

Pentecost Sunday, Cycle B (Red)
The Day of Pentecost ~ Sunday May 23, 2021

Presider: the Rev. Andrew Twiddy

Lectionary Readings:

(ACTS 2:1-21 OR)	EZEKIEL 37:1-14	PSALM 104:25-35, 37B
(ROMANS 8:22-27 OR)	ACTS 2:1-21	JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4B-15

Music for the day:

Hymns from *Common Praise* (1998) or the local parish booklet *Open Wide the Church's Door*

Opening	CP 638	O Holy Spirit, By Whose Breath (<i>verses 1,3,5</i>)
Reflective	-	Spirit, Open My Heart (<i>all 3 verses</i>)
Psalm	Psalm 104	<i>(click here for Andrew's multimedia version of Psalm 104 in Hebrew & English)</i>
	-	Ruach ["Roo-akh"] - an invocation of God's Spirit
		<i>(Ruach is a gender-diverse Hebrew word, meaning "Spirit/spirit, wind, or breath")</i>
Gospel	Open Wide 12	Make Spaces for Spirit (<i>verses 1,2,4</i>)
Closing	CP 645	Come Down, O Love Divine (<i>verses 1,2,4</i>)

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The Collect – the Prayer of the Day:

**Spirit of truth,
 guide us into all truth;
 consume the lies that shroud the world in hate;
 pray in us, with sighs too deep for words, with hope for a new world;
 through Jesus, God's Anointed. Amen.**



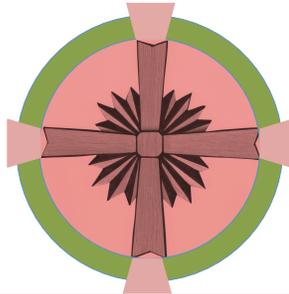
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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome

Acclamation:

In this time and place, many of us gather online from our homes on the ancestral territories of the Pentlatch-speaking peoples, the forebears of the Qualicum and Sna-Naw-As First Nations, and in the lands and the watersheds of the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuuchahnulth and Coast Salish peoples.

Good morning, and welcome!

Gilakas 'la, klecko-klecko, hay'ceep qa.

From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

We gather in the name of the living God.

We meet in the presence of Jesus, God's Anointed, risen and alive.

We gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.

In this time and place, heaven and earth are one.

We are no longer alone. We are one in Christ.

We are knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In the name of the Holy and Blessed One,
Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Centering Stillness

Presider: In a time of quietness, let us centre ourselves, in openness to the Spirit of God. *(silence)*

The Invitatory

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May grace and peace be with you.

May Christ fill our hearts with joy.

Collect of the Day:

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consume the lies that shroud the world in hate;
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Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

A short reflection on the hymn ~ Andrew

Opening Hymn:

CP 638 O Holy Spirit, By Whose Breath *(verses 1,3,5)*

Lyrics: Latin, 800s CE, tr. John Webster Grant (1919-), coda by A. Twiddy

Tune: Mechlin Plainsong, mode 8 music in public domain

1

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath, life rises vibrant out of death,
Come to create, renew, inspire, come kindle in our hearts your fire.

2 (3)

In you God's energy is shown, to us your varied gifts made known.
Teach us to speak, teach us to hear;
yours is the tongue, and yours in the ear.

3 (5)

From inner strife grant us release.

Turn nations to the ways of peace.

To fuller life your people bring, that as one body we may sing:

Coda:

Praise to the Beloved, the Wisdom and Word,
One with the Spirit, Triune the cord.

Engaging The Word and the Wisdom

A First Reading: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

Reader: When all hope appears to be gone, where do we turn? A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Holy One came upon me, and brought me out by the spirit of the Holy One, and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. And God said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "God the Holy One, you are the one that knows that."

Then God said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Holy One. This is what God, the Holy One, says to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover

you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Holy One."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then God said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then God said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says God, the Holy One: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Holy One, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Holy One, have spoken and will act," says the Holy One.

EZEKIEL 37:1-14 ~ NRSV, alt.

