

Morning Worship Online – 23rd May 2021

Pentecost

Words of Welcome – Adam

1. *The Introduction*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service. But first, let us confess our sins and ask the Father for his pardon and peace.

Silence

For ignoring the vision
breathed by the living Spirit
churning deep within our souls;
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

For refusing to look at the vision
alive within those
who look or act or sound different from us;
Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy.

For choosing familiarity, ease, and comfort
rather than risking the opportunities
afforded in the vision
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening responses...

God of wind and fire,
When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

God of mighty oceans and still waters,
When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

God of bread and wine,
When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

So pour out your Spirit
Let sacred waters flow

Fill us with holy food.
**May our hearts and our hands be open wide
to receive your gifts of life. Amen.**

*~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith.** <https://spaciousfaith.com/>*

2. *The Ministry of the Word*

Hymn – Come down, O love divine

Reading – Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of

them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Gareth

A Baptismal Creed

**I believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.**

**I believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.**

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

3. *Prayers – Adam*

Concluding with...

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us...

**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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Collect for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children
with the gifts of faith
revive your church
with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4. *Conclusion*

May the Spirit,
who moved over the face of the waters at creation,
breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin Mary
when our Lord Jesus Christ came among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit
who, like wind and flame,
came upon the disciples at Pentecost,
help you in bringing the world alive
with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Farewell Words – Adam

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Final Hymn – Build your kingdom here (BandLab)