**ANTE-COMMUNION SERVICE MAY 31, 2020 – PENTECOST**

*(Pastor Pam to start)*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

**HYMN** **Spirit of Gentleness**

***Spirit, spirit of gentleness.   
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.   
Spirit, spirit of restlessness. Stir me from placidness.   
Wind, wind on the sea.***   
  
***You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,   
Then You coaxed up the mountains. From the valley of sleep,   
And over the eons You called to each thing,   
"A wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."*** *(Refrain)*

***You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,   
Then You whispered in silence When the whole world was still,   
And down in the city You called once again   
When You blew through Your people On the rush of the wind.*** *(Refrain)*

***You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes,   
From the bondage of sorrow The captives dream dreams;***

***Our women see visions, Our men clear their eyes.   
 With bold new decisions Your people arise.***

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*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,**

**and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*All* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect**

Almighty and ever-living 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 for ever.

**AMEN**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

(English – Howard Cyrus)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

(French – Jacquie Bouthéon)

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

(Bajan dialect – Leonora Benjamin)

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

(Hindi – Isaac Luther)

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

(English – Ritika Luther)

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

ACTS 2:1-21

The Word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**PSALM 104:25-35, 37** (Leonora Benjamin)

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they

smoke.

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

May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**  (Dushy Manickam)

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. I CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13

The Word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**HYMN** CP 647 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing,

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

*(Deacon Jacquie)*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

JOHN 20:19-23

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON: Deacon Jacquie Bouthéon**

**PIANO SOLO:**CP402 Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus.

Confitemini Domino, alleluia!

*(Pastor Pam)*

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People** (Audrey Shepherd)

In the power of the Spirit, let us offer to God our intercessions, our thanksgivings and the deep yearnings of our hearts, saying

**Come, Holy Spirit**

We pray for the church, for Linda, Andrew and Kevin, and for Pam, Roy and Jacquie. We thank you that you have raised up good and wise faith leaders to guide your people in these stressful times. We pray for all the people of God, that we may be made whole by the Spirit to bear witness to Christ’s resurrection.

**Come, Holy Spirit**.

We pray for our broken world, that the peace of the Risen Christ may heal the wounds that undermine our confidence. Give to those appointed to govern the fortitude to act only for the greater good when difficult choices must be made. Surround us with the sure knowledge that your love never fails and you will never leave us.

**Come, Holy Spirit**

We pray for those weighed down with despair or suffering from illness. We lift them up to you now by name ….. trusting in your promise that each one is precious to you. We pray for the victims of COVID-19 around the world, who are strangers to us, but are your beloved children. Be with all those whose ministry of healing puts them in danger of becoming victims themselves.

**Come, Holy Spirit**

We thank you for those dear ones who have finished their earthly journey and are now safe home with you. Give us the grace to remember the gifts of tender love they shared with us and the will to follow their good example.

**Come, Holy Spirit**

We pray for ourselves. We have learned of the inhumane treatment of the most vulnerable people in our own country. We have witnessed the brutality of racism leading to yet another death. We have watched the numbers of virus victims climb while others carelessly frolic. We are shaken and afraid. As you sent your Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost to give them courage and power, we call on you now.

**Come, Holy Spirit**

Gracious God, hear our hearts’ deep yearnings, even though we cannot always put them into words. Help us to be transformed by the Holy Spirit, and fill us, all that we are and all that we are yet to become, so that in us and through us your world may be a new creation.

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer and our Friend, we pray

**AMEN.**

*(Father Roy)*

**Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*All* **we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us,**

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*All* **whose power, working in us,**

**can do infinitely more**

**than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,**

**in the Church and in Christ Jesus,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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 in fore 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**

**HYMN CP 637 Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire**

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

And lighten with celestial fire;

Thou the anointing Spirit art,

Who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above

Is comfort, life, and fire of love;

Enable with perpetual light

The dullness of our blinded sight.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,

And thee of both to be but one;

That through the ages all along

This may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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