

# The Day of Pentecost

Cycle A

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May 31, 2020

## *Readings*

**Numbers 11.16-18, 24-31a**

**Acts 2.1-21**

**Psalm 104.24-34, 35b**

**John 7.37-39**

## *Music for Pentecost Sunday:*

Hymns from *Common Praise* (1998):

<b>Opening</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>She Comes Sailing on the Wind</b>
<b>Reflective</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>Spirit of the Living God</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</b>
<b>Closing</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</b>

## *The Collect ~ the Prayer of the Day*

Holy God, pour out your Spirit to the ends of the earth,  
so that your children may return from exile  
as citizens of your commonwealth,  
and our divisions may be healed  
by your word of love and justice;  
for with the same Spirit, and the Word incarnate,  
you are one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

# ***Praying The Prayer Jesus Gave Us***

## ***~ A Cascadian Version of The Lord's Prayer ~***

This version of the prayer Jesus gave us, traditionally known as the Lord's Prayer, is similar in intention to the meditations and prayers found in the *Supplement to the Book of Alternative Services* (the grey booklet) of the Anglican Church of Canada, page 81.

To help those who may wish to cross barriers of language and culture to find a new expression for this prayer, this translation, *The Process*, operates on the principle of dynamic-equivalence, based on a search for an intersection point between an evolving world of diversity and a sympathetic reading of ancient Middle Eastern texts and context, Semitic thought forms, and the Greek text of early Christian documents, as found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 6, and the Gospel of Luke, chapter 11.

*The Process*, version 1.1, an evolving process of hearing and receiving Scripture, from the islands and inlets of the Salish Sea on the West Coast of Canada, in the region of Cascadia, Andrew Twiddy, May 2020.

**Our Beloved,**

**Your compassionate essence is unique,  
and we want it to pervade the whole universe.**

**Restore everything in the world,  
to be in harmony, on the outside, and on the inside.**

**Provide us with what we really need now,  
for today, and for each day.**

**Release us from the harm we have done,  
and help us, in our journey of recovery,  
to release those who have harmed us.**

**Keep us safe during our times of distress,  
and liberate us from oppression.**

**For your whole purpose, strength, and glory,  
is to restore everything and everyone.**

**We are depending on this. We are committed to this.**

**Numbers 11. 16-18, 24-31a**

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>16</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

<sup>17</sup>I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself.

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

<sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.

<sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

<sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. <sup>31</sup>And then a wind went out from the Lord, and it brought quails from the sea.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

All: Thanks be to God

# Psalm 104

*Benedic, anima mea*

verses 24-34, 35b

## A portion of Psalm 104

- 24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.
- 26 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 27 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 28 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 29 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

- 30 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 31 May your glory, O Lord, endure for ever; \*  
may you rejoice in all your works;
- 32 you look at the earth and it trembles; \*  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 34 May these words of mine please you; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 35b Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

### A reading from Acts

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

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

But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the gathering.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

**John 7.37-39**

**Pentecost – Year A ~ The gospel reading**

## **Drink Deep from the Living Water!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John ...

On the last day of the festival, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out,

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who trusts in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." '

Now he said this about the Spirit, which those who trusted in him were going to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The gospel of Christ ...