



## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

### The Feast of Pentecost

May 19, 2024 • 10:00 am

### ***All are welcome at St. Stephen's.***

The people of St. Stephen's seek to love as God loves. We encourage and embrace all people wherever they are on their spiritual journey, empowering and celebrating each person's gifts. In short, you are welcome here, and we invite you to participate in our worship in whatever way helps you connect to the Sacred. We believe you have a place in helping us build Christ's beloved community to serve as a healing presence for all.

-the People of St. Stephen's

## THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Congregational responses are in bold print. Music is found in the hymnal, or as indicated.*

### PRELUDE

*Prière à Notre-Dame*

Léon Boëllmann

### WELCOME

*(please stand)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*  
*(please see this bulletin page 12 for hymn)*

EBENEZER

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**BCP P.355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### GLORIA

**HYMNAL 1982 #S-280**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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.' "

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

### **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
**in wisdom you have made them all;**  
**the earth is full of your creatures.**  
Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
**creatures both small and great.**  
There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
**which you have made for the sport of it.**  
All of them look to you \*  
**to give them their food in due season.**  
You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
**you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**  
You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
**you take away their breath,**  
**and they die and return to their dust.**  
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
**and so you renew the face of the earth.**  
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
**may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**  
He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
**he touches the mountains and they smoke.**  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**  
May these words of mine please him; \*  
**I will rejoice in the Lord.**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
**Hallelujah!**

### **SECOND LESSON**

### **Romans 8:22-27**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

*(please stand)*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

**HYMNAL 1982 #513**

**THE GOSPEL**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

*The gospel will be read in a variety of languages in remembrance of the first Pentecost.*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*(please be seated)*

**THE SERMON**

Rev. Kate Bradsen

*(please stand)*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**BCP p.358**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(please remain standing or kneel)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE : Form II, Book of Common Prayer, page 385**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Kym; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially \_\_\_\_\_whom we remember today].

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant will offer a concluding prayer.*

*(please be seated)*

## **BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

*Prayer for a Birthday*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *N.N.* as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Prayer for an Anniversary*

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and the Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St Stephen's. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

*The new members of the community are presented.*

*Presenter:*

We present

Priscilla Astling

Drew Bradley

Dalton Fox

Kris and Scott Jenkins

Patrice Lentz and Tony Wilson

Rafael Roman

John and Laurie Williams

to be welcomed as members of this community.

*Presider:* Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Stephen's?

*New Members:* I do.

*Presider:* Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

*New Members:* I will, with God's help.

*Presider:* Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People:* **We will.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought Priscilla, Drew, Dalton, Patrice, Tony, Rafael. Kris and Scott, John and Laurie to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*(please greet those around you and be seated)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*On Wings of Song and Prayer*  
The Canterbury Choir

Mary McDonald

*We appreciate your generous support of our ministry and mission. No matter how much you have to offer, we hope you will take this time to offer your gratitude to God. To offer by text, text to 73256. then STSTEVE in the body with your donation.*

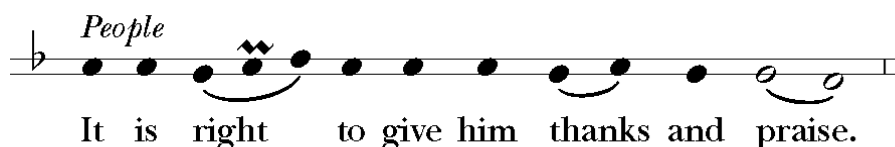
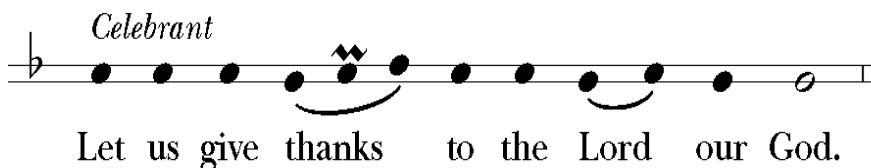
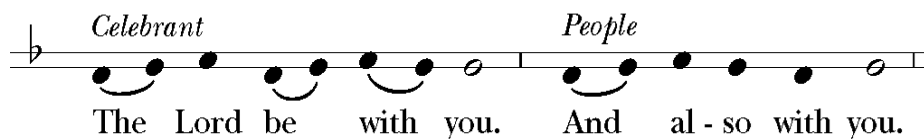
*(After the collection, the gifts are brought forward and all stand and sing:)*

#### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Now Thank We All Our God (verse 1)* **HYMNAL 1982 #397**

**Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer D**

**BCP page 372**



It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever...