A short reflection on the song ~ Andrew

Reflective Song: Spirit, Open My Heart (2 verses & refrain)

(lyrics: Ruth Duck, 1947- ; tune: Wild Mountain Thyme ~ Celtic folk melody)

Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart, to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart

1

God, replace my stony heart, with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear, to your grace I now surrender.

2

Write your love upon my heart, as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

The Psalm Verse ~ from Psalm 104.3

Andrew has produced a multi-media version of the Psalm of the day, Ps 104.24-34, 35b, in alternating Hebrew and inclusive-language English, with music and images of nature taken from the coastline, watersheds, and mountains of the island of Madeira (Portugal). Click on the video embedded on our webpage here:

<https://www.oneopencircle.org/pages/songs-of-a-madeiran-friar>

PSALM VERSE OF THE DAY:

You send forth your Spirit ... and so you renew the face of the earth.

Epistle Reading: Romans 8.26

EPISTLE VERSE OF THE DAY:

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes, with sighs too deep for words.

Psalm Song - Ruach [”Roo-akh”] - an invocation of God’s Spirit

(Ruach is a gender-diverse Hebrew word, meaning “Spirit/spirit, wind, or breath”). Melody: traditional

Thematic Reading: FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Reader: First-hand experience is not debatable.
 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (...pause)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles 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, "People 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 Holy One's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Holy One shall be saved.'" (...pause)

Holy word, holy wisdom ~ hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

Open Wide The Church's Door 12 Make Spaces for Spirit (verses 1,2,4)
 Lyrics: Shirley Murray (1931-2020); Tune: Ron Klusmeier (1946-)

Make spaces for Spirit, for energy rising,
 for Pentecost presence, the wind and the fire.
 A new kind of language, a voice and a vision,
 to shift and uplift us, to rouse and inspire.

Make spaces for action, by Spirit-ed people:
 The leader, the teacher, the healer of ill;
 The builder, the artist, the bringer of laughter,
 The melding and welding of spirit and will.

Make spaces for Spirit, by changing of systems,
 By opening prisons, by debtor's release;
 The flaming of courage, the firing of justice,
 The Spirit of Jesus ... the coming of peace.

The Gospel Reading:

Reader: We all need a close friend we can rely on.
 The holy gospel, according to John.

(All: Glory to you, Jesus, God's Anointed)

²⁶⁻²⁷ "I am planning to send a you a Friend, from the Beloved One. This Friend is totally reliable ~ the Spirit, coming to you from the Beloved.

She will provide confirming evidence for everything about me. Then you too, from your side, will then give your confirming evidence, since you are in this with me from the start."

16 ⁴⁻⁷ “I didn’t tell you this earlier, when I was with you every day. But now I am leaving, on my way to the One who sent me.

Not one of you has asked, ‘Where are you going?’ Instead, the longer I’ve talked, the sadder you’ve become.

So let me say it again: It’s truly better for you that I leave. If I don’t leave, the Friend won’t come. But if I go, I’ll send her to you.

⁸⁻¹¹ “And when she comes, he will prove to the world how wrong they are in their understanding of their mistakes and sins, in understanding how they are motivated in their actions, and in understanding justice itself.

She’ll show them that their refusal to trust me is the basic error; that rightly-motivated action comes from above, where I am one with the Beloved, out of their sight and control; that justice takes place when the oppressive ruling spirit of this system is brought to trial and convicted.

¹²⁻¹⁵ “I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, she will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is.

She won’t draw attention to herself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. She will honor me; she will take from me and deliver it to you. Everything the Beloved has is also mine. That is why I’ve said, ‘She takes from me, and delivers it to you.’

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom: The Gospel of the Anointed One.

