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OPENING HYMN *Come Down, O Love Divine*, verses 1, 2 Hymnal #516

OFFERTORY MUSIC *One Bread, One Body* John Foley

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. One Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. One Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. One Lord.

CLOSING HYMN *Holy Spirit, Ever Living* Hymnal #511

THE 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.**

THE FIRST READING: *ACTS 2:1-21* - ¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

PSALM: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

²⁵**O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**
²⁶**Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.**
²⁷**There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.**
²⁸**All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.**
²⁹**You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**
³⁰**You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**
³¹**You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.**
³²**May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**
³³**He looks at the earth and it trembles; * he touches the mountains and they smoke.**
³⁴**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.**
³⁵**May these words of mine please him; * will rejoice in the LORD.**
³⁷**Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hallelujah!**

Holy Gospel – John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ²⁶“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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”