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## **SANCTUS**

**HYMNAL 1982 #S-130**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love...

Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people...

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St Stephen and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.  
**AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
Now and for ever. Amen.**



## FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL 1982 #S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus  
**In the breaking of the bread**  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive Communion. As the ushers direct, you may come forward to receive, standing or kneeling at the Altar Rail, or let the usher know you wish to receive Communion in your pew. If you need a gluten free wafer, fold your hands down or let the priest know. You may drink from the common cup or intinct (dip) your wafer. If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms to receive a blessing.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*  
*(please see this bulletin page 13 for hymn)*

James K. Manley

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
*(please see this bulletin pages 14 and 15 for hymn)*

Doris Akers

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant dismisses the people.*  
**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

Léon Boëllmann

***Please join us outside immediately following worship for a congregational photo!***

## **THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED LEAD TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Ushers	Brenda Smith, Tom Smith
Acolytes	Kip Rogers, Betty Rich, Jim Burton
Readers	Barbara Biedenstein, George Biedenstein, Jan Dunn
Altar Guild	Ruth LaFrance, Ariel Strickland, Carol Weihing
Tech Team	Megan Bradley, Drew Bradley
Money Counting	Barbara Biedenstein, Cindy Stoeber
Vestry	Cindy Stoeber

## **FLOWERS FOR PENTECOST**

Altar flowers given by Jennifer Hudson and her children in grateful thanksgiving of their Mamo's (Molly Link) 90th birthday!

**THE SUNDAY MORNING NEWS**  
**MAY 19, 2024**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

**Emerging Worship**

**Sunday, May 19th at 4:00pm**

Join us for an informal worship service featuring Spanish music and guitar, interactive prayer stations, discussion, and communion. Help us continue to discern what worship might best serve our wider community.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**Church Grounds Spring Work Day**

**May 25th, 8:00am-10:00am**

Join us for grounds work. We especially need help with weeding and spreading mulch. There will also be inside tasks available. Bagels or donuts (or both) provided. Please bring equipment to help clear weeds, (weed wackers, hedge clippers, etc.), if you have it.

**Serve at St. Clare's Ministry**

**Tuesday, June 4th**

Located at St. Peter's and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, downtown Denver. Join a group from St. Stephen's as we visit this ministry which serves weekly meals to those who are unhoused or experiencing poverty. Volunteers help serve food, and staff the clothing closet where people can get toiletries and other basic necessities. We carpool from the church at 3pm and are usually back by 7pm. If you have questions please reach out to Jan Dunn.

**CONCERT AND FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, June 30th at 4:00pm (Organ Concert and Choir Fundraiser)**

**"Stars and Pipes Forever"**

Our new Director of Music and Administration, (and concert organist), will perform an organ concert featuring many of our most beloved patriotic songs and tunes. The Canterbury Choir will also be a part of singing in the concert, and in addition, the audience will also have the opportunity to sing along in some of our nation's most treasured patriotic music. After the concert we'll enjoy a reception with good old-fashioned hot dogs and goodies. This concert is open to the public so bring your friends and family. A free-will offering will be taken, as a fundraiser to the Canterbury Choir and the music program.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Summer Children's Chapel**

After May 19th, there will be no Sunday School. Instead, we will have a child-led worship during the first part of church in the library. We are looking for some adult volunteers to be present during this time. If you can help, please sign up by the bulletin boards or reach out to Reverend Kate.

**Summer Camp Final Preparations/Donations**  
**Sunday, June 2nd following worship**

Please join for our final preparations for summer camp. Whether you are volunteering during the week or just want to help us prepare materials, we can use your help! Please consider bringing a donation of some snacks or art materials for our campers. You can find a sign up sheet near the bulletin board. You can also make a donation in support of camp by noting summer camp I the memo.

## Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us;  
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias  
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us;

3  
 come with Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a  
 for the grace of yes - ter - years; for to - morrow's  
 give us words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

6  
 strong - er vi - sion; help us face each  
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our  
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your

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## Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

8  
 cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,  
 hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney  
 ho - ly name. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,

11  
 Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is  
 you have led us all the way; still in pres - ence  
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

14  
 called to mission that God's love shall be made known.  
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

## 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

## Spirit

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. *Fine*

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



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the



val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
 law and a land. When they were con - found -  
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -  
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
 y, you called once a - gain when you  
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers and  
 spoke through your proph - ets to  
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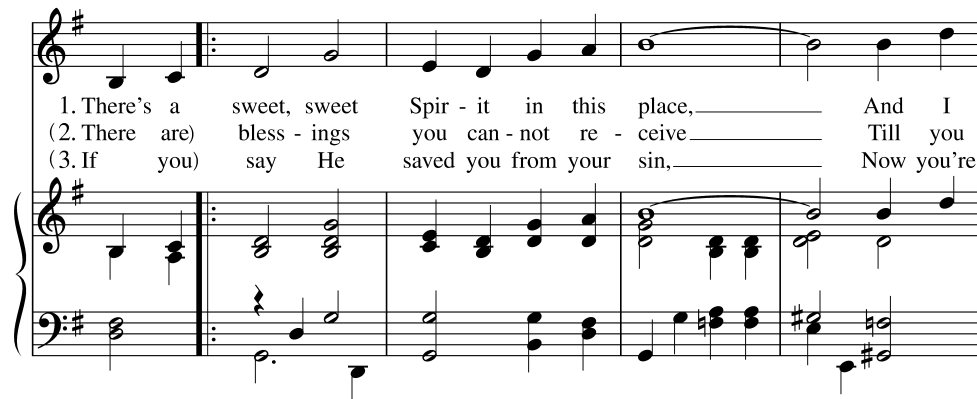


rise on your wings."  
 o - pen their eyes.  
 rush of the wind.  
 peo - ple a - rise.

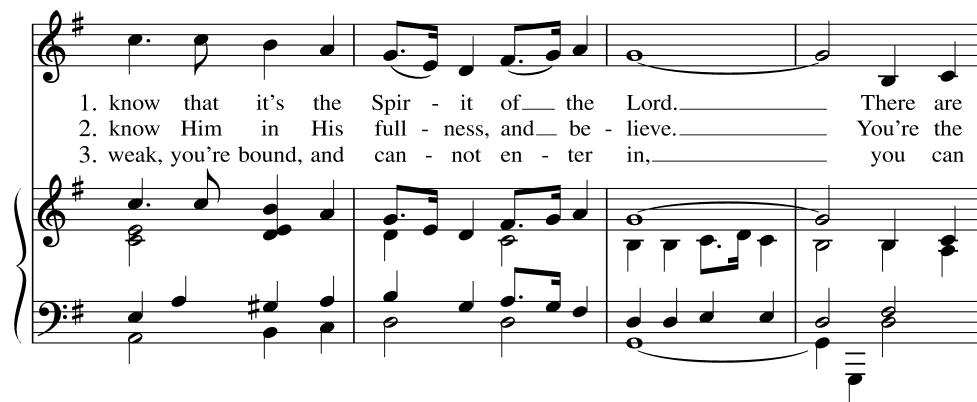
*to Refrain*

# Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #120



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
2. (There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ Till you  
3. (If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
2. know Him in His full - ness, and \_\_\_\_\_ be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can



1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
2. one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
3. make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ You'll en -



1. know they feel the pres - ence of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. going to walk with Je - sus all \_\_\_\_\_ the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that \_\_\_\_\_ we feel. \_\_\_\_\_

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, — fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings — we lift our hearts in

praise; With - out a doubt we'll know — that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 1. - 2. There are  
3. If you place.

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The Reverend Dr. Douglas Dunn, Affiliated Clergy

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