

Pentecost Sunday Celebration

Celebration of the Power and Movement of the Holy Spirit!

May 23, 2021

PRELUDE

Les Baricades Mistérieuses — François Couperin

(from Second livre des pièces de clavecin)

Musicologists have various theories about the title “The Mysterious Barricades”; perhaps the most scientific theory is the use of musical suspensions—overlapping notes—that simultaneously advance and withhold the musical harmonies.

CALL TO RETURN TO OUR SOULS

Pastor: Here in the busy city

Quartet: Now let the church be seen

Pastor: Where lesser gods are worshipped

Quartet: In money and machine;

Pastor: Where news is but sensation,

Quartet: The Good News hardly heard.

Pastor: Now let the church take action

Quartet: In living out the word!

Pastor: Here in the busy city

Quartet: God walks on every street

Pastor: In generous or greedy,

Quartet: The honest or the cheat,

Pastor: And daily we must offer

Quartet: The good that goes unpriced

Pastor: With vigor and with vision

Quartet: The lifestyle of the Christ.

–Shirley Erena Murray, New Zealand

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CALL TO CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT

Pastor: There is something basically wrong with our world,

Quartet: We don't have to look too far to see that.

Pastor: Look in the hearts and souls of human beings.

Quartet: The great danger facing us today is not the atomic bomb, dangerous as it is.

Pastor: The real danger is that atomic bomb which lies in the hearts & souls of humans.

Quartet: Capable of exploding in the vilest of hate and the most damaging selfishness.

Pastor: That's the atomic bomb we must fear today.

Quartet: And that is the basis of our confession

Pastor: And our commitment

Quartet: To go beyond the mind that we now have. Amen.

—adapted from “Recovering Lost Values” by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

#288 Glory to God Spirit of the Living God

Bible readings: Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27 Josh

SUNG RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

#289 Glory to God On Pentecost They Gathered

Message : Living Inside the Pentecost Story Scott

#286 Glory to God Breathe on Me, Breath of God

WELCOME

Anthem

Descend, O Heavenly Dove-Mark Schweizer

