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While we cannot gather in person, we can dedicate this time and space together to pray, hear the Word of God and receive the gift of God's Presence. Today, we will be sharing the Lord's Supper/ Holy Communion at your individual location. You are invited to have a piece of bread or cracker and a little wine or juice with you. Later in the service, the pastor will be giving thanks and saying the ancient words of Christ's promise to show up in these simple things. You will be invited to partake of them at that time.

Gathering

You may choose to set out and light a candle, a bowl of water as a reminder of your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and bread/ cracker with wine/ juice.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be agitated, splashed or poured into the bowl.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

First Reading Acts 2:1-13

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.'

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Julie Brooks

Hymn

O Day Full of Grace

Accompaniment is provided by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

Including 960 vocalists and 364 instrumentalists. Thank you!!!

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*O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season.
God shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.*

*O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.*

*For Christ bore our sins and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.*

*God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might know more in death be lost, its power over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface, and bring to us all true healing.*

*When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.*

Prayers of Intercession

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

Offering Prayer

Our response to all that God has given us is a yearning to give. You are invited to collect an ongoing "noisy offering" for Cares Food Bank or make a contribution to your local food bank. Thank you also for your offerings that support the ministry of Saron Lutheran Church!

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

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 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Receive Holy Communion

Hear these words and partake of the bread/ cracker and wine/ juice: (You may repeat these words and give them each to another member of your household as well.)

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us.

Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.

Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life,
fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness
call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,
stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness'. The second staff continues with 'call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,'. The third staff concludes with 'stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes,
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Welcome to this online version of Saron Lutheran Church and Blessed Easter! We are happy that you are worshiping with us this morning. We pray your worship is meaningful and enhances your spiritual life. Please check our website for regular updates during this time of dispersed worship. Offerings may be given online through "Tithe-ly" as linked on the website or by sending a check to our P.O. Box above. Thank you for your support of Saron and your community!