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### PROLOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

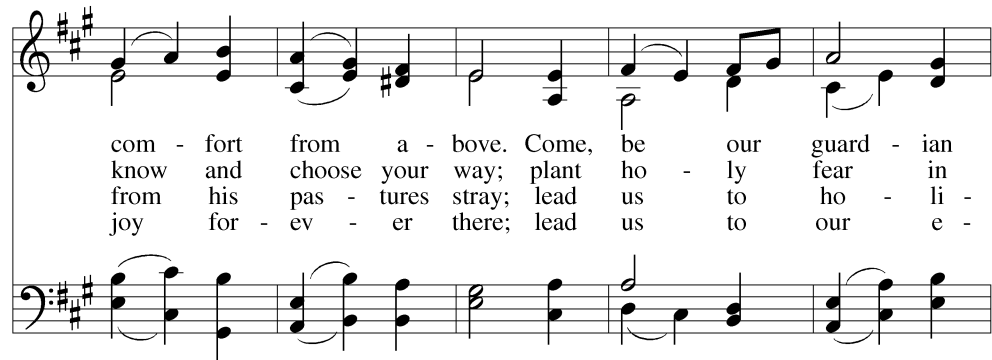
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Prelude on *Veni Creator Spiritus*  
Libby Larsen (b. 1950)

Our organ music on this Pentecost Sunday is based on one of the great Pentecost hymns: *Veni Creator Spiritus*, or "Come, Creator Spirit". This hymn, which is translated as "Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove" in our hymnal and also serves as our hymn of the day, was originally written in the 9th century by Rabanus Maurus, a Frankish Benedictine monk and poet. This hymn has served as a muse for numerous composers throughout history. The text invites the Holy Spirit into our lives to spur artistic creation and spiritual understanding, and the simple Gregorian melody is ideal for musical exploration. Our service this morning will begin with Minister of Music, Art, and Liturgy Eric Holtan singing a verse of the original plainchant, followed by a setting of the tune by American contemporary composer Libby Larsen, played by Dove of Peace organist Kevin Seal.



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
from his pas - tures stray; lead us to ho - li -  
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.  
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne, 1680–1732, alt.  
Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

## **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

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*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.*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"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.  
<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
 and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
 and signs on the earth below,  
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
 and the moon to blood,  
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY (ELW): 104:24-34, 35b**

*The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.*



Psalm 104:30

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<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O Lord!  
 In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.  
<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,**  
**living things both | small and great.**  
<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
 and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.  
<sup>27</sup>**All of them | look to you**  
**to give them their food | in due season. REFRAIN**  
<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
 you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.  
<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;**

**when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;**  
**O Lord, rejoice in | all your works. REFRAIN**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;**  
**I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the Lord.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the Lord, | O my soul.**  
**Hal- | lelujah! REFRAIN**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Cantor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts | of your faithful,\*  
and kindle in us the fire | of your love.*

**GOSPEL: John 7:37-39**

*Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as living water, quenching the thirst of all who come to him and filling the hearts of believers until they overflow.*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

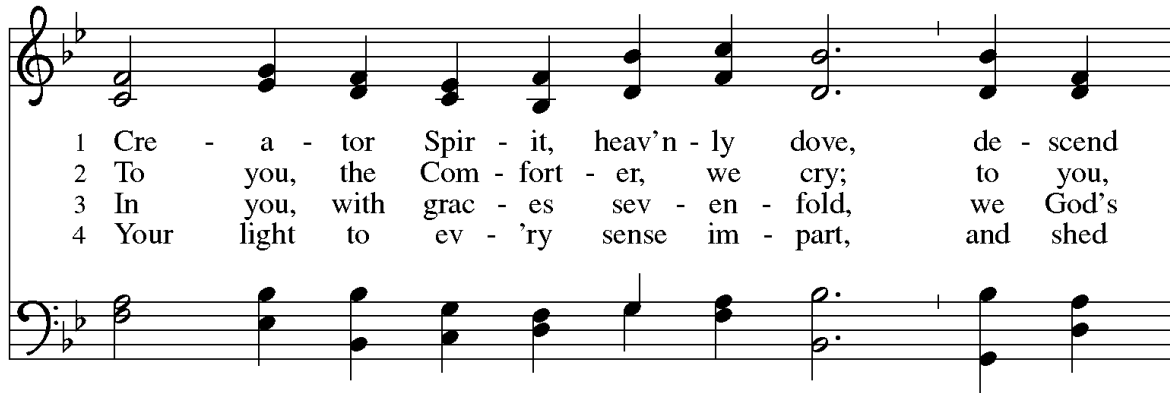
<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

