - veys.
 3 power, in Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.
 4 fur - thest cor - ners by the wind of hea - ven blown.
 5 your pos - ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Serving today:

Eucharistic Minister: Teresa Foudriat
 Chalice Bearer: Lynn Riley
 Altar Guild: Penny Levine
 Prayers of the People: Deb Lapp

Ushers: Mary Kate Davidson, Tress Palmer
 First Lector: Stephen Shafer
 Second Lector: Margo McLoone
 Counters: Tress Palmer, Lynn Riley
 Hospitality: Dana Patton