

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday 5 June 2022



*At any time in the service when we invite you to stand
you are welcome to remain seated if you need to.*

INTROIT

A sound came from heaven

Douglas Mews (1918-1993)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
hidden now in mystery,
nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still the work of art unfolds:
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
grasps new meaning from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today:
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
nothing shall be left to chance.
All that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance.
All fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known,
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives his own.

*Words: Marnie Barrell.
Tune: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991). TIS 153*

WELCOME

Priest:

Holy, holy, holy God,
wonder, mystery and all-goodness,
in the power of the Spirit we are carried into your presence.

You are our God and we are your people. ¹

Liturgist:

On this day of Pentecost
we celebrate the Spirit of transformative love –
that power which disturbs the comfortable
and comforts the disturbed.

Holy Spirit come.

Let us breathe in peace.

Holy Spirit heal.

Let us breathe out fear.

Holy Spirit enlighten.

Let us breathe in hope.

Spirit of love, in whom we live and move and dance for joy,
guide our steps through the complexities of life;
widen our vision
that our sight be not limited by what we see,
nor our wisdom by what we know,
nor our love by what we can accept.
Amen.

¹ *Dorothy McRae-McMahon*

THE GLORIA

Sing prais - es to God, Cre -
at - ing Pres - ence, Spin - ner of star - dust bril - liant with light,
Paint - er of dark - ness, deep - er than night. All glo - ry to God.

Sing prais - es to God,
born of com - pas - sion, Heal - ing re - la - tion - ship, bless - ing the poor,
Spurned as a reb - el by peo - ple in power. All glo - ry to God.

Sing prais - es to God,
Flame of the Spir - it, Dream - ing new vi - sions, sing - ing new songs,
Bring - er of good news for which the heart longs.

All glo - ry to God. All glo - ry to God

Words: Jenny Blood (1932-2022). Music: Michael Bell

Please be seated.

FORGIVENESS

Loving God, if our faith has become so mundane to us that we have ceased to expect to be surprised by your holiness, treading each day as if we know all that is possible instead of looking around us for your new word:

**Stride into our lives, Jesus Christ,
and interrupt us with your grace.**

O God, when we look at others and fail to see the godliness which may be present there, assuming we know all there is to know about them and closing our minds and hearts to fresh gifts:

**Stride into our lives, Jesus Christ,
and interrupt us with your grace.**

Forgive us when we expect less than you give. Amen. ²

Priest:

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:4

**Living Presence,
in each and all without distinction,
yearning to bring us together in compassion and justice,
renew in us, and in all the nations of the world,
the languages that bind us as one,
written on every face and heard in every cry,
in the power of your Spirit,
and after the pattern of Jesus,
alive in us for ever. Amen.**

² *Dorothy McRae-McMahon*

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:1-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Spirit divine, attend our prayers
and make this house your home,
descend with all your gracious powers:
O come, great Spirit, come.

Come as the light: to us reveal
our emptiness and woe,
and lead us in those paths of life
where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire: and purge our hearts
like sacrificial flame;
let our whole life an offering be
to our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove: and spread your wings,
the wings of peaceful love,
and let your Church on earth become
blest as the Church above.

Come as the wind, with rushing sound
and pentecostal grace,
that all of woman born may see
the glory of your face.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
make this lost world your home;
descend with all your gracious powers:
O come, great Spirit, come.

Words: Andrew Reed (1787-1862) alt.

*Tune: Richmond, later form of melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820),
adapted by Samuel Webbe the younger (c.1770-1843). TIS 425*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John, chapter fourteen, beginning at verse eight.



John 14:8-17

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist:

Let us pray for those far and near, people and places,
powerful and powerless, all for whom we are concerned.

THE PEACE

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

The peace will be shared in different languages ending with

The peace of Christ be always with you

and also with you.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN ³

There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world."

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us fight,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

³ *There is a donation bowl on the back table.*

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There's a spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.


Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)
Tune: Lauds, John Wilson (1905-1992). CAHO&N 661

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Cantor

Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share.

All



Bless-ed be God for ev - er.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Cantor



The Spirit is here God's hope is in us

Cantor




Lift up your hearts We lift them up to God

Cantor



Let us give thanks to the God of peace

All



It is right to offer thanks and praise.

O Eternal Wisdom, we praise you and give you thanks,
 for, as you revealed yourself of old
 in fire and storm and precious law,
 so you did not leave your followers comfortless,
 but came upon them at Pentecost in thunder, wind and flame,
 filling them with clarity and power,
 and making them drunk with longing
 to utter your uncontainable word.

