



The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

The Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

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; make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: *Sing to him, sing praises to him, 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 | All Creatures of our God and King

Words by St. Francis of Assisi, 1225; Music from Jesuit hymnal, 1623

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia alleluia!*

*O rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him, alleluia!
O rising morn in praise rejoice; ye lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part; Sing praises, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care;
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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 | 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.*

*Cheer our desponding hearts,
Thou heavenly Paraclete;
Give us to lie with humble hope
At our Redeemer's feet.*

*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.*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are.
We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid.
When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,
for we fear what you might call us to do.
When your Spirit touches our lips,
we close our mouths,
embarrassed to speak your Word.
When the wind of your Spirit blows,
we close the windows of our hearts,
afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.
When the fire of your Spirit touches us,
we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring.
Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life
sets us free from the law of sin and death.
And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us,
God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through
the Spirit, who lives in us.

—from Romans 8.1-2, 11

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.

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 | 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.*

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 | “I Know You by Name”

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | Exodus 33

[1] The LORD said to Moses, “Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give it.’ [2] I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. [3] Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.”

[4] When the people heard this disastrous word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments. [5] For the LORD had said to Moses, “Say to the people of Israel, ‘You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do with you.’” [6] Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.

[7] Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of

meeting, which was outside the camp. [8] Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. [9] When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. [10] And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. [11] Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

[12] Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' [13] Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." [14] And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." [15] And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. [16] For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

[17] And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." [18] Moses said, "Please show me your glory." [19] And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. [20] But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." [21] And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, [22] and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. [23] Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

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."

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 | In the Hours

Words by Helen L. Parmelee alt by Kevin Twit, Music by Kevin Twit (2007)

*In the hours of pain and sorrow,
When the world brings no relief,
When the eye is dim and heavy,
And the heart oppressed with grief,
While blessings flee, Savior Lord we trust in Thee!
While blessings flee, Savior Lord we trust in Thee!*

*When the snares of death surround us,
Pride, ambition, love of ease,
Mammon with her false allurements,
Words that flatter, smiles that please.
Then ere we yield, Savior Lord be Thou our shield.
Then ere we yield, Savior Lord be Thou our shield.*

*When forsaken in distress,
Poor despised and tempest-tossed,
With no anchor here to stay us,
Drifting, sail and rudder lost,
Then save us Thou, who trod this earth with weary brow.
Then save us Thou, who trod this earth with weary brow.*

*Thou the hated and forsaken,
Thou the bearer of the cross,
Crowned of thorns and mocked and smitten,
Counting earthly gain but loss.
When scorned are we, we joy to be the more like Thee.
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*Thou the Father's best beloved,
Thou the throned and sceptered King,
Who but Thee should we adoring,
All our prayers and praises bring?
So blessed are we, Savior Lord in loving Thee.
So blessed are we, Savior Lord in loving Thee.*

Benediction & Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

—from Romans 15.13

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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. They are studying the gospel of Luke. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women's group is studying the gospel of Matthew on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Prayer Suggestions:

Topic of the Week: needs of our city.

- Monday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in our schools.
- Tuesday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in city, state, and local government, and justice systems.
- Wednesday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in local law enforcement, emergency response personnel, and hospitals.
- Thursday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically amongst our immigrant, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations. (See Deuteronomy 10.17-19.)
- Friday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically for a unity within our churches and between our churches in the cause of Christ.
- Saturday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically that the gospel would be proclaimed throughout our city's churches.