

St. Luke's Table

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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



Happy Pentecost, Church of the Holy Spirit Singapore

Good Morning and Welcome!

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The Gathering of the Community

God's love has been poured into our hearts.

We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
And speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!

Invitatory for Pentecost:

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord
renews the face of the earth:
O come, let us worship.

Opening Hymn:



The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**We thank you, O God,
that you have again brought us together
to praise you for your goodness
and to ask your blessing.**

**Give us grace to see your hand
in the week that is past,
and your purpose in the week to come;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship Almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**Most merciful God,
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.**

Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord is our light
and our life.

O come, let us worship.

Christ our Passover, (alternating verses)

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia!

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!**

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

The Collect of the Day

**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. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Ezekiel 37: 1-14



Ezekiel in the Valley of the Dry Bones,
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Ezekiel 37: 1-14; The Valley of Dry Bones

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’”

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37: (alternating verses)

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.

O God of eternal light, heaven and earth are the work of your hands, and all creation sings your praise and beauty. As in the beginning, by your Spirit, you gave life and order to all that is, so by the same Spirit redeem us and all things, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle: You Are God
(alternating verses)

You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father:
all creation worships you.

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of the apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

**You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Second Reading:

Acts 2: 1-21



Pentecost, Bontoc Museum
Bontoc, Philippines

Acts 2: 1-2; The Coming of the Holy Spirit

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. 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.”

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.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Song of Simeon, (alternating verses)

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**

a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Gradual Hymn



The Good News:

The Holy Gospel
of Christ according to
John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15



Pentecost
Cathedral of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Reflection



Veni Sancti Spiritus, St. Aloysius Somers Town
London, England

Pentecost Story, (© D. Mark Davis, 2018)

'Twas the day of the fiftieth, the Sabbath of Sabbaths
when they were all gathered, an annual habit.
They saw their Lord buried then risen then taken;
they had had their hearts broken but now were awakened!
When all of a sudden there 'rose such a clatter,
the people in town came to see what's the matter.
The sound of strong winds, tongues dancing of fire,
the gathered ones filled with their true heart's desire.
With languages, idioms, dialects empowered,
they each found their tongue and they used it that hour.

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And those who had gathered were astonished and wondered,
“What is this strange thing onto which we have blundered?
Are not these folks common, unlearned, unlettered,
how do they speak in the tongues of their betters?
We’ve traveled the world, in Parthia and Rome,
we call Cappadocia and Media our home,
Now these ignorantia are trying to say
that God works in this mysterious way?”
All of them wondered, but some of them thunk,
“These people are babbling because they are drunk!”
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Then Peter stood up and had something to say,
“You know we’re not drunk at this time of the day!”
This thing that is happ’ning, that makes us awoke,
is that very thing that the prophet Joel spoke.
‘In days that are lasting, the true God declares,
I’ll make me a people, a people who dare,
We dare to see visions of justice one day.
We dare to have dreams like my man M.L.K.
We dare new equalities, not classes of old,
we’re benders of genders and breakers of codes!
This thing you see here, how we are behavin’,
is God being present in a world that needs savin.’”
It’s God being present in a world that needs savin.’”

Don't sit there and wonder how commoners babbleth,
wonder instead that this is true Sabbath!

A people on fire, all Spirit-inspired,
living the true path that God has required,
Led by the one who was unjustly killed,
by hands with violence honed and skilled,
but then he was raised, 'cause death has no might,
to hold down the one who does what is right.

He is the one who is breathing this breath,
whose Spirit's unleashed and the world is refreshed.

The Spirit's unleashed and the world is refreshed.

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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.**

Prayers of the People



Knitted Apostles at Pentecost
Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge
Lower Green, England

The Peace

We are the body of Christ;
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn



Prayer over the Gifts

**Giver of life,
receive all we offer you this day.
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church
continue to work in the world
through the hearts of all who believe.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen**

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness
of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray:

**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 Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God,
Alleluia.**



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Closing Hymn



Closing Prayer

**May the God of hope
fill us all with joy and peace
in believing through the power
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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