



PENTECOST Yr C 5th June 2022

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Welcome: We gather today to celebrate **Pentecost Sunday**. Pentecost marks fifty days after Easter and the end of the Easter season. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus and marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

Greeting:

May the light of the Lord be with you

And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

As we begin our service, let's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

In this season of Light,
we light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness.
May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice
to the world around us every day.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

As we gather to worship God, we acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.

Call to Worship:

The Spirit came
and your Church was born,
in wind and fire
and words of power.

The Spirit came
blowing fear aside,
and in its place
weak hearts were stronger.

The Spirit came
as your word foretold,
with dreams and signs,
visions and wonders.

The Spirit came
and is here today,
to feed the hearts
of a world that hungers

Amen

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, who on this day
did open the way of eternal life
to every race and nation
by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit:
Shed abroad this gift throughout the world
by the preaching of the Gospel,
that it may reach to the ends of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever

Amen

Song:

Prayer of Confession:

Spirit of the Living God,
All nations, tribes, and tongues belong to you.
All glory, honour, and praise are due your name.
Therefore, we confess that we have been a divided people—
Mother from child, Brother from sister, And neighbour from friend.
Have mercy on us and send your power upon the church,
That we may know, once more, that you have
Baptised us in one baptism, one faith, one Lord and Saviour, Jesus
Christ.
Tear down the walls of hatred and the towers of sin in our lives.
May your Spirit descend upon our lives and make us holy and one.
In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen

Words of assurance:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first
Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and
grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we
proclaim the Good News:
We are forgiven Alleluia!

Amen

Peace:

May the peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

Song: TIS 137 For the beauty of the earth

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,**

for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

**Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]**

**5 For each perfect gift divine
to our race so freely given,
graces all of your design,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, [Refrain]**

**6 For the church that evermore,
lifting holy hands above,
offers up on every shore
the pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]**

Moment for the young at heart: Graham Mills- Pig the Fibber

Bible Readings: John R

Acts 2:1-21 NRSV

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of

Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews^[a] and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

John 14:8-17

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe^[a] because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell

you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me[b] for anything, I will do it.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

John 14:25-27

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Chris Westworth

Moment of Stillness

Prayers of the People: Christo

The Lord’s Prayer:

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 in the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.

Now and forever.

Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: Brian Lenehan

Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus. It is to be made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who are hungry for God's love.

Come, you who are yearning the Christ's presence.

Come, you who want community; know that you are welcome here.

Come, not because it is I who invite you: it is Jesus. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here in the place where the ordinary things like bread and wine and we are made extraordinary by the Grace of God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus the Light of the world, the light that no darkness can overpower, and we thank you that you have called us from darkness to walk in the light;

And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

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

Accept our praises now, loving God, as we remember Jesus, who, on the night before he died, took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and offered it to his friends saying:

This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying:

Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for everyone for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, for the remembrance of me.

Come freshly to us now, present God, as we offer you our lives, renew in us your gifts; feed us and nourish us, that we may grow in the life of Christ; fill us with your Spirit that we may overflow with your love, and transform the world with your glory.

Prayer of consecration

For us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught and showed the way of your kingdom; for us you were crucified, and for us, after death, you rose again.

As we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving and making us whole; and that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

Amen.

The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ
The cup that we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus welcomes everyone to his table, and so, we offer everyone, without exception, the bread and wine, which are Christ's body and blood.

Distribution

Let us receive what we are; let us become what we receive.

The body of Christ.

Concluding prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours.
Fed and nurtured at this table we continue to be your presence in this
world. Touched by your love we take it to share with each person we
encounter, until everyone knows they are loved by you, and in turn loves
one another.

Amen

Giving thanks:

Community News: The congregation share good news

Offering Prayer:

As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant
blessings you have given us.

May our gifts be acceptable in your sight.

Blessing and glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honour, and power be unto
you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Amen.

Song: Song: TIS 409. O breath of life

1 O breath of life, come sweeping through us,

revive your church with life and power;

O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,

and fit your church to meet this hour.

2 O wind of God, come bend us, break us,

till humbly we confess our need;

then in your tenderness remake us,

revive, restore: for this we plead.

3 O breath of love, come breathe within us,

renewing thought and will and heart;

come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

**4 Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?**

**Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.**

Benediction & Blessing:

Go out into God's world with hearts ablaze with the Holy Spirit and a
passion for peace.

Let love guide your actions.

Listen for the Spirit of Truth.

Spread the peace of Christ and remind all you meet, that each one is a
beloved child of God

Threefold Amen

Pastoral Prayers: