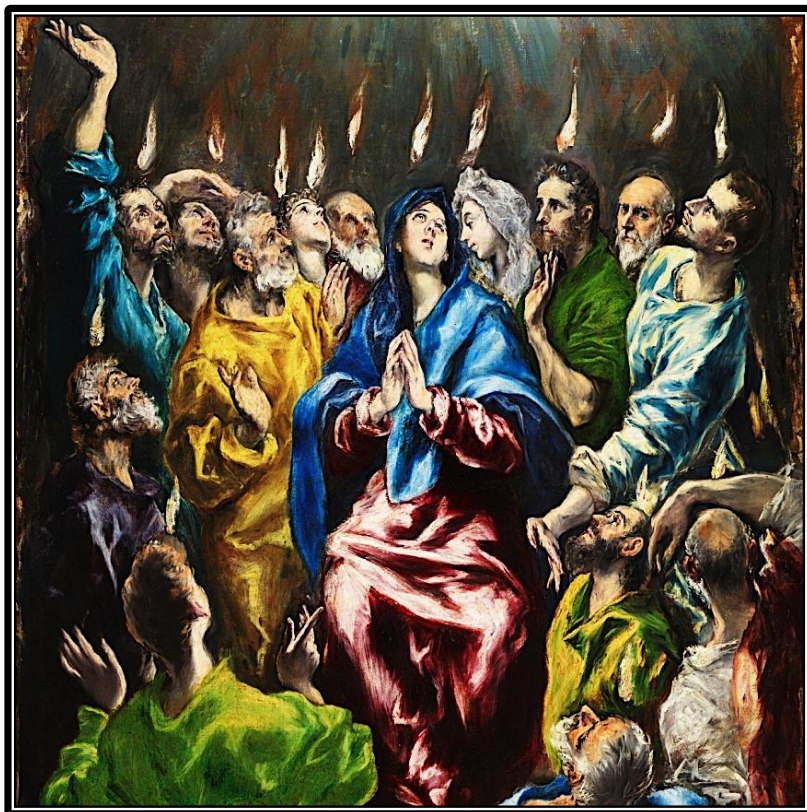


**MORNING PRAYER
THE FEAST OF PENTECOST
31 MAY 2020**



'Pentecost', El Greco, 1596.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
WANGARATTA**

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of mystery, you infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.

HYMN

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXO4rqBQOAU>

Lyrics are in the video

Words Bianco de Siena (14th century), Tr. Richard Littledale (19th century)

‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,’ says the Lord; ‘and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.’
John 7.38

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

The Canticle, A Song of Hope is said:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me:
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

The Lord has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted:
to proclaim liberty for the captives,
and release for those in prison,

To comfort all who mourn:
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,

The oil of gladness instead of mourning:
a garment of splendour for the heavy heart.

They shall be called trees of righteousness:
planted for the glory of the Lord.

Isaiah 61.1-3

The Opening Prayer - Silence may be kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

A pause for self-examination is taken before the confession is said.

Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

Psalm 104.26-36

- 26 Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number, great and small;
- 28 There go the ships, to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan
whom you formed to sport in the deep.
- 29 These all look to you:
to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand
they are satisfied with good things.
- 31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.
- 32 When you send forth your spirit they are created:
and you renew the face of the earth.

- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
- 34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.
- 36 May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

Or Psalm 104

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRo8ilN6Nww>

Creator Spirit, Advocate promised by our Lord Jesus: increase our faith and help us to walk in the light of your presence, to the glory of God the Father; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

HYMN

COME, THOU HOLY SPIRIT COME

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ky0MAuMr9Gc>

- 1 Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,
 and from thy celestial home
 shed a ray of light divine;
 come, thou Father of the poor,
 come, thou source of all our store,
 come, within our bosoms shine.
- 2 Come, of comforters the best,
 Of the soul's the sweetest guest,
 Come in toil refreshingly:
 Thou in labour rest most sweet,
 Thou art shadow from the heat,
 Comfort in adversity.
- 3 O thou Light most pure and blest,
 shine within the inmost breast,
 of thy faithful company;
 where thou art not, we have naught,
 every holy deed and thought,
 nothing free from taint of ill.

4 Sinful hearts do thou make whole,
Bring to life the arid soul,
Guide the feet that go astray:
make the stubborn heart unbend;
to the faint, new hope extend,
Wounded souls, their hurt allay.

5 Fill the faithful, who confide
In thy power to guard and guide,
With thy sevenfold mystery:
Here thy grace and virtue send,
Grant salvation in the end,
And in heaven felicity.

Edward Caswall (1849)

SECOND READING

John 19:19-23

A reading from the Gospel according to John

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 said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

SERMON

The Canticle, A Song of God's Children is said:

In Christ Jesus, the life-giving law of the Spirit:
has set us free from the law of sin and death.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God:
it is the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba!' Father.

The Spirit bears witness
that we are God's children:
and if God's children, then heirs of God.

We are heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ:
If we share his sufferings now
we shall be glorified with him hereafter.

These sufferings that we now endure:
are not worth comparing
with the glory that shall be revealed.

For the creation waits with eager longing:
for the revealing of the children of God.

Romans 8.2, 14, 15b-19

HYMN

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HOLY GHOST

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAyUudi6DSE>

- 1 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
Taught by thee, we covet most
Of thy gifts at Pentecost,
Holy, heavenly love.
- 2 Love is kind, and suffers long,
Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
Love than death itself more strong;
Therefore give us love.
- 3 Prophecy will fade away,
Melting in the light of day;
Love will ever with us stay;
Therefore give us love.
- 4 Faith will vanish into sight;
Hope be emptied in delight;
Love in heaven will shine more bright;
Therefore give us love.
- 5 Faith and hope and love we see
Joining hand in hand agree;
But the greatest of the three,
And the best, is love.

6 From the overshadowing
Of thy gold and silver wing
Shed on us, who to thee sing,
Holy, heavenly love.

Christopher Wordsworth (1862)

The Apostles' Creed is said.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come 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

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

**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.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
empower us with that same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CHORAL MUSIC

‘Come, Holy Ghost, the Maker, Come’, Orlando Gibbons
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpjpGmzlf7I>

‘Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire’, William Boyce
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtZdjiIUYBI>

‘Cum Sancto Spiritu’ from Gloria in D, Antonio Vivaldi
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INdcStSS1HQ>

‘Let Thy Holy Presence’, Paul Tschesokov
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wa_yW-KfIRk

Intercessions

Spirit of the Living God, we pray for the world: for all its people and for your creation entrusted to our care. We pray for those in positions of authority; for all who work to stop the spread of coronavirus throughout the world. We remember especially those countries which continue to struggle with high infection and mortality rates and for all health care workers. Come as Holy Spirit and teach us, and in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Spirit of truth, we pray for the church: for Christians everywhere, that we may be set on fire with zeal for you. We pray for all leaders of churches, and today for the Anglican Communion, for The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, for James Tengatenga, Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council, and for the planning process for the next Lambeth Conference. We pray for our own Diocese, for Clarence our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese. Come Holy Spirit and inspire us, and in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Spirit of love, we pray for our local community: for all who live and work in our city, for all who contribute to the well-being of our community, praying especially for all doctors, nurses, health-care workers and all who work in the hospitals and aged care facilities of our city. We pray for our families, our neighbours, and our friends, and for all who have no work, no home, or no hope for the future. Come Holy Spirit and enfold us, and in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Spirit of Comfort, we pray for all who suffer: for all in need of your comfort, that they may know your healing and peace. We pray for the sad, the lonely and the destitute, for the sick, the dying and all who care for them. We pray for all those on our parish list of prayer, for Bill Salisbury, Penny Kenny, Joanne Steel, Gwen Pritchard, Dorothy Gibson, Greg Hynard, Matthew Dykes, Heather, Sonya, Patrick French, Sylvia Noon, Robyn, David, Marj Hoysted, Bronwyn Binks and Kimberley. Come, Holy Spirit, and console us, and in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Spirit of Life, we remember all who have died: those whose hearts have glowed with your love. For those who have shown us a glimpse of your love, which has helped us on our journey of faith. We remember the recently departed and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time. Possess us with your power and purpose, that we, with all your saints, may dwell for ever in your presence. Come, Holy Spirit, and dwell in us, and in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13.14

HYMN

HOLY SPIRIT, COME CONFIRM US

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dz03CrBprE0>

1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your promised light alone.
2. Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.
3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live,
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.
4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us
You the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

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ORGAN POSTLUDE

'Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott', Dieterich Buxtehude
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOS5oGRy39M>

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