

Pentecost Service for 10.00am Sunday 31st May 2020

Gathering Song: 'Consuming Fire' by Tim Hughes



Welcome

to this Service for Pentecost, when we celebrate the pouring out of the power, the light and the love of the Holy Spirit by God on his people.

Introduction

Jesus is the resurrection and the life:
Those who believe in him shall never die.

Jesus said "Receive the Holy Spirit:
as the Father sent me, so I send you".

Preparation for Confession

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,
let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith,
and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

Pause for Reflection, leading into our Confession
for all the sins, the wrongdoings, which have separated us from God our Father.

Confession

**Lord God, our heavenly Father,
We earnestly repent and are deeply sorry for our wrongdoings;
the memory of them weighs us down,
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.
Have mercy on us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this time onwards
we may always serve and please you
in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Holy Spirit
and raise us to new hope and life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

God of Glory
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and have filled your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hymn: 'Lord the light of your love is shining' Shine Jesus, shine

NT Reading: Acts 2: 1 - 21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I

say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A Pentecost Dance

led by Sarah, Evelyn and Clarence Brett and filmed at their home by Rob Brett

We say together Psalm 104: 26 - 37

There the ships go to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

All creatures look to you

to give them their food at the proper time.

When you give it to them,

they gather it up;

when you open your hand,

they are satisfied with good things.

When you hide your face,

they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.
When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the LORD.
But may sinners vanish from the earth
and the wicked be no more.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

Praise the LORD.

NT Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13

The Apostle Paul wrote to the people of Corinth: “I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all

baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All: Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 10: 19 – 23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk for Pentecost by Revd Kyla Sorensen

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is,

seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Intercessions led by Charlie Houlder-Moat

The response to the words, Lord, bless Your world is:

And fill us with Your Spirit

Lord, bless Your world

And fill us with Your Spirit

Mighty God, as we are gathered together, not physically but spiritually, joined in hope and in faith, we ask you to minister to our needs. Send the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. We pray for The Church of Christ; as we have been reminded in today's reading that we are one body and we thank you for the diversity of the body and the many gifts that you give us

Lord, bless Your world **And fill us with Your Spirit**

Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, discrimination and the present Covid-19 Pandemic.

Lord, bless Your world **And fill us with Your Spirit**

Faithful God, we pray for our church community, that each of us, in these strange times, will be open to the opportunities to give of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the "One Body" of the church. We pray that each of us may develop more fully in our response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ,

Lord, bless Your world **And fill us with Your Spirit**

Father God we pray for your world and its peoples with all their needs, questions and longings. So often we struggle to understand the reasons behind things like the Corona Virus; and yet we know that in the midst of such events your love is shown in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion which we are seeing all around us especially by our health services and those in the wider community who continue to serve our needs.

We pray for all who suffer in such dreadful circumstances and for those who are tasked with providing the medical and community support.

Lord, bless Your world **And fill us with Your Spirit**

Loving God, we pray for all those who are sick; guide them and strengthen them through their illness. We pray also for those who care for the sick, those engaged in the caring professions and for family members who look after loved ones and especially for children who care for parents.

Lord, bless Your world **And fill us with Your Spirit**

Merciful God, we pray for all those who have died: give them a place at your banquet in heaven. May the Holy Spirit, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of your presence.

Lord, bless Your world **And fill us with Your Spirit**

Lord God we continue to lift up the five people we have been praying for this Thy Kingdom Come. We thank you for them and we pray that they come to know your love for themselves. In a moment of quiet we remember them before you know.

Silence

Lord, bless Your world **And fill us with Your Spirit**

Everlasting God, on this Day of Pentecost, we rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Spirit. Send him again into our hearts, into our lives, and into our world.

Holy Spirit, fill us up.

Give us strength, give us power.

Holy Spirit, fill us up.

Make us one, sisters and brothers.

Holy Spirit, fill us up.

Give us strength to share your truth.

Holy Spirit, fill us up.

Send us out, to live for you. **Amen.**

by Sam Hargreaves

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Merciful Father:

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn for Reflection, at close of Prayers: 'Breathe on me breath of God'

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
he has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
he has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia!

The Holy Communion

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord.

This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise

You pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.
therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed at supper with his friends
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit, that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

As we eat and drink these holy gifts
as we worship together
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The body of Christ given for us. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for us. **Amen.**

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of eternal life
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: 'O for a thousand tongues to sing'

Notices

Blessing

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives.

All: Amen

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin Mary when Jesus was born
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All: Amen

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,

bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

All: Amen

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Leaving song: 'Fisherman's Song?' performed by Aslan

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