

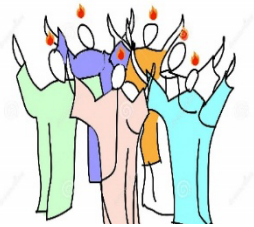


PENTECOST SUNDAY

Day of Pentecost 8th June 2025

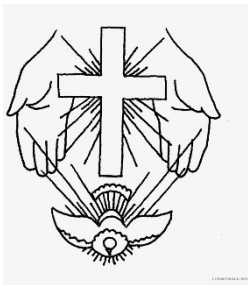
SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise together on the ABC and then set the table for our Parish meal.



Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal

As we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and the coming of the Holy Spirit as he promised, let us define the occasion by decorating our table with a variety of bright flowers or other symbols of new life. Give some thought to the presentation of your meal as a meditation on the importance of the time you are setting aside for worship. Make it pleasing to your eye. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You**.



Shavout is the Jewish festival of Pentecost. It celebrates when God made his covenant with the Israelites on Mt Sinai. They would be His people and He their God and God gave them His laws. They would be His priests under His blessing to be a blessing to every nation.

Pentecost for Christians is the sealing of the New Covenant in which the outpouring of the Holy Spirit enables us to be His blessing to all people with the message of the Good News. Jesus' restoration for us reunited us to God.

opening prayer — consciously drawing together in our mind our Parish community around our table.

Be still and silent. Visualise in your mind, those whom you invited to share with you. Pray:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Here, and throughout the world, We adore you O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen

Bless this food, both physical and spiritual. Bless all who gather at your table, both seen and unseen, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

• Let us read and reflect on our cycle of readings.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 Beginning at the first verse

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



Cyre-ne, 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.’

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

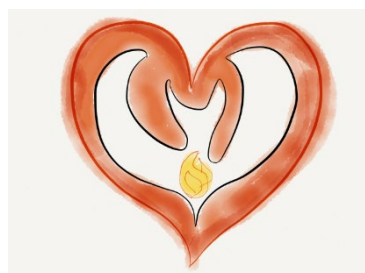
Psalm 104

- 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.



A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Chapter 8 beginning at verse 14

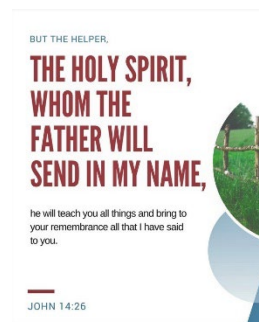
For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.



Hear the word of the Lord. ***thanks be to God.***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 14 beginning at verse 8 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. (25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.)



This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5.5

Let us now engage in some quiet reflection, or conversation and sharing, responding to the passages of scripture.. We may like to write down some key thoughts for further reflection.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.



In our creed we acknowledge the Holy Spirit as our enabler. John 14, 15 explains what being enabled is and our interconnectedness (unity) with the Father Son and Holy Spirit. It is not just the Trinity, but the Trinity and those who believe, that is the power behind the message of Salvation.

prayer-time

Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world;. Lord we pray for your peace and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring, we pray for a ceasefire and for peace in all areas of conflict and war.

We pray for family; for members of the parish and wider community, for the life and ministry of the Church, for encouragement in our journey of faith.

Heavenly Father, We thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Guide us with Your Spirit, Fill our hearts with Your love, And lead us to live according to Your will. **Amen.**

We pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer, Stephen, Ane, Madeleine, Ken, Lynn H, Jo, Neville B, Jo, Mary and family, Lisa W, Jan Y, Michael, Andrew, Colin C, Cathy M, Pratibha K,



Jeanette B, Barbara A, Jo M, Sue Mc, Griselda, Patrusca, Lorraine, Rachel, Steve, Ebony, Jean T, Nicole, David, Takoohi, Glenda, Margaret, Wendy, Gweneth, Jo and Ginne, Matthew, Ann, Kathryn and Keiran, Ruth, Jean N, Georgia, Pat V, Brenda, Joanie, Jan, Joy I, Jac B; Eileen, Ursula P, Tom A, Nicholas & Ben; Sue & Frank G, Emily and her family; Trish S, Christina and any others we wish to remember, either silently or aloud. ...

Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together.

Our Father

Prayer for Pentecost Sunday

O God,
who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses,
and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Holy Spirit:
grant, we pray, that, kindled by the same Spirit
which you poured forth upon your apostles,
we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen



Conclude the meal with the following prayer together.



***May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit
be amongst us and remain with us always.
Amen.***

Intentional connection beyond your home

After our Table Service, take the time to contact other people you know, especially those on their own or separated from family and friends. Start a conversation: How have you been keeping, what about this changing weather or hope you are keeping well, I was as just thinking of you and decided to call. Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect.

