

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

VOTUM

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.

*Amen.*

GATHERING SONGS

‘I Believe The Promise’

(Hillsong)

**Verse:**

I believe the promise  
About the visions and the dreams  
That the Holy Spirit will be poured out  
And His power will be seen  
Well the time is now and the place is here  
And His people have come in faith  
There's a mighty sound and a touch of fire  
When we're gathered in one place

**Chorus:**

I believe that the presence of God is here  
There's not one thing that can't be changed  
When the Spirit of God is near  
I believe that the presence of God is here  
Where two or three are gathered  
When people rise in faith  
I believe God answers  
And His presence is in this place

**Bridge:**

Nothing on earth or heaven  
Can stop the power of God  
Into our hands is given  
The call to take it on  
No ocean can contain it  
No star can rise above  
Into our hearts is given  
The power of His love

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, can you hear the wind?

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Look, can you see the dancing flames?

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Can you hear the message in a language you can understand?

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Do you see the visions? Can you dream the dreams?

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Let Pentecost become real in our lives this morning! Let us be transformed!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

*Lord of patience and persistence, our world is broken and shattered in so many ways. All*

*around us we see examples of fear, distrust, and uncaring. We find ways to separate rather than unite; to divide rather than come together in hope. Forgive us for our sins. These sins cause such deep hurt. Remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day You came to them, as they gathered in fear, and You empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve You well, bringing peace and hope to our world. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #262

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

**Verse 1:**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Verse 2:**

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

**Verse 3:**

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

**Verse 4:**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalm 104:24-34**

<sup>24</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. <sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. <sup>26</sup> There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you to give them their food in due season; <sup>28</sup> when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. <sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— <sup>32</sup> who

looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. <sup>33</sup>  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have  
being. <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

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

<sup>2</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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."

This is the Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

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## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen***

HYMN

'Indescribable'

(Chris Tomlin)

### **Versel:**

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea

Creations revealing Your majesty

From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring

Every creature unique in the song that it sings; All exclaiming

**Chorus:**

Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.  
You are amazing God  
All powerful, untameable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God

**Verse 2:**

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night; None can fathom

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE