

# **The Home Sunday Worship Supplement**

## **Day of Pentecost, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

*Dear Parishioners,*

This Sunday Supplement has been produced for those of you who cannot access the Diocesan Pentecost service which is being streamed on YouTube today.

However, if you have been able to find a way to join with the online service, the link to type into your browser is as follows:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCsmI\\_K5r-dFu\\_UrEeY713g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCsmI_K5r-dFu_UrEeY713g)

*Blessings,*

*Rev Clyde*

### **Psalm 104. 26-35**

26 Lord, how various are your works:

in wisdom you have made them all,  
and the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:

there move living things without number, great and  
small;

28 There go the ships, to and fro:

and there is that Leviathan  
whom you formed to sport in the deep.

29 These all look to you:

to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it to them, they gather it:

when you open your hand  
they are satisfied with good things.

31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:

when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit they are created:  
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:  
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:  
I will praise my God while I have any being.

36 May my meditation be pleasing to him:  
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

## **Acts 2:1-17**

### **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 nation 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."

14 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. 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.

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## **Pentecost Reflection**

### **The signs of the Spirit in our lives <sup>1</sup>**

**by Mary Coloe<sup>2</sup>**

When you stand in an underground train station, the first sense you have of an approaching train is the wind as the train

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pushes the air in front of it. You cannot hear or see anything yet, but the wind announces the train is on its way.

I liken this to our experience of the Spirit. In both Hebrew and Greek, the word for spirit is the same as ‘wind’ or ‘breath’. Like the wind, we do not see or hear the Spirit, but we experience its effects:

- the urge to respond to an issue of justice
- the move to compassion at the sight of suffering
- the ongoing, subtle sense of God’s presence in our lives
- the ability to discern what is right from what is wrong.

These are the signs of the Spirit in our lives – prompting, encouraging, guiding and empowering us to live from Jesus’ vision of the reign of God.

Because the Spirit is such a subtle presence, we can live our lives totally oblivious to her presence (in Hebrew, Spirit – ruah – is feminine in form). We can be like the fish swimming around looking for the ocean, or the soaring eagle wondering what the air is.

Our lives are utterly immersed in the Spirit. God’s Holy Breath gave life to Adam when God breathed into the face of Adam who then became a living being (Gen 2:7). Similarly, we live within the Holy Breath of God. Hildegard of Bingen spoke of the Spirit as the One who vivifies all things, the one who is the “greenness” within.



## Prayers (Lesle)

### St Bonaventure

*The Italian theologian and philosopher St Bonaventure (1217-1274) was born the son of a prosperous doctor. He studied theology at the University of Paris. Having a great reverence for the life of St Francis of Assisi, he entered the Franciscan order about 1243 and was elected their minister general in 1257. He wrote a 'Life of St Francis' (1262).*

### Prayer of St Bonaventure to the Holy Spirit

Lord Jesus, as God's Spirit came down and rested upon You,  
 may the same Spirit rest on us,  
 perfecting in our lives the work of Your grace and love,

Bestowing his sevenfold gifts.

First, grant us the Spirit of understanding,  
 to enlighten our minds  
 with the light of Your truth.

Second, grant us the Spirit of counsel,  
 that we may choose the surest way of doing Your will,  
 seeking first the Kingdom of God.

Third, grant us the Spirit of courage,  
 by which we may ward off the obstacles  
 that interfere with our salvation.

Fourth, grant us the Spirit of knowledge,  
 by which we can distinguish good from evil.

Fifth, grant us the Spirit of piety,  
 by which we may acquire compassionate hearts.

Sixth, grant us the Spirit of fear of the Lord,  
 that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward

You.

Seventh, grant us the Spirit of wisdom,  
that we may aspire to the things that last forever.

Teach us to be Your faithful disciples  
and animate us in every way with Your Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Collect

Almighty God,  
at the feast of Pentecost  
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
empower us with that same Spirit  
to witness to your redeeming love  
and draw all people to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The next Home Supplement

will be Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – Trinity Sunday – First Sunday after Pentecost.

*“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,” says the Lord; “and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water”.*  
*John 7:38*

