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Auditoire de Calvin

Day of Pentecost, May 24 2026

Prelude *Come, O Creator, Spirit blest!*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Introit *Diverse in culture, nation, race*

Ruth C Duck (1947–2024)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord

Praise him by day and by night

Praise the Lord

Praise him all creatures of land and sea

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord all God's people!

CH4 124: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of Creation*

Prayer of approach and Confession

Collect

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.

All Age Address/Theme

CH4 584 *Like fireworks in the night,*

the Holy Spirit came

Psalm 104:24–34 (NIV)

How many are your works, LORD!

In wisdom you made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number—
living things both large and small.**

There the ships go to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic
there.

All creatures look to you

to give them their food at the proper time.

When you give it to them,
they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.

**When you hide your face,
they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.**

When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—**
he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

**I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the LORD.

GWA 160 *Praise for the depths of space*

1. Praise for the depths of space,
its endless scope and scale:
in such a vast embrace
our words and numbers fail.

For what are we, that mortal mind
should seek and find infinity?

2. Praise for the rules that show
the patterning of time,
creation's ebb and flow
expressed in reason's rhyme.

Can these great laws contain our awe,
a formula for wonder's cause?

3. Praise for the complex codes
each spiral strand conveys,
as chemistry explodes
to life in myriad ways.

Can we compare what's ours alone
if we are known through all we share?

4. Praise for the drive to know;
from human nature springs
a need to learn and grow,
to understand all things.

Yet wisdom's prize is never won:
from all that's done new questions rise.

5. Praise to the One whose Word
breathed purpose into chance,
for whom all matter stirred
to join creation's dance.

For love made known in everything
in praise we sing to you alone.

*Ally Barrett (b.1975, England). Tune CH4 449
(Darwall's 148th)*

The coming of the Holy Spirit (GNT)

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, “These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!” Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, “What does this mean?” But others made fun of the believers, saying, “These people are drunk!”

Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning. Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about:

‘This is what I will do in the last days, God says:

I will pour out my Spirit on everyone.

Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message;

your young men will see visions,

and your old men will have dreams.

Yes, even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will proclaim my message.

I will perform miracles in the sky above
and wonders on the earth below.
There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke;
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will turn red as blood,
before the great and glorious Day of the Lord
comes.
And then, whoever calls out to the Lord for
help will be saved.’

The promise of the Holy Spirit (GNT)

John 14:15–17, 25–27

“If you love me, you will obey my
commandments. I will ask the Father, and he
will give you another Helper, who will stay with
you forever. He is the Spirit, who reveals the
truth about God. The world cannot receive
him, because it cannot see him or know him.
But you know him, because he remains with
you and is in you...

“I have told you this while I am still with you.
The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father
will send in my name, will teach you everything
and make you remember all that I have told
you.

“Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own
peace that I give you. I do not give it as the
world does. Do not be worried and upset; do
not be afraid.”

CH4 592 *Like the murmur of the dove’s song*

Sermon

Choir *Hail thee, Festival Day!* (CH4 581)

Offering music *Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God*
Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663–1712)

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of thanksgiving and Intercession

CH4 594 *Come, Holy Spirit Come!*

Benediction and threefold amen

Postlude *Fantasia on Come, Holy Ghost,*
come, Lord our own God. JS Bach

Worship leader Gillean MacLean
Welcoming elder Jane McKenzie
Usher Georgina Cofie
Readers Nan Braunschweiger, Jean Murray
Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Choir Páraic Réamonn
Coffee Sandy Cunningham, Joan Reilly

May 26 19h30 Joint kirk session, Zoom
May 31 Service at **16h**, with a book sale
before and afterwards

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday June 7, after morning worship

June 30 19h30 Kirk session on Zoom

Please join us in the Salle Théodore de Bèze for refreshments after the service!

If you are visiting us, please sign the visitors' book at the back of the church. If you leave us your contact details, we'll put you on the emailing list for our congregational newsletter.

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