

The Day of Pentecost, 2020

To prepare for this service, it is suggested you light a candle, and pour a basin or bowl of water with which to share in the Thanksgiving for Baptism.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Standing at the font, the Presider continues,

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised to new life in the Spirit.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font. Then the Presider gives thanks, saying,

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us, through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.
We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

If you have prepared a bowl or basin of water, as the introduction to the Gathering Hymn begins, you are invited to dip your hand in the water and trace the sign of the cross on your forehead or over your body as a remembrance of your baptism. Members of households may choose to trace the cross on the forehead of each other, saying, "Remember your baptism."

Gathering Hymn

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Let holy charity mine 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.

- 4 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 finds a dwelling.

Collect of the Day

Presider: 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 for ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading

Acts 2.1-21

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. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ 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?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ 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.” 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. 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.
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.’

Psalm

Psalm 104.25-35, 37

The People voice the verses in bold print.

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.**

May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.
**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

Gospel Proclamation

John 7.37-39

An acclamation of "Alleluia" is sung before and after the Gospel Proclamation.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel...according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

The Intercessor calls the people to prayer, saying,

That all who thirst may come and be satisfied by the One who is the source of living water, let us pray together as we say, "May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth."

The Intercessor continues,

We pray for the church in this Diocese of Algoma,
particularly our Archbishop, Anne,
and the people of Christ Church, Ilfracombe,
and Christ Church, Port Sydney. *(silence)*
That out of the hearts of all believers
may flow rivers of living water,
we pray to you, O God:

May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth.

We pray for the church throughout the world,
particularly for the Diocese of Ottawa,
and for The Very Rev. Shane Parker,
to be ordained its Bishop this evening. *(silence)*
That bathed in the Spirit, our daughters and sons shall prophesy,
our youth see visions, and our elders dream dreams,
we pray to you, O God: **May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth.**

We pray for those who, due to this time of pandemic,
were unable to be baptized at the Christian Passover,
or during this great fifty-day season of Easter. *(silence)*
That baptized into the body of Christ,
they may drink of one Spirit,
and exercise their gifts for the common good,
we pray to you, O God:
May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth.

We pray for every nation under heaven, *especially N. (silence)*
That all peoples may stand astonished and amazed,
hearing in their own tongue
the good news of your saving deeds,
we pray to you, O God:
May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth.

We pray for the integrity and wellbeing of creation. *(silence)*
That moved by the Spirit,
we may rejoice in your manifold works,
and honour the world you have called into being,
we pray to you, O God:
May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth.

We pray for those who know poverty, sickness, or any kind of need,
especially N. (silence)
That all who long for liberation
may find cause to sing to you as long as they live,
to praise you while they have their being,
we pray to you, O God:
May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth.

We remember the dead, *especially N. (silence)*
And that breath of your Spirit might renew the face of the earth,
filling us all with life eternal,
we pray to you, O God:
May your Holy Spirit guide us into truth.

The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following collect:

Holy and gracious God,
you infuse us with your Spirit,
giving us the capacity to vision and dream.
May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives,
that our babbling may be transformed into discernment,
and the flickering of many tongues
light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice.
We ask this through your Word of love and righteousness,
Jesus Christ the risen and ascended Lord.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

The Archbishop may make some closing remarks, and pronounce the blessing.

Closing Hymn

1. Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,
with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide;
o'er every thought and step preside.
2. The light of truth to us display,
and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in every heart,
that we from God may ne'er depart.

3. Lead us to Christ, the living way,
nor let us from his pastures stray;
lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.
4. Lead us to heaven, that we may share,
fullness of joy forever there;
lead us to God, our final rest,
to be with him forever blest.

Dismissal

Assistant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

For Conversation or Reflection in Your Home after this Liturgy:

1. What stands out to you from the service? Were there any images or words in particular that sparked your imagination? If yes, how so?
2. Ponder quietly for a moment what it means to describe the Holy Spirit as fire, as breath, as food, as water. Which of these images best describes the Spirit's movement in your life right now? Do you find there is another image that better describes this movement at present? Are you finding it difficult to sense the Spirit's presence in your life at present?
3. What do you see as the relationship between the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's promises for the world? For all of creation?

Continuing the conversation/reflection: This week, take time to reflect back over the 50 Days of the Easter season. How has the Spirit been working in your life? What have you learned, or what questions have been raised for you? How has your faith deepened and/or struggled? Share these discoveries with one or two trusted individuals this week.

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