

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

I do not give to you as the world gives.

John 14:27

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Prelude *All Earth Is Hopeful* Taule/Petersen

Tolling of the Bell

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

All: Goodness is stronger than evil.

Love is stronger than hate.

Truth is stronger than lies.

Passing of the Peace

John 14:23-29

Blessing

Message for All Ages

Sermon

Sr. Choir Anthem *Order My Steps* Burleigh

Prayers of the People & Commissioning

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Kum Ba Yah (Come by Here)* African American

Doxology Pilgrim, 514

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Closing Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Benediction

Postlude

He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Thee

Bach

Annual Meeting

Following the Benediction, worshippers are encouraged to enjoy the entire Postlude.

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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Unison, brightly
Refrain*

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes guitar chords: D, G, A, Dsus4, Bm, E7, Asus7, and A7. The final system includes a four-part setting of the hymn text.

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.

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

**Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.*

D A7 D Bm

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

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.
 James K. Manley, 1978
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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*George Croly, 1854; alt.**Gal. 5:25; Matt. 22:37; John 1:32*

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid us love you ev - ery way?
 4 Teach me to feel that you are al - ways nigh;
 5 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
 No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see your cross— there teach my heart to stay:
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek you, and O let me find.
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

George Croly, ordained in the Church of Ireland, was well known in London literary circles and served a poor parish. This hymn is from a collection he compiled for that congregation. Hellspon was the original name for the tune Morecambe.

Tune: MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10.
 Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

Messenger Reminders for May 22, 2022

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ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Sale items may be left in the Parish Hall foyer beginning TODAY, Sunday, May 22.

The Social Action Committee is collecting gently-used clothing for its annual Rummage Sale. Women's, men's, and children's clothing accepted, in all sizes. If possible, please bundle women's, men's, and children's items in separately labeled bags to help make sorting easier. Rummage Sale dates are: Friday, May 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturday May 28, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you're interested in helping on sale day, please contact the Social Action Committee.

ANNUAL PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Plants may be left in the Courtyard, beginning Wednesday, May 25.

The Annual Plymouth Church Perennial Plant Sale (Saturday, May 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.), is fast approaching. Anyone with extra pots to donate (6" or greater), please leave them next to the shed at your earliest convenience. We need many hands...to help with set-up on Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and to staff the sale, in shifts from 9-11:30 a.m., or from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Volunteers should contact:

Ellen Rivoir : evrivoir@gmail.com; 508.877.8482

Leona Dalton: 508.481.5770

ORDER CHANCEL FLOWERS ONLINE

The month of May has been a very popular month for ordering Chancel Flowers. Order your memorial flowers online today! Visit our website and click on the Church Family tab. You'll find Order Chancel Flowers in the drop-down menu.

WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED

Sunday mornings depend on you! And not just you worshipping in the pews or online! Worship is a collective project and everyone has a part to play! We are always looking for volunteers who can help out. As meaningful as our liturgy can be, it is the people who make the church a spiritual home for long-time members and first time guests. Please sign up using the link in your *Wednesday Email*.

IN SEARCH OF MISSING LAWN SIGNS

We are on the lookout for some missing lawn signs, from 2019. (See image below.) Five signs are missing from the Resource Room. Does anyone have a sign in their garage or shed? If so, please contact Mattie, at 774.217.3467.



AN UNCOMMON GRIEF: A SUPPORT GROUP

This group is a short-term offering for those who have suffered the death of someone close. This informal gathering will offer conversation and resources for processing grief. Space is limited, and RSVPs are requested. We will meet all four Wednesdays in May, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor.