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The Day of Pentecost ~ Whitsunday SUNDAY, MAY 31st, 2020

The Cathedral is closed; however, members are asked to pray the Office of Morning Prayer, at home with their household.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Versicles & Responses

- V. Blessed be the Lord our God,
- R. By whose grace we are yet alive.
- V. Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ,
- R. By whose rising we are set free.
- V. Blessed be the Spirit of God;
- R. In whom is our hope and our joy.

Prayer of Intent

Let us pray

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

INVITATORY

Venite Psalm 95:1-8

(A Call to Worship and Obedience)

- ¹ O come, let us sing out to the LORD: let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before His face with thanksgiving: and cry out to Him joyfully in psalms.
- ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth: and the peaks of the mountains are His also.
- ⁵ The sea is His, and He made it, His hands moulded dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down: and kneel before the LORD, our maker.
- ⁷ For He Himself is our God, we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. If only you would hear His voice today: for He comes, He comes to judge the earth:
- ⁸ He shall judge the world with righteousness: and the peoples with His truth

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

The Confession & Absolution

The Minister says:

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and people, together say:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AII:

Grant merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Benedic, anima mea

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

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

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 "The Coming of the Holy Spirit"

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and



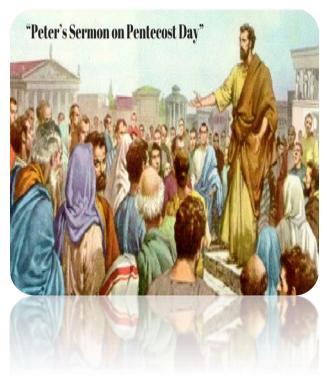
a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

"Peter Addresses the Crowd"

14 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.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.



¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "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.

- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹ 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.
- ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord

Benedictus Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel;

You have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets

You promised of old to save us from our enemies from the hands of all that hate us.

To show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

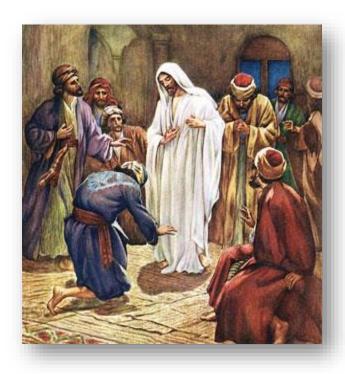
In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Second Lesson: John 20:19-23 "Jesus Appears to the Disciples"

19 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 'Peace said, be with you.' ²⁰After he



said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

The Word of the Lord

You Are God Te Deum Laudamus

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 apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of 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 abhor 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.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance: Govern and uphold them, now and always. Day by day we bless you:

We praise your name for ever.
Keep us today, Lord, from all sin:
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy:
For we put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope:
Let us not be confounded at last.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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.

THE PRAYERS

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.

The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

ALL:

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 forever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES "A"

- V. Lord, reveal your love among us;
- R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.
- V. Grant peace within and among all nations;
- R. And teach our leaders wisdom.
- V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;
- R. And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.
- V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the oppressed;
- R. That your justice may be known among all people.

- V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;
- R. That in us and through us your will may be done.

The Collect of the Day ~ "Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday"

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit. Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of Holy Sacraments, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Protection

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord. Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Reflection

Special Intentions for today: for the proclamation of the gospel by word as well as by deed; for renewal of the Church; for the establishment of God's realm of justice and

peace; and for deliverance and healing in the midst of the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word. May it be a lantern to our feet,

A light to our paths,

And a strength to our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve all persons in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Grace

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

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- V. Let us bless the Lord.
- R. Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING ~ "Pentecost"

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God the Father be upon you this day and forever more. **Amen.**



The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday YEAR A

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Comments ~ "Filled with the Spirit"

This lesson tells the story of the Holy Spirit filling the apostles and empowering them to share the message of the gospel with people of different languages. Clearly this was a most dramatic moment in the life of the early church, an experience described in terms of wind and fire. From this time forward the mighty works of God done in Jesus will be told to all the peoples of the earth, crossing barriers of language and culture.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

The psalm describes the wonders of the world created and renewed by the Lord's Spirit.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3B-13

Comments ~ "Varieties of gifts, the same Spirit"

In this reading we hear that Christians are all one body and are inspired by the same Spirit, which is manifested in a variety of gifts and forms of service. It is the glory of the Christian community that its members have different gifts to offer for the common good. Disciples also come from diverse backgrounds and conditions. Yet the many members form one body, and the only Holy Spirit was poured out for all to drink.

