



PSALM 23



A PSALM  OF DAVID

REDEMPTION PEORIA | LITURGY FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 31, 2020 | The Tenth Sunday of [Easter](#) and Pentecost Sunday!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Traditionally celebrated 50 days after Easter, Pentecost Sunday celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples, which was marked by a strong wind, tongues of fire, and manifested in the disciples' speaking in foreign languages. Ten days after Christ's ascension and fifty days after his resurrection, the disciples were together for a Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem (Lev. 23:15-21; Deut. 16:16).

Pentecost symbolized a new beginning, with the unleashing of the Holy Spirit. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses gratitude for Christ fulfilling his promise to send "another counselor" (John 14:16); celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes confidence in the Spirit's power for its mission; and grows in awareness of its calling to reach the world with the good news of the gospel. It's a call for believers to be in unity, too.

And, Pentecost has more to do with equipping the church than with creating it. Acts is abundantly clear about that (Acts 1:8). Filled with the Holy Spirit, disciples who had been timid and fearful now "spoke the word of God with boldness" and gave their testimony to the resurrection of Jesus with "great power." In our time afforded here on earth – in this very serious cultural moment – may that be true of us.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORSHIP

Thank you for participating this morning. Though we are separated physically, we remain united in Christ, and we can experience that spiritual unity through our participation in unified liturgy, prayer, Scripture reading, and singing.

- **Select a leader(s)** who will read the "Leader" parts. Everyone else in the gathering should read the "All" parts.
- **We've changed the format** of our videos beginning this week, as we prepare to better equip you for more gatherings as Redemption Communities during Phase 2 lifting some restrictions. The songs and sermon will now be available via one link.

PRAYER & SUPPORT

Our 30-Day Prayer Guide is available at redemptionaz.com/prayer

Pray with our church: We are earnestly seeking the Lord with our next steps as a church, being intentional to slow down, watch, and pray for what He would be speaking to us. Please join us in that posture.

Pray for our church: We are also seeking the Lord for wisdom in terms of how and when we might re-gather as a congregation. [Redemption has laid out a plan](#), but each congregation will execute it in a way that works for their context.

If you need anything, please reach out to us. We desire to care for any physical, emotional, spiritual, or economic needs of our church family that may have arisen from COVID-19. Go to redaz.in/peo_covid19. Would you like to be a part of helping those in need? Use the same link and let us know.

A LAMENT FOR THIS WEEK

ALL: Lord, this morning as we gather together – though apart –
We praise You that You see us, know us, and love us.
We also gather today with heavy hearts, lamenting the evil at work in our world.
We lament the continued racism and violence against the black community.
We lament the loss of Your image-bearers filled with Your magnificent pigmentation.
When we are apathetic to violence, forgive us.
When we are numb to compassion, rend our hearts.
When we are confused and bewildered, comfort us.
Please be with us, Jesus.
Grant us the humility and the courage to be Your hands and feet to our neighbors,
pursuing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with You.
Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

WORSHIP & THE WORD

[CLICK HERE](#) for this Sunday's service.

FAMILY RESOURCES

[CLICK HERE](#) for a greeting from Summer

[CLICK HERE](#) for this week's Parent Pack

[CLICK HERE](#) for this week's coloring page

GIVING

We are still able to give online, friends. If you prefer to write a check you can still mail it to our central church address, but at this time online giving would be preferred. Your generosity is needed now more than ever with the many opportunities to serve our neighbors during this time. Please [CLICK THIS LINK](#) below to give online.

If you would like to mail a check, please make checks out to "Redemption Church" with "Redemption Peoria" written clearly in the memo line. Then mail checks to:

REDEMPTION CHURCH: 1820 WEST ELLIOT RD. GILBERT, AZ 85233

BENEDICTION

A blessing for the road.

LEADER: May the love of God the Father, who sustains us by His power,
 And the peace of Christ, who was wounded for our sins,
 And the joy of the Holy Spirit, who transforms us from glory to glory,
 Be with you all, both now and always.

ALL: Peace be with you!
 And also with you!



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