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You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word. **People: Come, Holy Spirit!** Leader: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus’ disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world. **People: Come, Holy Spirit!** Leader: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words. **People: Come, Holy Spirit!** Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts – the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed. **People: Come, Holy Spirit!** ALL: Let us worship our God: Creator, Spirit, Son!  \* Hymn On Pentecost They Gathered - 289   Prayer of Confession (Unison)  **Generous God, today, we celebrate Your Spirit among us, your constant presence with us as we face each day. Forgive us when we forget that Your Spirit is there, ready and waiting, to hold us. Forgive us when we underestimate the power of the Spirit and when we think we are alone. Restore us, O God, in our faith and in our belief, and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, lead us in decisions we make and the way in which we live our lives. Amen.**   Silent Prayers of Confession  Words of Assurance (responsive) Leader: The Spirit descended upon the people, giving new life, restoring God’s people to who they are called to be, forgiven and free. **People: Thanks be to God for the Holy Spirit who breathes on us anew and restores us as a forgiven people to live, love, and serve in this world. Amen.**   The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   The Proclamation of the Word   Prayer of Illumination  God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.   Scripture Lesson Acts 2:1-21 The Coming of the Holy Spirit When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2**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. **3**Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. **5**Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6**And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7**Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8**And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9**Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, **11**Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” **12**All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” **13**But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” Peter Addresses the Crowd **14**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. **15**Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. **16**No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: **17**‘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.**18**Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. **19**And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. **20**The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. **21**Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’   Time with Young People    Sermon **The Birth of the Church**   The Response to the Word    \* Hymn Spirit of the Living God (sing three times)   Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**  Generous God, and now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray...   **Our Father,** **Who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name** **Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.** **On Earth as it is in Heaven** **And 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**   Offertory Prayer   Hymn Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness - 291   Charge and Benediction Leader: In acknowledgement, **People: We celebrate that you are with us always.** Leader: Guided by the Spirit, **People: We discover that the church is a people, the children of God.** Leader: Led by the Spirit, **People: As children, we go from this place, living and loving in new ways, moved powerfully by the Spirit.** | | |