

*The day before any great feast, including the Apostles days, is called the “eve” of the feast because a preparatory vigil service is observed on that day.*

**The Feast of Weeks he calls Pentecost.** It is counted by weeks from the day of the Passover, of which there are seven, as he says: “you shall count seven weeks.” In Exodus he describes this feast with the following explanation (Ex. 23:16): “The feast when you shall have harvested the first fruits which were sown in the field.” ...

**Such outward festivals and rites for the worship of God are established on account of the crude people, to keep them so busy that they will not invent festivals by their own efforts.** Human nature tends unceasingly to set up ceremonies and institute forms for worshiping God. Therefore it is necessary that it be curbed and kept in the Word of God, through which we are sure that what we do is divinely instituted and pleases God. The festivals have this purpose too, that the people come together at least twice or three times a year, hear and learn the Law of God, and be kept in the unity of faith and life.

There are, however, three things which he wanted to be remembered at these three festivals. **In the Festival of the Passover** they should recall the Exodus from Egypt. This was the first of all the festivals and the chief one at the beginning of the year, because of the first and highest miracle shown them, namely, their liberation from Egypt. **At the Pentecost Festival** they should remember the receiving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, since, of course, the Law was given in the third month after the Exodus, almost fifty days after the Passover. **At the Feast of Tabernacles** they were to

remember all the physical benefits shown in all those forty years in the desert. So you see that the festivals are established, not for the sake of luxury, leisure, or pleasure but for the sake of our salvation and the glory of God, that the Word of God may be heard and His blessings remembered, that we may be instructed, nourished, and preserved in faith and love.

All these festivals—and whatever others there may have been—we celebrate by an allegory of the Spirit in one festival. For we observe the Passover every day, when we eat and sacrifice Christ, the Lamb of God; that is, as Paul explains in 1 Cor. 10, <sup>5</sup> we proclaim and believe that He was offered up for us. **So daily we have Pentecost, when we receive the new Law, the Spirit, into our hearts (Jer. 31:33) through the ministry of the Word.** Daily we celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, when we teach and experience that we are strangers in this world and sojourn in the tabernacles of our bodies, which last but a short time. For we know that our *πολίτευμα*, that is, our citizenship or living and dwelling, is in heaven (Phil. 3:20), where meantime we are and live by faith; and here we die daily, until our tabernacle will be put away, etc. (2 Cor. 5:1 ff.). Thus we rejoice before the Lord at these festivals with the leaven of sincerity and truth (1 Cor. 5:8), that is, in the food of the pure Gospel and in the life of the Spirit, without traditions and human faults; and we offer up our first fruits of praise and thanksgiving (Heb. 13:15).

(Luther’s Works, V. 9, p. 155-156).

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## “COME, HOLY SPIRIT LORD AND GOD”

[“*Vent sancte spiritus*”]

1524

In all of his hymns for Pentecost Luther made use of older materials. “Come, God Creator Holy Ghost” is the German version of a Latin hymn; “Now Let Us Pray to the Holy Ghost” is the extended form of a medieval German *Leise*; and “Come, Holy Spirit Lord and God” incorporates an older German antiphon. The first stanza was well known before the Reformation and has been preserved in several sources. Luther was extremely fond of it and remarked in his table talks, “The hymn ‘Come, Holy Spirit Lord and God’ was composed by the Holy Ghost himself, both words and music.”<sup>1</sup> The German antiphon was based on a Latin antiphon *in vigilia pentacostes* “*Veni sancte spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium,*” which had been sung in Germany as early as the eleventh century and which was also prized by the Reformer.

For his own hymn he left the original medieval verse practically intact, but added two stanzas. If Luckes assumptions are correct, the hymn was written about the same time as “Now Let Us Pray to the Holy Ghost,” i.e., in May, 1524.<sup>2</sup> In that year the hymn appeared both in the Erfurt enchiridia and—as Number 2—in Walter’s collection.

The melody offered in all the early sources is a simplified version of the rather melismatic plain-chant melody of the German sequence (the Latin antiphon has its own tune which was never used for the German versification). It almost has the form of a sequence; for since the melody of the first three lines is practically the same as the melody of the second three, each stanza becomes as it were a double versicle with appended Alleluia. In some of the later hymnals, such as Jobst Gutknecht’s Nürnberg hymnal of 1531 and Klug 1533, the original, more melismatic form again made its appearance. But ultimately the version of 1524, which we present here in the form of the Erfurt enchiridia, was generally accepted as the proper tune for this chorale.

The text, “*Kom heyliger geyst herre Gott,*” is given in WA 35, 448–449; the melody is given in WA 35, 510–512. The translation is a revision of that by MacDonald, *Exotics*, pp. 57–58.

2 Thou holy light, thou sure resort, Let lighten us of life the Word,  
Teach us to know our God aright And call him Father with delight.  
O Lord, protect us from strange lore, That we may seek no masters more,  
But Jesus with true faith solely, And him with all our might trust wholly.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

3 Thou holy fire, thou comfort sweet, Now help us, glad with cheer complete,  
That in thy service nought shake us, From thee let trouble ne’er take us.  
Lord, by thy power us prepare, And make the weak flesh strong to bear,  
That as good warriors we may force Through life and death to thee our course.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Pentecost Vigil

ERFURT 1524



1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - - it Lord and God,  
Fill full with thine own gra - cious good The faith - ful ones'  
heart, mind, de - sire; In them light of thy love the fire.  
O Lord, through thy light's flash - es fast, In - to the  
faith thou gath - ered hast The folk from ev - 'ry  
land and tongue. This to thy praise, O our God,  
be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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**Fourth Prophecy:** Isaiah 4:1-6

Tract from Isaiah 5

My Well-beloved has a /  
vineyard



On a very / fruitful hill.

