

Inter-Church Combined Pentecost Service



5 June 2022

Welcome **Sue Bluett**

Call to Worship

Holy Spirit

Descend like a dove on us and bring peace and unity to our world
So that we can be a just and caring community.

Holy Spirit come like a breath,
bringing life to renew the people of God.

Holy Spirit spread like fire,
bring energy to us so we can be witnesses to the love of God.

Spirit of the living God,
come to us and transform our lives through our worship by your
power. **Amen.**

Song - Send the fire

O God of burning cleansing flame, send the fire
Your blood-bought gift today we claim
Send the fire today
Look down and see this waiting host
And send the promised Holy Ghost
We need another Pentecost
Send the fire today, send the fire today

God of Elijah hear our cry, send the fire
And make us fit to live or die
Send the fire today
To burn up ev'ry trace of sin
To bring the light and glory in
The revolution now begin
Send the fire today, send the fire today

It's fire we want for fire we plead, send the fire
The fire will meet our ev'ry need
Send the fire today
For strength to always do what's right

For grace to conquer in the fight
For pow'r to walk the world in white
Send the fire today, send the fire today

To make our weak hearts strong and brave, send the fire
To live a dying world to save
Send the fire today
Oh see us on Your altar lay
We give our lives to You today
So crown the off'ring now we pray
Send the fire today, send the fire today, send the fire today

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Song: Pentecost Prayer

When this earth was created, it was God who spoke the word
And it was done, gave His warmth to the cold earth
All was new and all was young, time had begun

**Make me warm when I am cold, make me young when I am old
Move me touch me inside, let Your love burn in me now**

If I'm rough make me gentle,
if my words are hard and sharp
Soften this heart, if I'm weak make me stronger
Let me look to You for strength, to make a new start

If I'm deaf break the silence, if I'm blinded by the dark
Give me Your light, if I'm lame and I stumble
Let me take Your hand again, and hold it so tight

If You speak let me hear You
Help me recognize Your voice everywhere
If You pass let me see You
Help me know the face is Yours, help me to care

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Bible Reading: John 16:4-15 – Bec Featonby

⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

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Bible Reading – Based on Acts 2:1-21

(Readers: Merylin W – Reader 1, Kerin – Reader 2, Jacky R – Reader 3, Nar – Christine T)

- 1:** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

- 2:** 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.

- 3:** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

Nar: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

1: Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

2: And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

3: Amazed and astonished, they asked,

Nar: “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”

1: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,

2: Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,

3: and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, residents of Crete, and Arabs—

Nar: in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

1: All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

Nar: “What does this mean?”

1: But others sneered and said,

2&3: “They are filled with new wine.”

- 1:** But Peter, standing with the eleven,
raised his voice and addressed them:
- 2:** “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem,
let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
- 3:** 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:
- 1:** “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.
- 2:** Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
- 3:** And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- 1:** The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
- Nar:** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall
be saved.”

Sermon **Rev Judi Turnham**

Song: Holy Spirit living Breath of God

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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Prayer of Confession – Rev Sam Joo

On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to You, O Lord –
our division, for we are not gathered together as Your people in one
place;

our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do or to be; our desire for a monolingual society, even when you allowed the early church to transcend all language, not favouring one over another; our actions that can be like the crowds that taunt and torment, mocking those who are filled with your Spirit that burns like fire and rushes like wind.

On this Pentecost Sunday, O Lord – help us to let down our barriers to your Spirit; guide us to live with joy, abandon, and faithfulness; and create in us new hearts to be new people who worship only You. **Amen.**

Prayer

Sheliah Fernandes – St Joseph's

Loving God,

We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us pray as we ought.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression: for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger, for those who are in leadership of countries around the world who can make decisions to make our world a fairer place.

Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

Margaret Hewitt – St Joseph's

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit

for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain;

for those who suffer from anxiety and can't go about their normal life

for those who are suffering from Covid or flu and the aftereffects of these viruses

for those who are feeling exhausted from the stress of caring for those who are unwell
for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

(Chelsea Baptist Church Reader)

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit
for those living in the shadow of war and violence;
especially those living in the Ukraine, Russia, Myanmar, Afghanistan and Ethiopia,
for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety
and whose Christian life has become hard and dry.
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

Other readers TBA

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit
for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts;
for those tempted to do what is wrong.
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit
for those reaching out to comfort the distressed;
for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**

Di Ewin – Chelsea Community Church of Christ

Loving God,
We ask for the assurance of your Spirit
to know your presence with us in our daily lives:
in our relationships; in our work and service;
in our worship; in our times of joy and pain.
Holy Spirit: **Help Us.**
In Jesus' name: **Amen**

Song: Send us Out

Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to shine your light in the way we live.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
as we've received, may we freely give.

**Send us out, send us out,
send us out for your glory.
Let all we do be praise to you;
send us out for your glory**

Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to show your love everywhere we go.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
Lord, fill us up so we overflow.

We're laying down our lives,
a living sacrifice,
we're living for your glory and your praise.
We're taking up our cross,
we've counted up the cost,
we're living for your glory and your praise.

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The Blessing Rev Neil Jayasuriya

As we go now to our daily living,
may the Spirit come to us in new and exciting ways:
As a gentle whisper, in dreams, in silence, in prayer;
As a strong wind, in lives filled with love and compassion;
As a mighty storm, in exuberant hearts of joy.
So let us go now, filled with the Spirit all our days! **Amen!**