

**Pentecost Sunday 31 May 2020**  
**Facebook 2pm**

Preparing for Pentecost

*It is the Last Day of Easter*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*At Ascension we proclaimed*

God has gone up with a shout,

**The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Psalm 47.5**

*On Pentecost Sunday, remembering Jesus' return to heaven at the Ascension, today we celebrate the coming of God's Spirit to earth and remember therefore:*

The Lord is Here

**His Spirit is with us.**

God is Spirit and those who worship Him:

**We worship in Spirit and in truth. John 4:24**

Come Holy Spirit of God:

**And search our hearts with the light of Christ. 2 Cor 4:6**

Let us pray...

**All-Powerful God,**

**in the beginning your Spirit swept across the waters of chaos, fashioning the world by the breath of your love.**

**In every generation your Spirit is poured afresh making all things alive and directing your creation according to your loving plan.**

**Fulfil the promise of these Fifty Days**

**with the abundant harvest of your Spirit's gifts.**

**May the fire of your Holy Spirit burn within us**

**and the breath of your power fill us with love and joy and peace,**

**so that the whole of creation may resound with the presence of your Son,**

**who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Opening Song –

## **Your Kingdom Come**

<https://youtu.be/mA2q295I9A0>

Made in perfect love  
Innocent we walked as friends of God  
Still we turned away  
Traded freedom for a life enslaved

Helpless we were lost  
Heaven sent the rescue plan of God  
Through the love of Christ  
We are found and born into new life

We are watching, we are waiting  
We are hoping, we are praying  
We're believing, let your kingdom come

Father in heaven, your name is holy  
Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
God of salvation, unfold your story  
Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
Amen

King of endless love  
Here on earth just as in heaven above  
Let your will be done  
Wake our hearts and let your kingdom come

We are watching, we are waiting  
We are hoping, we are praying  
We're believing, let your kingdom come

Father in heaven, your name is holy  
Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
God of salvation, unfold your story  
Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen.

**Forever. Amen.**

## A Time to be Still: Waiting for the Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with Him through His journey of love.

We have faced the agony of His suffering and death on a cross.

We have rejoiced at His bursting free from the bonds of death.

We have enjoyed His risen presence with us and His revelation of Himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen His return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of His own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, His gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

As we wait in silence,  
**Fill us with Your Spirit.**

As we listen to Your word  
**Fill us with Your Spirit.**

As we worship You in majesty  
**Fill us with Your Spirit.**

As we long for Your refreshing  
**Fill us with Your Spirit.**

As we long for Your renewing  
**Fill us with Your Spirit.**

As we long for Your equipping  
**Fill us with Your Spirit.**

As we long for Your empowering  
**Fill us with Your Spirit.**

*Silence is kept.*

Jesus said, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

**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.**

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

The Thy Kingdom Come Prayer

**Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts  
with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Bible Story

**The Helper Arrives (Acts 2:1-21)**

from The Lion Storyteller Bible by Bob Hartman, pages 146-7

Jesus told his friends to wait in Jerusalem – to wait for the Helper he'd promised to send them.

So they waited. They waited and they prayed for forty days. And while they waited, the streets of Jerusalem filled up with people from every land.

People from the north and from the south.

People from the east and from the west.

People from all around the world, who came together to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.

Jesus' friends were in an upstairs room when suddenly some surprising things began to happen.

They heard a wind blow, harder than the fiercest storm. But nothing was blown about!

They heard the flickering of flames and they watched tongues of fire lick and lap and land on their heads – but nobody smelled any smoke!

And then the Helper came – the Holy Spirit – and He filled them all with the presence and power of God!

And what they heard next was talking – strange words pouring out of each and every mouth.

So they rushed outside, eager to tell the crowd what had happened. And now, suddenly, everyone could understand.

People from the north and from the south.

People from the east and the from the west.

People from all around the world. For now Jesus' friends were able to speak in foreign languages – languages they had never learned – all because of God's Holy Spirit!

What better way to tell the world about Jesus?

"So that's what it's all about", said a man from Spain.

"That's amazing!" said a woman from Africa.

"Tell me again!" asked a man from France.

But there were others who thought Jesus' friends were just talking nonsense.

"These people are drunk!" one man shouted. "It's nothing but a load of gibberish!"

And that's when Peter stood up.

Peter – who had been with Jesus from the start.

Peter – the fisherman.

Peter – who had never made a speech in his life!

"Listen everybody!" he shouted. "We are not filled with wine. We're filled with something else – God's own Holy Spirit!"

"Many years ago, [Joel the] prophet said that this would happen – that God would send his Spirit to help not just special people like prophets and kings, but everyone!

"That has happened to us today. And it has happened because Jesus, who died on a cross, was brought back to life by God himself and now sits beside God in heaven! It was Jesus who sent this wonderful gift to us. Jesus the Special One we have been waiting for all these years. Jesus, who was put to death by you." The people were sorry for what they had done to Jesus.

"What can we do?" they cried.

"Tell God you're sorry", said Peter. "Let him wash away all the bad things you have done. And you will receive His Holy Spirit too."

So that's what the people did. Three thousand of them! They told God they were sorry. They were baptized. And they were filled with God's Holy Spirit.

People from the north and from the south. People from the east and from the west. People from all over the world!

## *Reflecting on Pentecost*

## *Prayers*

### The Commission (Sending Out) for Pentecost

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 Hope Penyffordd & Penymynydd, 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? **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need? **We will.**

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

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

### Pentecost Blessing

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life He gives.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

Closing Song - PTO

Closing Song

## **Build Your Kingdom Here**

<https://youtu.be/jQ3EZbgeCaU>

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your Church  
We need Your power  
In us

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive  
This earth

*Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here  
We pray*

Unleash Your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope  
On earth

*Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
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