And now, your spirit is poured out upon all flesh,
 sons and daughters are prophesying,
 old and young share visions
 and even the lowest paid are finding their voice.

Therefore, with Elizabeth who prophesied Jesus' birth,
 Mary who sang with the poor,
 Martha who confessed Jesus as the Christ,
 the women who announced the resurrection from the dead,
 and with every nameless and unremembered prophet
 who heard your call and inspired their people,
 we sing in praise:

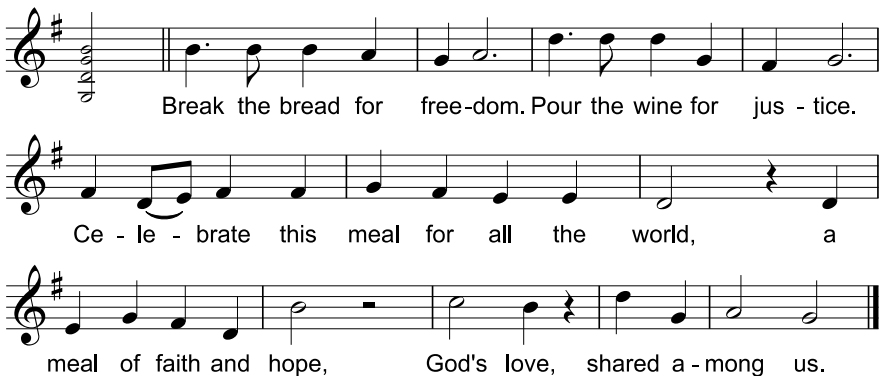
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of po-wer and might
 Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho -
 san-na in the high - est. Bless the One who
 comes in the pow'r of love. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who comes behind the doors we have closed
and breathes on our fear his fearful peace;
who, on the night before he died took bread,
gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given thanks he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood which brings new life;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.



Break the bread for free-dom. Pour the wine for jus - tice.
Ce - le - brate this meal for all the world, a
meal of faith and hope, God's love, shared a - mong us.

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Come now, spirit of integrity,
of tenderness, judgement and dance;
touch our speechlessness,
kindle our longing, quell our fears,
and fire our words with your truth;
that each may hear in their own language
the mighty works of God. ⁵

United in the power of love with all who stand for justice,
we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

⁴ *Words Jenny Blood (1932-2022)*

⁵ *Janet Morley*

We sing three times:



(Come Holy Spirit and kindle the flame of your love.)

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THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in this act of communion.

*All are welcome to come and receive the bread;
there are gluten free wafers, just ask the serving priest.*

*If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a
blessing.*

*If the stairs are a barrier please sit in the front pews
and communion will be brought to you.*

Te Taro o te Ora. The bread of life.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Listen sweet dove

Grayston Ives

⁶ Text: Taizé Community. Tune: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Filled with a Spirit that calls us and the entire world
beyond what we ever thought was possible,
we leave this table strengthened with food for the journey
and a vision of life as it can be;
one diverse family, living in justice and peace.

Mystery of God

heartbeat of the universe,
centre of spirited change and rebirth;
we glorify your ways:
the ways of dignity and justice,
the ways of love for all creatures,
the ways of caring for the earth.

Let us be simple in our needs,
showing compassion for our neighbour,
sharing generously what we have,
letting go our hurts and fears.

For in you we find peace, in you we find hope,
and in you we find courage, now and forever. Amen. ⁷

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

⁷ *Jenny Blood (1932-2022)*

FINAL HYMN

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes her dwelling.

*Words: Bianca of Siena (c.1345 - c.1412)
tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)
Tune: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TIS 398*

Deacon from the rear of the Church:

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Amen. We go in the power of love.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV 631

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

MUSIC NOTES

Elgar's stirring anthem *The Spirit of the Lord* is the prologue to his oratorio *The Apostles*, which tells the story of the disciples of Jesus and their reactions to the extraordinary events they witness on the first Pentecost through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Douglas Mews was the Director of Music at St. Patrick's Cathedral and Associate Professor at the University of Auckland. *A Sound Came from Heaven* is a striking piece, one of New Zealand's best known anthems.

Grayston Ives was a member of the King's Singers and Informator Choristarum at Magdalen College, Oxford. *Listen Sweet Dove* was written in 1973 and sets lines by George Herbert, to a lilting folk-like melody.

*We invite you to **keep** this copy of the Service and take it home with you to share with another member of your family, or with a friend
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