



The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

The Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come— this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer

Greeting and Call To Worship

Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

People: *We dwell in him and he in us.*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

People: *Make known his deeds among the peoples.*

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

People: *And speak of all his marvelous works.*

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

People: *Who was and is and is to come!*

—based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

Opening Hymn | Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

Words by William MacKay, 1863; music by John Husband, 1863

*We praise thee, O God! For the Son of thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.*

*Hallelujah! thine the glory, hallelujah we sing;
Hallelujah! thine the glory, our praise now we bring.*

*We praise thee, O God! For thy Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Saviour and scattered our night.*

*All glory and praise, to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins and, has cleansed ev'ry stain!*

*Revive us again— Fill each heart with thy love;
May each soul be rekindled With fire from above.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

All Singing: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: *The Name of the Lord be praised!*

Hymn of Worship | Thy Mercy My God

Words by John Stocker (1776), music by Sandra McCracken (2001)

*Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.*

*Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.*

*Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.*

*Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command, and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.*

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.

He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

Let us confess our sin to God.

—based on John 14:15-17, 21

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

—Romans 5:1-2, 5

People: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Parents may take children 3-5 (pre-Kindergarten) to Redeemer Kids at this time.

New Testament Reading | Acts 2:1–21

[1] When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. [2] And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3] And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

[5] Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. [6] And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. [7] And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [8] And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? [9] Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10] Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, [11] both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." [12] And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" [13] But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

[14] But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. [15] For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. [16] But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

[17] "And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
[19] And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
[20] the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
[21] And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hymn of Worship | Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Words and music by Arthur J. Hart (1759), music by Hiram Ring (2011)

*Come, Holy Spirit, come; Let thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the darkness from our minds, And open all our eyes.*

*Revive our drooping faith; Our doubts and fears remove;
And kindle in our breasts the flames, Of never-dying love.*

*Convince us of our sin; Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wond'ring view, reveal, The secret love of God.*

*'Tis thine to cleanse the heart, To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life in ev'ry part, And new create the whole.*

*Dwell, therefore, in our hearts; Our minds from bondage free;
Then we shall know and praise and love, The Father, Son, and Thee.*

Psalm | Psalm 104.24-35

Leader: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;

People: *The earth is full of your creatures.*

Leader: Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable,

People: *Living things both small and great.*

Leader: There go the ships,

People: *And Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.*

Leader: These all look to you,

People: *To give them their food in due season.*

Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up;

People: *When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

Leader: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

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

Leader: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

People: *And you renew the face of the ground.*

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

People: *May the LORD rejoice in his works,*

Leader: Who looks on the earth and it trembles,

People: *Who touches the mountains and they smoke!*

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

People: *I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to him,

People: *For I rejoice in the LORD.*

Leader: Let sinners be consumed from the earth,

People: *And let the wicked be no more!*

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

People: *Praise the LORD!*

Ministry of the Word | Does Anyone Thirst?

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | John 7:37-39 and 20.19-23

[37] On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. [38] Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" [39] Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

[19] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." [20] When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Sermon Notes

Confession of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

—from A Brief Statement of Faith

Prayers of the People, Concluded with the Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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 Holy Communion

(For those watching at home, I encourage you to take this time to watch and pray with us. Remember this all along: Jesus is not more present with us who are gathered than he is with you at home! The Lord's Supper is a sign and seal of his blessing to us, and a great gift, but it does not mean you are

missing out on his presence or his blessing. We all participate by faith in Christ whether physically receiving the Supper or not.)

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Leader: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God!

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise!*

Leader: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

People: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Feast

Communion Hymn | Come Light Our Hearts

Words and music by Sandra McCracken (2015)

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait

Truly our hope is in You

Truly our hope is in You

O Lord of life, our only hope

Your radiance shines

On all who look -- to You in the dark

Emmanuel come, come light our hearts

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait
Truly our hope is in You
Truly our hope is in You

O Joy above all other loves
In you we find more than enough
We come as we are, O heal and restore
Come light our hearts

Concluding Prayer

One More Hymn and the Offering | There is a Redeemer

Words and Music by Melody and Keith Green (1982)

There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Jesus my redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Oh, for sinners slain.
 Thank you, oh my Father,
 For giving us Your Son,
 And leaving Your Spirit
 'Til the work on Earth is done.

When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever,
In that Holy Place.
 Thank you, oh my Father,
 For giving us Your Son,
 And leaving Your Spirit,
 'Til the work on Earth is done.

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: And let us remember "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

People: Thanks be to God. Amen!

—Romans 15:13; Galatians 5:22-25

Announcements

Small Group Meetings:

Small groups are an important part of our ministry at Redeemer. They offer opportunities to deepen relationships and to love, serve, and pray for one another and our city. If you are interested in joining a group, please email Ben Wheeler: ben@redeemertyler.com.

Monthly Youth Meeting:

All junior high and high school students are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month for a time of fellowship, dinner, and Bible Study.

Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets over breakfast, 7:00 am on Fridays. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- Women's Bible study (Galatians) meets 11:00 am on Friday mornings.
- Women's book study is reading one book per month and then discussing it on first Fridays in place of the weekly Bible study. They will be discussing *When Helping Hurts* by Fikkert and Corbett on June 5th. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information on either of these women's groups.

Prayer Suggestions:

Topic: our pastor and elders (Ben, Robert, John, & JB):

- Monday
Spiritual health and protection, relationships with spouse and children
- Tuesday
Integrity, emotional strength, communication skill
- Wednesday
Faith, finances, friendships
- Thursday
For their spouses (Rachel, Debbie, Brenda, & Allison), vision, and unity
- Friday
Passion for ministry, Sabbath rest, discernment
- Saturday
Perspective, faith, contentment