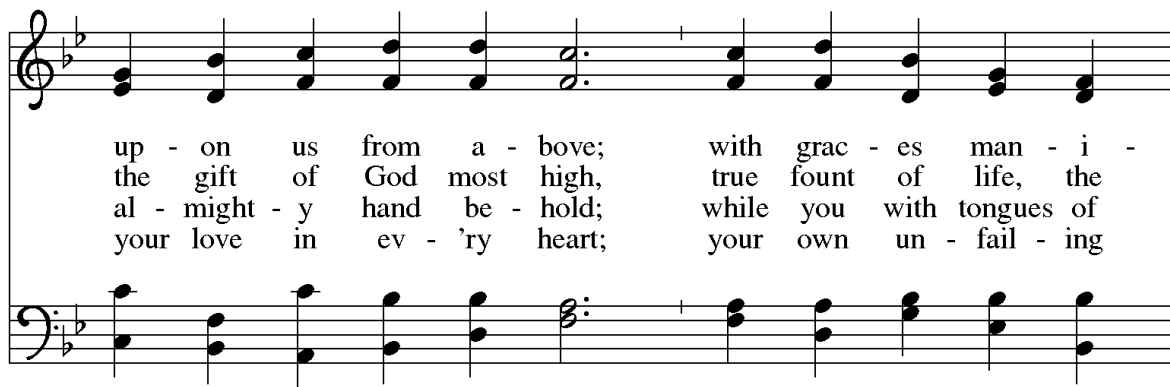
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

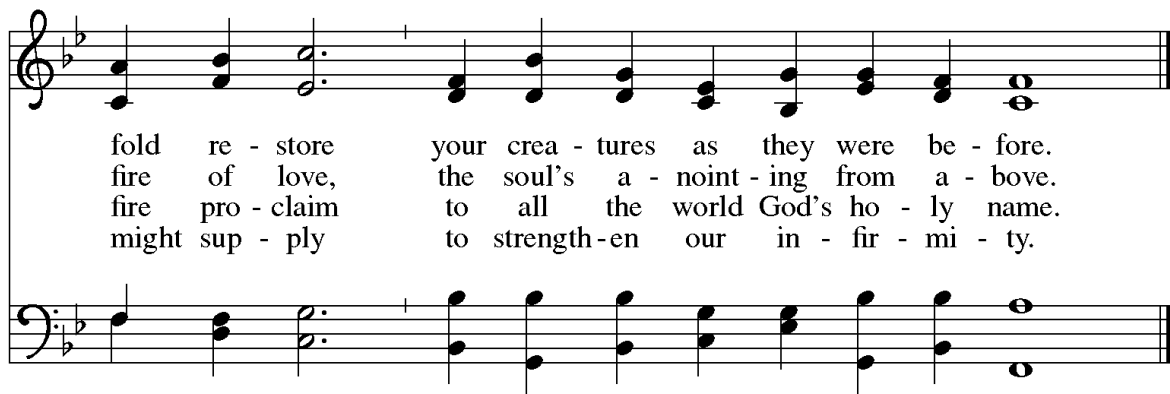
*Pastor Stephen Springer*



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend  
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,  
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -  
 the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the  
 al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of  
 your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.  
 fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.  
 might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,  
 and peace from your own hand bestow;  
 upheld by you, our strength and guide,  
 no evil can our steps betide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
 and you, of both, to be but one;  
 that through the ages all along  
 your praise may be our endless song.



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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*After each petition: "Lord in your mercy," the assembly responds **"Hear our prayer."***

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **MEDITATION**

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Kevin Seal, pipe organ

*Improvisation on *Veni Creator Spiritus**

## **BLESSING**

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

## EPILOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

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Prelude, Adagio, and Chorale Variations on *Veni Creator Spiritus*,  
Theme and Variation #4, Op. 4  
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Maurice Duruflé was among the many composers inspired by *Veni Creator*, dedicating one of his masterpieces to the tune, his Op. 4 Prelude, Adagio and Chorale Variations. This Sunday, we will hear the theme and the fourth variation from the third part of his composition. Duruflé sets the theme with noble simplicity and elegance, in a 5 part hymn-like accompaniment. Then, for the final variation, he interweaves the theme into a brilliant French toccata, featuring the chorale in canon between the manuals and pedals, accompanied by virtuosic triplet figures, building to a rousing conclusion.

## DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**