



Order of Service
5th June 2022

Introit: 403 (TIS) 'Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of grace'

Acknowledgement:

Call to Worship:

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works –
who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

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

May my meditation be pleasing to him. (Psalm 104: 31-34)

Hymn: 447 (TIS) 'Lord, your almighty word'

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession:

Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ, we believe that our lives can be transformed by your energy and heart-warming presence.

We give you our thanks on this Day of Pentecost.

We are thankful for the times when our lives seem to be paralysed by fear or old patterns of doing things and you come to us like a flame of new life or a dove of peace.

We give you our thanks on this Day of Pentecost.

When all else seems to have left us, you come to us in renewal and friendship.

We give you our thanks on this Day of Pentecost.

O God, who comes to us through the Holy Spirit, even though we celebrate this day, we so easily lose the fire of your passion for the transforming of our lives and all around us. It is very tempting to settle down and enjoy the familiar rhythms of daily life, both at home and in the life in the church. Shine with your truth into our days, Holy Spirit.

Then warm us with your grace, we pray.

When you speak to us in the wisdom of our own language and we choose to shut you out and give way to languages of lies and injustices:

Shine with your truth into our days, Holy Spirit.

Then warm us with your grace, we pray.

If we have lost the laughter and delight of your bright participation in creation – staying so serious and endlessly dampened down with our pre-occupations and tireless efforts:

Shine with your truth into our days, Holy Spirit.

Then warm us with your grace, we pray. Amen



Declaration of Forgiveness:

There is no place where our lives can go which will not be visited by the Spirit of grace. There is no deathliness in the face of guilt which cannot be brought to life by Jesus Christ. God the Creator will go on creating in us, if we will hold our lives open to the movement of the Spirit.

We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Doxology: 768 (TiS) 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow'

Time with the children:

Readings: Acts 2: 1-21, John 14: 8-17

Hymn: 407 (TiS) 'Breathe on me, breath of God'

Sermon brief:

- The day of Pentecost comes at the end of the fifty-day celebration of Easter. The story of Pentecost reminds us about where it all started: The announcement of the Spirit's empowerment.
- The followers of Jesus, all 120 of them were gathered in one place praying for the outpouring of the Spirit as Jesus had promised.
- Suddenly, the storm came and accompanying the frightening wind is fire. And what seemed to be tongues of fire came to rest on each of them.
- The wind and fire accompany the central theme of Pentecost "all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit".
- They received the Holy Spirit for one major purpose – so that they could prophesy and be witnesses for Jesus to the ends of the earth.
- The gift of the Spirit was given for the purpose of prophesying to all 'tongues' – all languages in all nations – to the ends of the earth.
- This means that the gift of the Spirit enables the church to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.
- The conversion of those on the day of Pentecost began with utter amazement at what they were hearing. Not the wind or the fire but the gospel being available to them in their own languages.
- As has always been the case, the wonders of God's grace also drew mockery from some in the crowd. This sets the pattern for all sermons.
- Peter tries to explain with a command to listen carefully. Peter refers to the prophesy of the Joel (2: 28-32) that we have entered the last days.
- The last days that Peter refers to is the last days of the salvation of all.
- In these last days, the Spirit is poured out on "all flesh", all kinds of human beings with no regards to sex, gender, age or rank. Not just men, but men and women, young and old.
- These people will be the means by which the gospel will spread.
- The main effect of the spread of the gospel is conversion. The Spirit's work will focus on salvation. It will begin in Jerusalem and ends in Rome.
- That is the focus of Pentecost. The greatest evidence of the Spirit's filling is the gift of prophesy given to all people, to all God's children, so that both who are amazed and the mockers will be saved in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: 537 (TiS) 'Let us talents and tongues employ'

Holy Communion**Narrative of the Institution:**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

By the gift of the Spirit you bring to completion the work of your Son. You lead us into all truth and give us power to proclaim the gospel to the whole world. And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

With this bread and this cup, we do as our Saviour commands: we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.
Make us one with him, one with each other, and one in ministry in the world, until at last we feast with him in the kingdom.
Through you Son, Jesus Christ, in your holy church, all honour and glory is yours, Father almighty, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the bread:**Lamb of God:**

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.

Distribution of the elements:

Prayer after Communion:**Notices:****Joys and Concerns:****Offering:**

Hold these our gifts in your hands, O God, and bless them as we use them. May the Spirit give us new ideas for our life in the world and enlarge our view of what we may try to do.
Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Holy Spirit pray for us when we have few words and when our faith is limited by our humanness or diminished by discouragements and unanswered questions. We so often find our lives running out in streams of effort which seem to bear little fruit. Pray for us, Holy Spirit of God.

Renew our lives, Holy Spirit of Christ.

Then colour us brightly with your enlightenment so that it glows in the coldness of our world. Touch us with the mystery of your endless commitment so that we may stay when others leave. Then grant that the dove of your peace will hover low over us and the world which you so love. Pray for us, Holy Spirit of God.
Renew our lives, Holy Spirit of Christ.

Come to us when we wait for renewal. Heal us when we are wounded by life's struggles and lead us on when we do not know the way. Pray for us, Holy Spirit of God.

Renew our lives, Holy Spirit of Christ. Be with us and within us now. Amen.

Hymn: 411 (TiS) 'Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord'

Blessing:

779 (TiS) 'May the feet of God walk with you'

