

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

**Day of Pentecost**

**Reading 1: Acts 2: 1 - 21**

**Gospel: John 15: 26 – 27, 16: 4b - 15**

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.*

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Prayer.**

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us new hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in Spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Psalm: 104: 26 – 34,**

There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

- <sup>27</sup> These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
<sup>28</sup> when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.  
<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—  
<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.

**Song:** (*click link*)     Holy Spirit     <https://youtu.be/71ompcWWwZk>

**Invitation to Confession:**

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

**Confession:**

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.

**Absolution:**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.  
Amen.

Blessed be the Lord  
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;  
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
and in our song will we praise our God.

**Reading 1: Acts 2: 1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of

them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

### **Peter Addresses the Crowd**

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "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.

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

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

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*This is the word of the Lord.        Thanks be to God.*

### **Gospel:     John 15: 26 – 27, 16: 4b – 15**

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup> You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate<sup>[a]</sup> will not come to you; but if I go, I

will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about<sup>[b]</sup> sin and righteousness and judgement: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup> 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*This is the gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise be to you, O Christ.*

**Talk:** (click link) <https://youtu.be/jLua621ZdgY>

*Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

### **The Creed**

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

### **Prayers of Intercession**

We pray to God to fill us with His Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of the Holy Spirit.  
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.  
Lord, come to bless us  
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.  
Lord, come to bless us  
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to keep us confident in your love wherever you call us.  
Lord, come to bless us  
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.  
Lord, come to bless us  
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy spirit.  
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.  
Lord, come to bless us  
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.  
Lord, come to bless us  
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit  
given us by the risen Lord.  
We ask you to keep the whole church in the joy of eternal life.  
Lord, come to bless us  
and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,  
You sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
And upon the disciples in the upper room:  
In your mercy fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, hear our prayer,  
And make us one in heart and mind  
To serve you with joy forever.      Amen.

**Collect:**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite us in your Holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,      Amen.

***Silence is kept.***

**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  
and 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 forever.        Amen.

**Song:** *(click link)*     *Hymn of the Holy Spirit*     <https://youtu.be/LgguVaGqHE8>

**Blessing:**

May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,  
breathe into us the life He gives.  
May the Spirit who overshadowed the virgin when the eternal Son came among us,  
make us joyful in the service of our Lord.  
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.....

.....and the blessing of God almighty;  
Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us, and remain with us  
and all those whom we love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

**Song:** Spirit Break Out     <https://youtu.be/yUbn7DwTcJM>

*As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.*

*Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.*