(... All: Praise to you, Jesus the Anointed One)

JOHN 15:26-27,16.4b-15 The Message, alt. A. Twiddy (The Process)

A homily or reflection ~ Andrew

A time of quietness and/or instrumental music may follow the homily

Affirming the Christian Narrative

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
 with all your soul, with all your mind,
 and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

The Presentation of the Offering

The presider presents and lifts up in prayer an offering plate or basket, containing symbols of our prayers for the world, the church, and the special needs of the day. We include the names of parishioners, community partners, and all others in our various cycles of prayer, along with the names of those who have requested our prayers

An Invitation to Weekly & Daily Prayer

in our cycle of prayer this day and throughout this week, we give thanks and we pray together for the well-being of the world, the church, and those in special need

We give thank and we pray for peace, justice, and well-being throughout the world:

- giving thanks for all whose lives of service promote the common good
- honouring First Nations on whose traditional territories we live and work

- asking that we may grow in our resolve to respond to climate crisis, and to care for our planet
- seeking a spirit of reconciliation & collaboration among nations, faiths, & cultures
- and remembering our governmental leaders and elected representatives,
in the municipal, provincial, federal, and international work they undertake

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for the mission and ministry of our wider family in faith:

- for ecumenical and interspiritual co-operation, and for all our neighbouring churches
- for our partnership in the Anglican communion throughout the world:
for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Linda our Primate; for Lynne our Metropolitan;
and for all with whom they work and serve
- for Mark our National Indigenous Archbishop, Melanie our Reconciliation Animator, for our journey in faith and solidarity with the Council of the North, and for the work of all our Indigenous Anglican communities

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for the mission and ministry of our own parish and diocesan family, remembering especially:

- all our members, associates, and friends who share in our ministry
- for the ministry of all our parish groups, networks, partners & organizations
- for all parishes of our diocese, especially remembering ...
- for Anna our Bishop, and for our priests Andrew & Christine, in ministry among & beyond us;

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for those who express care and compassion,

- for those working on the frontlines of care and service in a time of global pandemic, for leaders in health care, and for research workers and those who work behind the scenes to bring relief, hope, and healing
- for the work of the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund and its global partners, for the Canadian Food Grains Bank and those responding to global hunger, drought, floods, fires, migration, and displacement
- remembering those who reach out to the needy and to vulnerable populations in our local community, & those who nurture all the circles of our citizenship, both nationally and around the world
- for the work of our local agencies serving and advocating for those on the margins, and for those who face issues of homelessness, addiction, and mental health

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

As we stand in solidarity alongside all those in need, we pray:

- for those suffering from Coronavirus, through illness, anxiety, or isolation
- for those in trouble, sorrow, conflict, sickness, or any other adversity ...
- and in silence or aloud, we remember the special needs of those requesting our prayers ...

God of love and compassion hear our prayer



Prayers of the People:

Let us pray to God, the Holy Spirit, saying;
Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the Church here and everywhere. For our Bishops and leaders, for our Clergy and teachers, for the Anglican Communion around the world and, particularly today, for the church in Jerusalem, for Archbishop Hosam Naoum, and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Bishop Ibrahim Azar and the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and The Holy land, that all may proclaim your word of peace and reconciliation.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for justice and peace on earth. For leaders of this country of Canada and for leaders of all nations, particularly remembering today Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. May peace and harmony abundantly bless these achingly beautiful and historic places of your Creation, O God.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the holy city of Jerusalem. Bring to those who lead Jewish, Muslim, and Christian communities a spirit of cooperation and collaboration as this ancient and blessed city continues to be 'holy' for us all.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit, be with all those in need. We pray for victims of war and violence, for refugees and prisoners, for all who are afflicted or oppressed, that they may be held in your healing power. We pray for those who have died . . . that they may live eternally in God's presence, and for those who mourn, that they may be comforted.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

(we may add other local biddings)

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray,
Come, Holy Spirit, Come

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering all our prayers and our praises into one,
we pray in the words that Jesus gave us.

**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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

From my heart to your heart, from satellite to soul...
 The peace of God be always with you. **And also with you.**

A Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

A short reflection on the hymn ~ Andrew

CP 645 Come Down O Love Divine *(verses 1,2,4)*

Text: Bianco da Siena (1300s CE), tr R F Littledale (1833-1890);
 Tune: Down Ampney ~ R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

CP 645 Come Down O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn, till earth's false passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

... optional instrumental verse ...

3 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
and none can guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Dismissal/Sending:

Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and to serve
Thanks be to God, Alleluia!