

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Greeting

Presider

Blessed are you, holy and living One,
you send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
Amen. Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

Presider

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are
hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that
we may perfectly love you, and worthily

magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

'Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire'

Common Praise #637

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction form above
is comfort, life and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Presider

Let us pray.

God of wind and flame,
send your life-giving Spirit upon your people:
give fire to our words,
strength to our witness
and boldness to our proclamation
of your wondrous work in Christ;
who, with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns
now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Numbers 11.24-30

Reader

A reading from Numbers.

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. 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.

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. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” 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!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 104.25-35, 37

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *

creatures both small and great.
There move the ships, and there is that
Leviathan, *

which you have made for the sport of it.
All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand,
and they are filled with good things.
You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are
created; *

and so you renew the face of the earth.

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

May your glory, O Lord, endure for ever; *
may you rejoice in all your works;
you look at the earth and it trembles; *
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

May these words of mine please you; *

I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

The Second Reading: Acts 2.1.21

Reader

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Alleluia

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

The Gospel: John 20.19-23

Deacon

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Deacon

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev'd Carole Neilson

After the Sermon we have a period for silent reflection.

The Apostles' Creed

Deacon

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Intercessions, Petitions and Thanksgivings

Leader

Let us offer to God our intercessions,
petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'Come,
Holy Spirit.' We pray:
Come, Holy Spirit.

May the Spirit make whole and free the church, its ordained and lay leaders, and all the people of God, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit.

May Christ's disciples bear witness in every aspect of life to the power of Christ's resurrection, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit.

May the peace of the risen Christ heal the brokenness of our world and the wounds of all victims of injustice and exploitation, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit.

May the Spirit transform the hearts of those who lead the nations, so that they may truly become makers of peace, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit.

May the Spirit draw us together and mend our divisions, so that we may rejoice in our different gifts and insights, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit.

May Christ liberate those who are weighed down by despair, those suffering from any kind of addiction and those burdened by illness, so that they may experience the freedom of the children of God, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit.

May we remember with thanksgiving the departed and all those who have witnessed to the love of God poured into our hearts, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit.

Gracious God, hear our hearts' deep yearnings. Give us the courage to yield all we are and are yet to become to the transforming power of your Spirit, and carry out in and through us the work of your new creation; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon

Jesus Christ, risen and ascended,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by
the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithfulness and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world as it is, and
doubted the world as you have it become.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Presider

May the God of love and mercy forgive you
and free you from your sins, heal and
strengthen by the Holy Spirit, and raise you
to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Hymn:
'Spirit of the Living God'

Songs for a Gospel People #91

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider
Let us pray.

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day.
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church
continue to work in the world through the
hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the
name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim and with all the choirs of angels, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Presider

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air;

you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You moulded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. And so that we also, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, so that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honour is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.
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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider

You give your people angels' food and sent
us bread from heaven,
that we might learn, O God,
that it is your word which sustains
all those who trust in you.

Presider

This is the Lord's table and it is made ready for those who want to know and love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here long and you who have only just arrived; you who have tried to follow and you who have stumbled along the way. Come, it is the Lord who invites you, wherever you may find yourself on the journey of life and faith.

Come, you are welcome in this place, for these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

Giver of the Spirit, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of that same Spirit, so that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Doxology

Presider

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.

Announcements

The Blessing

Presider

May the Spirit who hovered over the waters
when the world was created breath into the
life God wills for all creation.

Amen.

May the Spirit who overshadowed the Virgin
Mary when the eternal Word came among us
make you joyful in the service of God.

Amen.

May the Spirit who set the apostles on fire
upon the day of Pentecost bring the world
alive with the love of the risen Christ.

Amen.

And the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Closing Hymn:

'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'

Common Praise #649

Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go forth in the love and power of the Spirit.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.