



SUNDAY MAY 31, 2020

Welcome

Opening Hymn- Holy Spirit Come With Power

Call to Worship:

L: God, we are gathered to celebrate the birthday of the church.

P: Come, be among us

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L: God, we are here to be a part of the church's mission in the world

P: Come, be among us

L: It was late that Sunday evening and all the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors because they were afraid.

P: **We too have come together and we are a fearful people. We are afraid of the changes in our world, afraid of making decisions- afraid of standing alone- afraid of being different- afraid of criticism**

L: Then Jesus came and stood among them “Peace be with you” He said. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Then Jesus said to them again “Peace be with you as the Father sent me, so I send you.” Then he breathed on them and said “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

“Seven Gifts of the Spirit Litany”

Collect of the day: Almighty and everliving 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, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21- Rex Hillier

Psalm: 104:25-35,37 (Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth) - Joan Peters

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13- Jennifer Lake

Gradual Hymn: Come Holy Spirit I need you

Gospel: John 20:19-23- Reverend Lisa Cox

Godly Play- The Story of Pentecost- Susan Bonnell

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

L: In the beginning was no world, men and women had not yet been born

P: **We thank you for creation, for men and women and children**

L: You make yourself known to your people all down through history

P: **We thank you for all those who have taught us about you through the bible**

L: In the fullness of time you sent us Your Son

P: **We thank you for his teachings and his life of love**

All: **We have heard today of many great christians. We thank you for their lives and ask that we may follow in their steps. Amen**

Confession:

L: We remember the example of Jesus the Christ whose life was open and available to all

P: **We have cut ourselves off from others. We have withheld our gifts from them.**

L: we remember the command of Jesus the Christ "As I have loved you, so you should love one another"

P: **We turn our love inwards, we have used others for selfish ends.**

L: we remember the prompting of the spirit of Christ, to spend ourselves for our neighbour

P: **We turn away from following Christ. We have silenced the voice that calls us.**

L: Remember that the one who calls us is the one who equips and renews us.

P: **The spirit we are given is not a spirit of fear, but a spirit of love and power and sound mind**

L: Let us stand and praise the one who sets us free.

P: **O praise God in his holiness.**

Virtual Offertory:

Prayer over the gifts: Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray

Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Commissioning:

L: Across all barriers of language, race and nationality

P: Unite us, Jesus

L: Across all our mutual ignorance, prejudices and hostility

P: Unite us, Jesus

L: Across all our differences of thought, outlook and religious allegiances

P: unite us, Jesus

L: O God, for the greater glory

P: Gather together the separated Christians

L: O God, for the triumph of goodness and truth

P: Gather together the separated Christians

L: O God, that there may be one flock and one Shepherd

P: Gather together the separated Christians

L: O God, that peace may reign in the world at last

P: Father together the separated Christians

L: May God, the giver of hope, fill you with joy and peace because you trust him, so that you may have abundant hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Benediction:

L: Open our ears

P: To hear what you are saying to us in the things that happen to us and I the people we meet.

L: Open our eyes

P: To see the needs of the people around us

L: Open our hands

P: To do our work well to help when help is needed

L: Open our lips

P: To tell others the good news of Jesus and bring comfort, happiness and laughter to other people.

L: Open our minds

P: To love you and our neighbours as you have loved us in Jesus. **Amen**

Sung Blessing

Closing Hymn- Spirit of the living God

Dismissal Song- Go Now in Peace

Dismissal