

Pentecost, 31.05.2020, All Age

Acts 2.1-21

On the day of Pentecost Jesus' disciples experience being filled dramatically with God's Holy Spirit, the culmination of many centuries of waiting for the fulfilment of God's promise, made known through Old Testament prophets.

Welcome and introduction

Come, Holy Spirit; fill us with your peace.
Come, Holy Spirit; unite us in our worship.
Come, Holy Spirit; raise us by your power.
Come, Holy Spirit, come now.

Amen.

Hymn Come on and celebrate

Come on and celebrate
His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us
And gave us life
We'll shout Your praise, O King
You give us joy nothing else can bring
We'll give to You our offering
In celebration praise

Come on and celebrate
Celebrate
Celebrate and sing
Celebrate and sing to the King
Come on and celebrate

Prayer of Confession

God, your love is unconditional;
your gifts are offered with measureless generosity;
your peace is all-encompassing.
We are sorry for times
when we have put conditions on our willingness to care;
when we have kept what we have for ourselves and refused to share with others;
when we have failed to seek peace and have caused discord.
Forgive us; restore us; renew us by your Spirit of life. Amen.

The Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Collect, *the special prayer for today*

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us 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.

The Reading Acts 2: 1-21

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?'

Address

Hymn **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me**

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Bless the Gifts

Lord Jesus, you gave everything for us.

as we offer you our gifts, we offer you all that we have, and are, and will be,
praying that our church, and our mission,
may reach out so that others may come to share in your risen life.

Amen.

Prayers

Lord Jesus, we pray

for those shaken by bad news –

may your Holy Spirit bless and help them;

for those shaken by the breakdown of a precious relationship –

may your Holy Spirit bless and support them;

for those shaken by the death of someone they love –

may your Holy Spirit bless and comfort them;

for those shaken by the onset of illness –

may your Holy Spirit bless and embrace them;

for those shaken by all they see happening in the world –

may your Holy Spirit bless and strengthen them;

for those shaken by loss of confidence –

may your Holy Spirit bless and encourage them;

for those shaken by the message of Pentecost –

may your Holy Spirit bless and anoint them, and us!

Amen.

*We sing the **Lord's Prayer***

Our Father who art in heaven HBTN

Thy kingdom come thy will be done HBTN

On earth as it is in heaven HBTN

Give us this day our daily bread HBTN

Forgive us all our trespasses HBTN

As we forgive those who trespass against us HBTN

And lead us not into temptation HBTN

But deliver us from all that is evil HBTN

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory HBTN

For ever and for ever and ever HBTN

Blessing

As we journey through the days ahead,
inspire our thoughts, clothe our dreams, and colour our prayers,
that we might dare to live confidently, compassionately
and courageously as your Pentecost people.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be amongst you and remain with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Jesus came and stood among the disciples,
saying, 'Peace be with you'.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you**

Hymn Be bold, be strong

Be bold, be strong
For the Lord your God is with you.
Be bold, be strong,
For the Lord your God is with you.
I am not afraid,
I am not dismayed,
Because I'm walking in faith and victory,
Come on and walk in faith and victory,
For the Lord your God is with you.