The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23

Comments ~ "The Spirit poured out"

The Gospel describes an appearance of the risen Lord in which he bestows the Holy Spirit on his disciples. He

brings his disciples peace and tells them of their mission. The ministry which the Father had given Jesus is now carried forward in the world by his followers. The disciples have power over the forgiveness of sins in order to guide others to repentance and faith.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

- 1. The Cathedral Church is now fully closed. However, as the country enters Phase Three, resuming some economic activity, some adjustments were made. As we know, according to the Directive, churches are allowed to be open for weddings (with no more than 6 persons present), funerals (no more than 20 mourners) or the streaming of services (no more than 20 persons, inclusive of the officiant). In addition, they may be opened occasionally during the week, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. by the sexton/warden/clergy for ventilation/cleaning purposes only but not for any other use by congregants or the general public.
- 2. Confirmation Classes: Please note that registration for Confirmation Classes has started. It is anticipated that Confirmation will be celebrated in November, as part of the Diocese's "Mission 2020: God's Gathering" initiative. Electronic sessions will begin very soon.
- 3. Household Worship: The Cathedral is closed to public worship; however, members are encouraged to pray the office of Morning Prayer at the regular Sunday service times, 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., or at a time convenient to the family. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for Readings after Pentecost begins on page 759, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Monday, June 1s, 2020 are Ecclesiasticus 2:1-15; Psalm 41, 52; and Matthew 13:44-52.

- 4. Stewardship of Treasure: During this period when the congregation is not assembling for corporate worship, members are asked to fulfil their individual financial commitments to God, in the mission of the Cathedral, by the regular use of the envelopes which have been issued. The following options are available:
 - i. Bring the offering to the Cathedral and lodge it with the Administrative Assistant at the Office on Tuesdays to Fridays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The collection of food items for hampers, care packages or pantries and the distribution thereof, continue. Drop-offs of items by congregants should be done only on their assigned days for doing personal business.
 - ii. Write a cheque to St. Michael's Cathedral, place it in the regular offering envelope and then in another envelope addressed to The Dean, St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael for mailing purposes.
 - iii. Make an online payment to the St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 27193-02; Transit # 09606.
 - iv. If none of these three arrangements is convenient, I ask that the offering be set aside, either weekly or monthly, as one would normally present it, and that the entire package be ready when corporate worship resumes.

Thanks for your kind consideration and generous response, thus far.

- 5. Ministry Today: The following basic ministries will be sustained during the emergency period: Administration (Human Resources, Financial and Property management); Christian Education (Bible study, etc.); Pastoral Services (Prayer, Counsel and Bereavement Support); Social Outreach (Deacon's Cupboard, SMCFA); and Worship (Streaming of services, Family worship, Daily Devotion).
- **6. Retirement**: The Rev'd Richard Kellman will retire from active ministry, today Sunday, May 31, 2020. This early opportunity is taken to record sincere thanks to him and his family for their ministry and to pray God's blessing upon them as they embark on a new phase of life.



DIOCESAN NEWS

The Opening of Church Offices & Church Halls: Church Offices and Halls may be opened daily, between 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., only for the receipt of 'tithes and offerings' and the collection of food items for hampers, care packages or pantries and the distribution thereof. Drop-offs of items by congregants should be done only on their assigned days

for doing personal business. No other in-person business meetings or counselling sessions or funeral/wedding arrangement sessions are allowed. These will continue to be done via telephone, email, or video/audio conferencing.

Congratulations to all those person celebrating birthdays this week May 31st \sim June 6th, 2020

Ms. Julissa Bourne ~ 2nd
Ms. Evelyn Jackman ~ 3rd
Ms. Etheline C. E. Smith 5th
Ms. Angela J Kirton ~ 6th
Mr. Stephen A. Smith ~ 6th



May God bless and strengthen you.

Theme for the Week

"The Holy Spirit has made the Lord our most intimate friend."





Please remember the sick of our Parish and wider community especially,

Dr. Kenneth George



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