



## ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fixin' us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, 'Til in heaven we take our place,  
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### ***Music and Arts***

***7:30a - Church Choir  
9:30a and 11:30a - Male Chorus; Orchestra***

## ***THE DAY OF PENTECOST***

(Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2)

Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after His resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem (**Lev. 12:15-21; Deut. 16:16**).

Pentecost celebrates the unleashing of the **Holy Spirit** on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling His promise to send "another counselor" (John 14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit's power is available for its mission.

Laurence Hull Stookey in his book *Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church*, states:

The Day of Pentecost in Christian worship is primarily about the church as **corporate community**. . . Pentecost is about the **formation of the church** out of a frightened band of followers; that tight-lipped crowd, which had huddled timidly behind closed doors, is thrust by the Spirit into the streets of Jerusalem to **proclaim the gospel** in terms everyone can understand.

The day of Pentecost is about the church as the "Community of the Spirit," not merely about work of the Spirit in the hearts of individual persons. The Tower of Babel (**Gen. 11:1-9**) results in disconnectedness, in a confused individualism. Pentecost implies reconnectedness and unity. "The church, not individuals, is the irreducible unit of Christianity." Christians are challenged to participate in the church not so much for what they can **GET** as for what they can **GIVE**, for what they can offer as an alternative to the dominant ways of the world.

The traditional color for Pentecost is **red**, after the tongues of fire manifested in **Acts 2**.

### Sources:

***The Worship Sourcebook***. Co-published by The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship; Faith Alive Christian Resources (Christian Reformed Church Publications) and Baker Books (A Division of Baker Book House). Grand Rapids, MI: CRC Publications, 2004.

***Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church***. Laurence Hull Stookey. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1996.

**Scene II: Acts 2:1-13—Day of Pentecost**

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and pow'r.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in ev'ry hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago.  
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
So folk of ev'ry nation glad songs of joy shall rise.

**Pastor Jones**

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**Invitation**

***They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love***

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, (repeat)  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, (repeat)  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, (repeat)  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

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**Benediction**

*We invite persons with prayer requests to go to **Room 209** immediately following each service. A minister will be there to have prayer with you.*

**Music of Preparation**

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**Invocation**

**7:30a**

**9:30a - Joseph Dumizo - Vngo**  
**11:30a - Antonia Betaudier - French**

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**Opening Hymn**

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**Welcome**

**7:30a - Brenda Porter-Dewitt - French**  
**9:30a - Robert Huynh - Chinese**  
**11:30a - Christina and Brittany Kelly -  
Japanese and Spanish**

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**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 11:1-4; Acts 2:5-8

**7:30a - Petra Porter - German**  
**9:30a - Gloria Jackson - Krio**  
**11:30a - Regina Brandon - French**

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**Ministry of Music**

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## ***A Prayer of Confession and Intercession for Pentecost***

O Lord and Father of the Household of Faith, 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.**

Today, we pray for **MOTHERS** all over this land. We pause to honor those  
who nurtured us and taught us to honor and love you, O God.

Thank you for Mothers.

We bless them for unselfishly loving your people as you love us.

We pray to you for your Spirit to minister to our **friends and the people  
we care about.**

We pray for your Spirit to minister to the **people whose life has somehow  
become boring and cold.**

We pray for your Spirit to minister to **couples whose marriages have lost  
their tenderness.**

We pray for your Spirit to minister **to people whose health is poor,**  
whose hope for the years ahead is dim, and whose death is near.

We pray for **people for who today is another day of trying to find  
something to eat;** for people in our world for which today is another day  
lived under the yoke of oppression, for people who have lost somebody so  
close to them that they are almost dying with grief.

**Have mercy, O God. We need Your Spirit.**

**O Spirit** of Christ, give us joy that outlasts our sorrows,

Give us a hope stronger than our despair

Give us a new faith that we have reason to rejoice--to be glad for who we are  
because you made us and gave us life,

And all we have is a gift from you.

**Spirit of the Living God Fall afresh and anew on we your people.**

In the name of **Jesus**, our Lord and Savior; **God** our creator and redeemer;  
and the **Holy Spirit** our comforter and sustainer,

**A-men**

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***Leading in Prayer.*** Hughes Oliphant Old. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995.

## ***Chant***

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***Koinonia (Fellowship)*** - V. Michael McKay

How can I say that I love the Lord whom I've never ever seen before

And forget to say that I love the one

Whom I walk beside each and every day

How can I look upon your face and ignore God's love,

You I must embrace

You're my brother, You're my sister

And I love you with the love of my Lord.

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## ***Pastoral Reflections and Announcements***

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### ***Offertory/Ministry of Music***

***All Things Come of Thee***

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### ***Scripture/Proclamation***

***Scene I: Genesis 11:1-9—Tower of Babel***  
***Pastor Jones***

### ***On Pentecost They Gathered***

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b.1926

Tune: WEBB, 7 6 7 6 D; George J. Webb, 1803-1887

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
A band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
And tongues of fire a glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed  
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.