

Pentecost Sunday

31st May, 2020

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M: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful people

All: and kindle in them the fire of your love.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – Filled With The Spirit’s Power

LHS 773

- 1. Filled with the Spirit’s power,
with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.**
- 2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire
give joy and peace;
give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.**
- 3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all people of each race:**

**like wind and fire with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's,
and Christians prove.**

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L: Friends in Christ:
Jesus said to his apostles:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven;
if you proclaim them unforgiven, unforgiven they remain.'
Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of each
other.

C: **We confess to you, almighty God,
before the whole company of heaven, and to each other,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by our
own fault.
Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins,
and bring us to eternal life.
Amen.**

M: As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the
grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ,
and by his command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of
the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, anointed by the Spirit, hear our prayer and save us.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, well of living water, hear our prayer and help us.

C: **Christ have mercy.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, giver of the Holy Spirit, hear our prayer and give us peace.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray for the power of the Holy Spirit.

Almighty and merciful God,

you sent your Holy Spirit at Pentecost,

making the disciples bold to preach the good news.

Send us out with the power of the same Spirit to spread the fire of your love.

We ask this through your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading – Acts 2:1-21

The coming of the Holy Spirit

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” ¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both

men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The gifts of the Spirit

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he

determines. ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

L: Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia!

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading – *John 20:19-23*

(Spoken) **Glory to you, O Lord,**

Jesus gives his Spirit to the apostles

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive

anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for giving the Holy Spirit to your disciples.
Fill us with the joy and peace of the Spirit.
Amen.**

Song – May we be one *AT172*

- 1. May we be one,
Bound in love for ever,
Growing close together day by day;
Growing as God fills us with His life;
We are joined in Him,
He makes us one.**

- 2. May we be one,
As our Father planned it.
May the love of Jesus make us strong,
No one can harm us when He is near;
He has brought us peace,
He makes us one.**

- 3. May we be one –
Jesus' truth to bind us.**

**With His body He unites us all;
Dying our death, He restores our life:
Living with us now, He makes us one.**

- 4. May we be one,
Sharing life together
With the Father and His only Son.
Now we have life in this world of death;
Heaven has begun, He makes us one.
Heaven has begun, He makes us one.**

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Sermon

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again
from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

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

Amen.

Offering Hymn – Spirit of God LHS 776

Chorus:

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove:
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.***

- 1. You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written Word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard:**

Chorus:

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove:
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.***

2. **Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power,
we need your strength,
following Christ each day:**

Chorus:

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove:
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love,
show us the Saviour's love.***

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L: Holy God,
may the Spirit you give us
make us more and more like your Son,
loving and self-giving.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the church

**All: 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

M: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Go in peace, in the Spirit of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour,
† and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

Closing Song – Jesus, please watch over us

AT101

- 1. As we step from edge of morning,
Feet can't tell where to take us;**

**Here's a light that will shine for ever,
Here's the light that will guide us.**

Chorus:

***Jesus, please watch over us.
Jesus, please take care of us.***

- 2. Trouble comes, and we search for safety,
We forget that you hold us;
fill our minds so that we remember,
Say once more that you love us.**

Chorus:

***Jesus, please watch over us.
Jesus, please take care of us.***

- 3. Danger meets us at every moment,
Death is never in hiding;
You are stronger than any danger,
You are stronger than dying.**

Chorus:

***Jesus, please watch over us.
Jesus, please take care of us.***

- 4. In your life is the Father's welcome,
In your death there is freedom;
Be our life and our death for ever,
Be our new resurrection.**

Chorus:

***Jesus, please watch over us.
Jesus, please take care of us.***

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