He dug it up and cleared / out its stones,

And planted it with the / choicest vine.

He built a tower / in its midst,

And also made a wine- / press in it;

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of / Israel,

And the men of Judah are His / pleasant plant.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\*

And to the Holy / Spirit

As it was in the be / ginning,\*

Is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

+ Collect

P: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in thine only-begotten Son has revealed thyself to be the husbandman of thy Church, who dost mercifully purge every branch that brings forth fruit in the true vine, even the same Christ thy Son, to the intent that it may bring forth more fruit: we pray thee that the thorns and briars of sin may not prevail against thy faithful people, whom by the waters of baptism thou hast brought like a vine out of Egypt; that being confirmed by the sanctifying power of thy Holy Spirit, they may ever more bring forth fruit in abundance. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. R. AMEN.

## Service Insert for Vigil of Pentecost



**First Prophecy:** Genesis 2:1-19

+ Collect

P. Let us pray:

O God, who in the works of Abraham your servant has sanctified a righteousness by faith for all mankind: grant us so to conquer the perversity of our desires, that we may in all things trust in the righteousness of thy Gospel mandates. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R. AMEN.

**Second Prophecy:** Isaiah 54:5-17

Tract from Isaiah 55:1-13

1“Ho! Everyone who thirsts,



Come to the / waters;

And you who have no money, Come, / buy and eat.

Yes, come, buy / wine and milk

Without money and / without price.

2Why do you spend money for what / is not bread,

And your wages for what does not / satisfy?

Listen carefully to Me, and eat / what is good,

And let your soul delight itself in a- / bundance.

3Incline your ear, and / come to Me.

Hear, and your / soul shall live;

And I will make an everlasting cove- / nant with you—

The sure mercies of / David.

4Indeed I have given him as a witness to the / people,

A leader and commander for the / people.

5Surely you shall call a nation you / do not know,

And nations who do not know you shall / run to you,

Because of the Lord your God, And the Holy One of / Israel;

For He has glo- / rified you.”

6Seek the Lord while He / may be found,

Call upon Him while / He is near.

7 Let the wicked for/ sake his way,  
 And the unrighteous / man his thoughts;  
 Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mer/ cy on him;  
 And to our God, For He will abundantly / pardon.

8 "For My thoughts are / not your thoughts,  
 Nor are your ways My ways," / says the Lord.

9 "For as the heavens are higher / than the earth,  
 So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts /  
 than your thoughts.

10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from / heaven,  
 And do not return there, But wa - / ter the earth,  
 And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the /  
 sower  
 And bread to the / eater,

11 So shall My word be that goes forth / from My mouth;  
 It shall not return / to Me void,  
 But it shall accomplish / what I please,  
 And it shall prosper in the thing for which I / sent it.

12 "For you shall go / out with joy,  
 And be led / out with peace;  
 The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing be- / fore  
 you,  
 And all the trees of the field shall / clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the / cypress tree,  
 And instead of the brier shall come up the / myrtle tree;  
 And it shall be to the Lord / for a name,  
 For an everlasting sign that shall not / be cut off."

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\*  
 And to the Holy / Spirit  
 As it was in the be / ginning,\*  
 Is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

+ Collect

P. Let us pray:  
 O Lord, God of hosts, who dost restore what is fallen and  
 preservest what Thou hast restored, increase the number of those to  
 be renewed in Thy holy name; that all who are washed in holy  
 baptism may ever be guided by Thy holy inspiration; through our

Lord Jesus Christ in the unity of the same Holy Spirit is one God,  
 world without end. (*For Baruch reading*)  
 R. AMEN.

**Third Prophecy:** Deuteronomy 31:22-30

Tract from Deuteronomy 32:1-4



Give ear, O heavens, and /  
 I will speak;  
 And hear, O earth, the words / of my mouth.  
 Let my teaching drop / as the rain,  
 My speech distill / as the dew,  
 As raindrops on the / tender herb,  
 And as showers / on the grass.  
 For I proclaim the name / of the Lord:  
 Ascribe greatness / to our God.  
 He is the Rock, His work is / perfect;  
 For all His ways are / justice,  
 A God of truth and without in- / justice;  
 Righteous and up- / right is He.  
 Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\*  
 And to the Holy / Spirit  
 As it was in the be / ginning,\*  
 Is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

+ Collect

P. Let us pray:  
 O God, who art the glory of the faithful and the life of the  
 righteous; who likewise by Moses thy servant has taught us to sing  
 songs of praise unto thee: accomplish in all nations the work of thy  
 mercy, granting them felicity, and delivering them from all terror:  
 that those things which were uttered for a warning of thy  
 vengeance may be made profitable for our healing unto life  
 everlasting. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
 with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
 R. AMEN.