

A Liturgy of the Word Feast of Pentecost

28 May 2023

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Processional Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay;
therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;
hope be emptied in delight;
love in heaven will shine more bright;
therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.

From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
holy, heavenly love.



Call to Worship

The Lord be with you
And also with you

When you send forth your Spirit:
You renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever:
May the Lord rejoice in his creation.

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

Almighty God and creator of all life: your Holy Spirit brooded over the waters at the dawn of creation and you sent your Holy Spirit to empower your Church after your Son ascended into heaven. This Pentecost may we be renewed once more through the coming of your Holy and life-giving Spirit. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Collect for Purity

**Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hid:
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

The Penitence

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Confident in the sufficiency of God's grace and with contrite hearts,
let us confess our sins:*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father
in penitence we confess
that we have sinned against you
through our own fault
in thought, word, and deed
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.**

The Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Collect

**Almighty God,
with wind from heaven and tongues of flame
you poured out your Spirit on the disciples:
set our hearts on fire with joy and power
and send us out as witnesses to the wonder of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen**

The Word of God

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:26-36
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

The Sermon

The Revd Sharmain James

Prayers of Intercession

Heavenly Father, two thousand years ago you sent your Holy Spirit to empower your people and to equip them for the work of building your kingdom. This Pentecost we pray once more for an outpouring of your Holy Spirit. May you raise up apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, and every other ministry required for the building of your kingdom, both here in this place and throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

At the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inspired the disciples to speak in languages which all who were present could understand. As you continue your work here among us, Lord, help us to be an inclusive community which mirrors the diversity of your kingdom. Help us to be tolerant and loving of others, and to always be welcoming and hospitable to newcomers. Through the work of groups like our hospitality portfolio, may we celebrate the lives you have blessed us with and, through food and fellowship, may we be united in God's Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, while on earth, you prayed for your disciples to be one. By your Holy Spirit, we pray that you would unite all members of this the parish of St Michael's, Bryanston with such love and affection that we would truly resemble the body of your Son. We pray too for the universal Church; for the Anglican Communion, for the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches. May there too be mutual respect, understanding and cooperation between all the faiths of the world, that justice and good-will would overcome evil and discord.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Holy Spirit, healer and comforter, we pray for those at the margins of our society. Our society is one of such extremes that it sometimes seems the poorest among us live in a different world. Open our eyes and our hearts to their plight. Where we are able to help, move us to do so. We pray for an end to the structures which prevent people made in your image from living fulfilled and dignified lives. We thank you for the various outreach ministries supported by this parish. May you continue to sustain this work and, where possible, expand it for the purposes of your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for healing for all those afflicted in body, mind or spirit. May your hand of comfort be upon them and your healing touch make them whole. We pray especially for...

For those suffering from chronic pain, terminal illness, or inoperable conditions, may they be filled with your peace and may they feel keenly the warmth of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you told your disciples that you would not leave them as orphans but that you would send your Holy Spirit to be their comforter. We commit into your hands all who grieving or who have recently lost loved ones. In their grief and sadness, may they know the peace and comfort of your love. We pray for the repose of the souls of all those we have loved and lost throughout the years and we remember especially those whose year's mind occurs this week.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Accept these our prayers, heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Prayers over the Offering

God of all grace, we can never outgive you.
As we give you our financial gifts,
help us to use the spiritual gifts you have given us.
We thank you for giving to each of us the manifestation
of your Spirit for our common good.
To each of us, you have given different spiritual gifts
to serve you and your church – to build up each other
spiritually. May we serve you financially
with our giving and spiritually through ministering
with our gifts from you. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your Name
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Recessional Hymn

**The Spirit Lives To Set Us Free,
Walk, Walk In The Light.
He Binds Us All In Unity,
Walk, Walk In The Light.
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light Of The Lord.**

**Jesus Promised Life To All,
Walk, Walk In The Light.
The Dead Were Wakened By His Call,
Walk, Walk In The Light.
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light Of The Lord.**

**He Died In Pain On Calvary,
Walk, Walk In The Light.
To Save The Lost Like You And Me,
Walk, Walk In The Light.
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light Of The Lord.**



The Final Blessing

Father God,
amaze and astonish us with Your presence in the world.
Jesus Christ,
lead us to be Your hands and feet in the world.
Holy Spirit,
send us filled with Your resurrection power into the world.

Go into the world –
take God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit with you,
bring justice, mercy, and unmerited love to those around you,
your words, deeds and the Spirit's power
to live the Gospel where you are.

And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be within and without you
always and forever.
Amen

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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