



July 12, 2020

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Holy Spirit let your fire
fall on us,
ignite within us,
burn through us.
Holy Spirit fan the flames,
fill our lives,
kindle your desires within,
flow through our
neighbourhoods.
Holy Spirit burn bright,
cry out for justice,
break through oppression,
bring peace and unity.
Holy Spirit come once more,
fall on us,
ignite within us,
burn through us.

Prayer: Christine Sine: godspace-msa.com
Artwork: Kairos by Rev John Stuart
stushieart.com/2015/04/07/pentecost-art-kairos-by-stushie/



Confession and Forgiveness

(adapted from Christine Sine's worship resources: <https://godspacelight.com/2019/05/16/resources-for-pentecost-2019/>)

- P** God, thank you for your spirit breaking down barriers that distort our ability to lead a life fully integrated with you and your ways. Forgive us for the times we have deliberately resisted the Spirit's work
- C** **Life giving spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.**
- P** Forgive us God for the barriers we create within ourselves; forgive our self-centeredness, our anger, our fear of change, our lack of trust in your love.
- C** **Life giving spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.**

P Forgive us God, for the barriers we try to create between us and you; Forgive our busyness, our independence, our desire to go our own way, and remind us that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

C **Life giving spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.**

P Forgive us God, for the barriers we create between each other; forgive our resentment of others, our love of control, our indifference to the poor.

C **Life giving spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.**

P Forgive us God, for the barriers we create between us and the rest of creation; forgive our greed, our misuse of resources, our pollution of the environment.

C **Life giving spirit, God's advocate and guide, have mercy on us.**

P God, by the power of your spirit, free us and break down these barriers. Turn us away from the bondage of a life lived for ourselves and our own desires. May your spirit guide us into the freedom of life lived in response to your grace.

Glorious God, We go into this day knowing your Spirit dwells within us.

May we be filled with the breath of God, and may we be reminded each day that you love us, and that we have been forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Free us to go forth, in the life of the Spirit, noticing and responding to your goodness all around.

C **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

We thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel Acclamation: "Spirit of the Living God" W&P 129

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Meld me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

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Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Children’s Time

Sermon

Hymn “On What Has Now Been Sown” ELW 550

- 1 On what has now been sown
 your blessing, Lord, bestow;
 the pow’r is yours alone
 to make it sprout and grow.
 O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,
 and yours alone shall be the praise!
- 2 To you our wants are known,
 from you are all our pow’rs;
 accept what is your own
 and pardon what is ours.
 Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
 and to your word a blessing give.
- 3 Oh, grant that each of us,
 now met before you here,
 may meet together thus
 when you and yours appear,
 and follow you to heav’n, our home.
 E’en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

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Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

- C 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.

Breath Prayer

C Spirit of God may we breathe in and hold your love within us;
May we breathe out and share it with the world.
Spirit of God may we breathe in and hold your peace within us;
May we breathe out and share it with the world.
Spirit of God may we breathe in and hold your life within us;
May we breathe out and share it with the world. Amen.

(adapted from Christine Sine; <https://godspacelight.com/2012/05/26/a-breath-prayer-for-pentecost/>)

Peace

At this time, you are invited to share peace with someone in your home, pause and write a note of peace to a friend, or say a prayer of peace for your community or the world.

Hymn "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast" ELW 516

- 1 Almighty God, your word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend
and righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev'ry heart
to bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown,
life-giving grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving pow'r may know.

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Blessing

Sower and the Seeds Graphic

<https://greentrestudents.wordpress.com/2015/02/03/roots-parable-of-the-sower-and-the-seeds/>

Online Resources

If you have access to a computer and would like to access further resources for worship, please see the following:

- St. Paul's YouTube channel (Pastor Delaney has been sharing devotions, spiritual practices, and a weekly sermon):
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZFv2kPGTmZ_hz8XaIJgmHQ?view_as=subscriber
- Email Dianne Polinske your prayer requests, to be included in weekly church communication: littleimp64@yahoo.com
- Please consider sharing your weekly offering via online donations (<https://www.saintpaulsmilwaukee.com/donations>), or by mailing a check to the church (2812 W Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53208).
- Call a friend or member of the church, and discuss your thoughts on the Gospel for the day. If you need contact information, please reach out to Pastor Delaney: 414-292-6164 or dschlakekruse@gmail.com

Announcements:



Join Pastor Delaney for virtual Bible study each Sunday morning at 9:30am; if you would like to be part of Bible study, call or email Pastor Delaney and she will get you set up with access. 414-292-6164; dschlakekruse@gmail.com

Do you need help with groceries or errands? Contact Pastor Delaney, and she can connect you with folks in lower risk groups to shop on your behalf.

*Keep Mario, former co-worker of Bob Bromberek and all the people who live and work at Evergreen Square in your prayers this week.

Continue to keep former member & friend of St. Paul's, Jerry Zimmerman in your prayers this week as he recovers from a long-awaited shoulder surgery in Arizona.

MT MERU COFFEE PROJECT-- Supporting Families - Growing Futures - Changing Lives

If social distancing is keeping you from purchasing your Mt Meru Premium Coffee, please remember that coffee can be ordered by calling Suzie Moylan or Matt Prahlow, our congregation's ambassadors. Right now, FREE SHIPPING ON ORDERS OVER \$15.00 has been EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 30th!

You can reach Suzie at smoylan1208@icloud.com, Matt at mattprahlow@gmail.com.

Stay tuned to email, the St. Paul's website, as well as our church social media to stay connected in this time of distancing.

And don't forget to stay home and wash your hands!

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes newly added items

Homebound

Members: *Raymond (Allen) Kaisler*

Associate Members: *Richard Schutten*

Members with Special Concerns

Allen Kaisler

Eleanor Block

Inthaly Vannavong

Larry Schulz

Dick Klug

Verna Heiges

Others with Special Concerns

Cindy Boness, Jane Prahlow's sister

Ingrid Nebel, sister of Matt & Jane Prahlow

Pam Bromberek, Bob Bromberek's sister-in-law

Katie Ruen, Pastor Ed's wife/friend of St. Paul's

Donna Kitzman, Tim Kitzman's mother

Avis, Cindy & Joshua Jeffers, cousins of Mary Ellen Voelz

Balwinder Singh, brother of "Bobby", owner of Kilbourn Foods

Darrell Smith, Friend and Associate Member

Charles Schulz, father of Larry Schulz

Ruth Krikau, Eleanor Block's sister

Maurice Shirley, friend of Mark Voelz

Jerry Zimmerman, former member

****Mario**, former co-worker of Bob Bromberek

Other Prayers:

****** We pray for all the people who live and work at Evergreen Square.

~ We pray for our community, our country and our world as we grapple with grief, anger, and struggle for justice.

~ We pray for all ministries and nonprofits in the near west side.

~ For members of Christian Churches in Laos and elsewhere who are facing persecution.

~ For our partnership congregations: Shepherd of the Bay (Ellison Bay) and Galilee (Pewaukee)

~ For our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson.

~ For all military and other government personnel serving throughout the world.