

The Day of Pentecost

Waiapu Cathedral of
St. John the Evangelist

*A virtual Ante-Communion:
10.00 am, May 31, 2020*



Informal welcome as we gather, then please mute your mic.

Dean Ian Render:

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SENTENCE for Pentecost:

Jesus said, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink... out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water” (*John 7:37-38*)

INTROIT: *from those gathered with the Director of Music:*

“A sound came from heaven”

CALL TO WORSHIP *Led by the Liturgist (Philip Pridmore)*

In Christ the life-giving law of the Spirit
has set us free from the law of sin and death.

**All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God.**

**It is the Spirit that enables us to cry,
Abba, Father.**

The Spirit confirms that we are God's children:
and if children then we are heirs.

**We are heirs of God, and fellow-heirs with Christ:
if we share his suffering now,
in order to share his splendour hereafter.**

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CALL TO WORSHIP *continued...*

The sufferings we now endure
bear no comparison with the splendour
to be shown to us.

**The created universe itself
waits with eager longing:
for the children of God to be revealed.**

Let us worship God who breathes new life into us.

based on Romans 8:2,14-19

(The opening hymn follows here)

HYMN: *Give thanks for holy wind and fire*

Give thanks for holy wind and fire!
Rejoice with heaven's hidden choir.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

See how the Pentecostal flame
blazes afar God's threefold name.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing praises to our God Most High
whose Holy Spirit prompts the cry

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Truly the Christ is present where
faithful disciples offer prayer.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Give thanks that we, God's church, can know
the Spirit's power, as long ago

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To hold, to heal and to uplift,
to hallow every natural gift.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Join, then, this Pentecost, in praise
for blessings poured in countless ways.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And, to a world which suffers so
let peace and gladness overflow.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*David Mowbray (b.1938), tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
aka "All creatures of our God and king")*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

In silence let us call to mind our sins. *(Silence)*

We repent the wrongs we have done:
Silence

We have wounded your love.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

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Eternal Spirit, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
**all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts
and all that rises to trouble us.**
**Living flame burn into us,
cleansing wind, blow through us,
fountain of water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.**

The Absolution is declared by the Presider, saying
God forgives your sins.

Know that God pardons you and sets you free. **Amen.**

Form of confession from “Night Prayer” NZPB/HKMOA

COLLECT *for the Day of Pentecost:*

Liturgist:

Let us pray for the Holy Spirit's inspiration:

Holy Spirit of God,
blowing through creation:
No door can keep you out.
Unlock our hearts,
breathe on us anew;
that we may speak God's word of life in Christ.

We make this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

Which metaphor for the Holy Spirit is most real for you?

Breath

Wind

Fire

Comforter

Voice

Dove

Advocate

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HYMN: *Be still, for the presence of the Lord.*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the holy One, is here.

Come bow before him now
with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground:

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the holy One, is here.

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2: Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around:
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant king of light;
be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

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3: Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J Evans, Tune: BE STILL

FIRST READING: *Acts 2:1-21 (The Liturgist)*

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.

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.

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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.

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, What does this mean? But others sneered and said, They are filled with new wine.

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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.

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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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Spirit of Christ, remember me*

FIRST VERSE SOLO VOICE

1: Spirit of Christ,
remember me when my world is torn apart;
Way of all ways, speak love to me;
draw me to your heart.

ALL VOICES

**2: Spirit of peace,
remember me when your people sing of war;
Spirit of power, enliven me;
let me hate no more.**

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**3: Spirit of hope,
remember me when your people serve despair;
Spirit of life, encourage me;
strengthen me in prayer.**

**4: Spirit of faith,
remember me when mistrust has won the day;
Spirit of truth, return to me;
show your loving way.**

**5: Spirit of Christ,
remember me when I fear to play my part;
Way of all ways, speak love to me;
draw me to your heart.**

Dan Damon

THE GOSPEL *introduced by Dean Ian Render:*

The Holy Gospel according to John chapter 20 (19-24)
(*sung*): **Praise and glory to God.**



The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 6/8 time. The first staff contains three measures of music with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains one measure of music with lyrics 'Al - - - le - - - - lu - - - - ia.'.

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.

This is the Gospel of Christ.
(sung:) **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics under the first staff are "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues the melody with a long note on "Al" and a long note on "ia". The lyrics under the second staff are "Al - - - le - - - lu - - - ia.".

REFLECTION: Dean Ian Render

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Led by the Liturgist)

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,

good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

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**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us
to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

You are our God. We worship you.

ANZPB/HKMOA

ANTHEM: *from members of
the Cathedral Choir*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
The Rev'd Dorothy Brooker



(The Intercessor continues:)

The Lord's Prayer in Bislama [Vanuatu]: *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

PAPA blong mifala, we yu stap long heven,
nem blong yu i tambu.

Mifala i wandem we olgeta man oli ona long yu,
mo we yu yu kam king blong olgeta man,
mo we olgeta man long wol
oli mekem olsem we yu yu wandem,
olsem we olgeta long heven oli stap mekem.

Plis yu givim kakae long mifala, i naf blong tede.

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Yu fogivim mifala from ol sin blong mifala,
olsem we mifala i stap fogivim ol man
we oli mekem i nogud long mifala.

Yu no letem ol samfing oli kam traem mifala tumas,
Yu blokem Setan i no kam spolem mifala.

From we yu nomo yu King,
yu nomo yu gat olgeta paoa,
mo ol gudgudfala samting oli blong yu nomo,
gogo i no save finis. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Be present, Spirit of our God*

1: Be present, Spirit of our God,
let sounds of earth be dumb,
Your constant love be shed abroad
the dew of blessings on us poured:
O silent Spirit, come!
O silent Spirit, come!

2: In power unseen upon us rest,
your gracious gifts impart:
a mind renewed, a spirit blessed,
a life where Christ is manifest,
an understanding heart.
an understanding heart.

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3: Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil,
our souls to Christ incline,
intent to do your holy will
and stand by faith before you still,
in righteousness divine,
in righteousness divine.

4: O Spirit come, and with us stay;
make every heart your home.
So work in us that we who pray
may walk with Christ in wisdom's way:
O Holy Spirit, come!
O Holy Spirit, come!

Timothy Dudley-Smith, tune: REPTON

COMMISSIONING (*Dean Ian*):

God the Holy Spirit,

You are the restless breath of love
that sweeps through the world.

You move where you will, breaking down barriers,
Stirring hearts to change, making all things possible.
Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice!

Come, Spirit of God,

Sweep through our world bringing great change.

May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly,

So all may share in the rich blessings of your creation.

And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living,

So that we may act justly, love mercy,

And walk humbly with you all the days of our lives. Amen.

~ posted on the Third Space website. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>

THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMMUNITY

Liturgist:

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

Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



FREE CONVERSATION

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