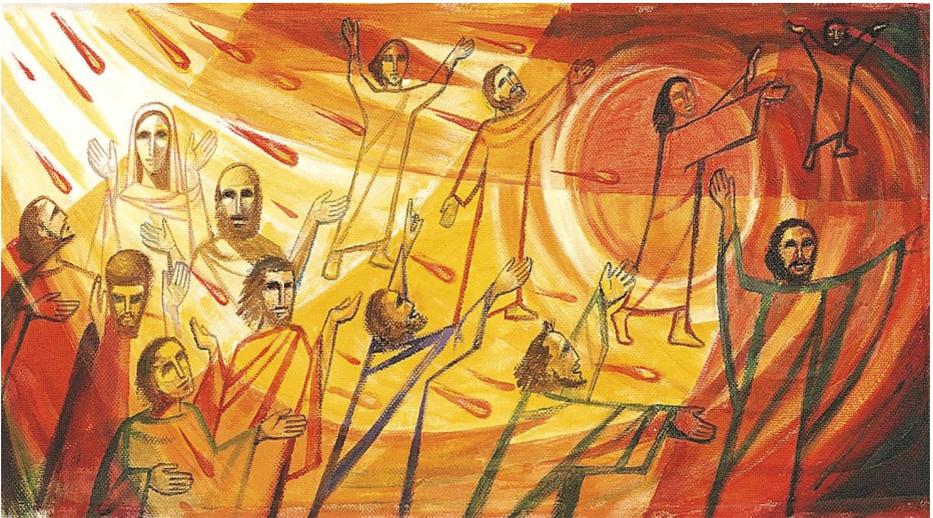




A Celebration of the Eucharist for Pentecost

Sunday 23rd May 2021

10.30am



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On the day of Pentecost, as God's Spirit filled the hearts of Jesus' followers, they miraculously started praising God in every possible language, languages they could not previously speak. And the crowd, who were from all around the region and spoke many languages, said:

**"We hear them declaring the wonders of God
in our own languages!"**

The congregation are invited to join in all the words printed in bold. When invited to stand, please only do so if it is comfortable for you to do so.

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The Greeting and Welcome

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of informal welcome.

Hymn:

BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;

Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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Prayer of Praise and Approach to God

Bible Readings: Mark 1: 4-8
John 14: 15-17, 25-27

Hymn:

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!

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.

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

Margaret Old

Prayer of Penitence

A time to say sorry to God. Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

A short time of silence.

All: Lord have mercy upon us, forgive us where we have gone wrong and sinned and help us to walk from now on in your way. Amen.

Minister: May the God of love and power bring us back to himself, forgive us and free us from your our sins, and restore us to newness of life by his Spirit.

Praise Shout:

Who is with us day by day?

All: Jesus!

Who can show us what to say?

All: Jesus!

Who is great all others above?

All: Jesus!

Who surrounds us with his love?

All: Jesus!

When we are weak then who is strong?

All: Jesus

Who can forgive us for doing wrong?

All: Jesus!

Who is stronger than the crowd?

All: Jesus!

Who do we want to praise out loud?

All: Jesus!!!

Bible Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon

Hymn:

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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The Creed

The minister addresses the whole congregation.

Let us affirm together with those who are being baptised the faith of the Church Do you believe and trust in God the Father source of all being and life, the One for whom we exist?

All: I believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: I believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All: I believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn:

HOLY SPIRIT, WE WELCOME YOU.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Move among us with holy fire,
As we lay aside all earthly desires,
Hands reach out and our hearts aspire.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Let the breeze of Your presence blow,
That Your children here might truly know
How to move in the Spirit's flow.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Please accomplish in me today
Some new work of loving grace, I pray;
Unreservedly have Your way.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

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Intercessions: prayers given by members of each denomination.

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set His seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: and also with you.

Hymn:

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

Glow 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.

Edwin Hatch.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here .

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give You thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled Your world with life. You sent Your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; He died to save us from our sins; He rose in glory from the dead. You send Your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

All: 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.

Father, on the night before He died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked You. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked You, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

All: Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

All: Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

All: Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember His death and resurrection, send Your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and His blood. Pour Your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for His coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to You, Father, with Jesus Your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The presiding minister breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us , Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave for you, and His blood which He shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All are welcome at God's table.

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us Your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by Your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. Come Holy Spirit, to all baptised in Your Name, that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead. Give us passion, give us fire; make us transform the world from what it is, to what You have created it to be. Amen.

O GOD OF BURNING, CLEANSING FLAME:

Send the fire!

Your blood-bought gift today we claim:

Send the fire today!

Look down and see this waiting host,

And send the promised Holy Ghost;

We need another Pentecost!

Send the fire today!

Send the fire today!

God of Elijah, hear our cry:

Send the fire!

And make us fit to live or die:

Send the fire today!

To burn up every trace of sin,

To bring the light and glory in,

The revolution now begin!

Send the fire today!

Send the fire today!

It's fire we want, for fire we plead:

Send the fire!

The fire will meet our every need:

Send the fire today!

For strength to always do what's right,

For grace to conquer in the fight,

For power to walk the world in white:

Send the fire today!
Send the fire today!

To make our weak hearts strong and brave:

Send the fire!

To live, a dying world to save:

Send the fire today!

Oh, see us on Your altar lay,

We give our lives to you today,

So crown the offering now we pray:

Send the fire today!

Send the fire today!

Send the fire today!

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The Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in the Churches Together in the Blyth Valley, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting Him to be your guide?

All: By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All: We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

All: We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All: We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All: We will.

Hymn:

THINE BE THE GLORY,

Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee:
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through Thy deathless love;
Lead us in Thy triumph
To Thy home above.

Edmond Louis Budry. Tr. R. Birch Hoyle.

The Blessing