



**PENTECOST  
YEAR C**

**5 June 2022**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**



### **OPENING PRAYER**

*God our Father,  
let the Spirit you sent on your Church  
to begin the teaching of the gospel  
continue to work in the world  
through the hearts of all who believe.  
Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'



### **Reflection on the Gospel of John 20:19-23 by Greg Sunter**

#### **Historical Context – Pentecost**

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

#### **Have you thought? The Spirit**

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

## **Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit**

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, Veni Sancte Spiritus, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

For Christian believers and communities around the world, that the Holy Spirit will set their hearts on fire with all-embracing love. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who care for nature, especially the world's oceans, that World Environment Day (5 June) will give them fresh heart in their work for the world. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For journalists everywhere, especially those reporting in dangerous situations; that they will continue to be blessed with the courage they need to tell the truth. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For health-care workers of every kind, that they will be assured of safe working conditions and fair pay. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the citizens of all democratic societies, that they will value their civic rights and fulfil their civic duties. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are confined in prisons, detention centres and refugee camps, that they will not lose their freedom of mind and spirit. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Ian Vardanega, those on our prayer list and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord..

For the recently deceased Marilla Lowrey, Rod Coady, Rupert Ermet, Barry Bevege. . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will inherit the glory Christ has won for them. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Lord,  
through your loving care send the Holy Spirit of Pentecost  
into our hearts to keep us always in your love.  
Amen.*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm**

**Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Church.**

**Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.**

**Ecumenical Pentecost Celebration: Sunday 5 June, 10am in the National Theatre. All welcome**

**Social Justice Group: Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery**

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**Dear Parishioners,**

The **Markets in Ryrie Park**: were cancelled due to the wet weather. The winner of the wood raffle was Laurann from Araluen. She was very pleased to have it delivered to her.

**Vinnies Winter Appeal** will be held this Saturday, 4 June. Please help our local Conference help our companions in need.

**Ecumenical celebration of Pentecost** to be held in the National Theatre on Sunday 5 June, commencing at 10am. It was a huge success last year so we hope for bigger and better this time.

**Finance Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 8 June at 5.30pm.

**Readings for Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 2:1-11. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Romans 8:8-17. Gospel: John 14:15-16,23-26.

**Readings for next week Trinity:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Proverbs 8:22-31. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rom. 5:1-5. Gospel: John 16:12-15.

**Ministry Rosters for our Masses**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Music/PP</b>
4 June	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann T	Helen H
11 June	Geoff	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
18 June	James	Geraldine	Bobbie/Brian	Helen H
25 June	Felix	Helen P	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H

<b>Ministries of Service:</b>	<b>27 May</b>	<b>3 June</b>	<b>10 June</b>
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Cathy F	Margaret
Cleaners:	Helen P & Judith		Wendy M-B & Pauline

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other,

Helen Hart