

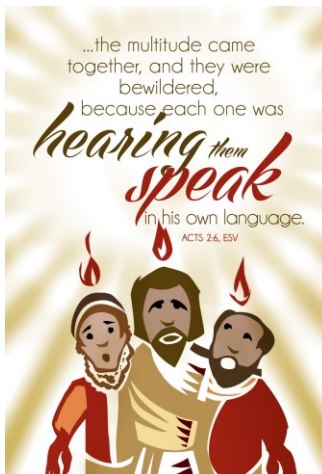


St. George on Yonge Anglican

May 23, 2021

The Day of Pentecost

Ministry of the Word



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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Opening Hymn #636 “Come, Thou Holy Spirit, Come” Text from Latin; translation by Edward Caswell

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| 1 Come, thou Holy Spirit, come, and from thy celestial home shed a ray of light divine; come, Defender of the poor, come, thou source of all our store, come, within our bosom shine: | 3 O most blessèd Light divine, shine within these hearts of thine, and our inmost being fill; where thou art not, we have naught, nothing good in deed or thought, nothing free from taint of ill. |
| 2 thou of comforters the best, thou the soul’s most welcome guest, sweet refreshment here below; in our labour rest most sweet, grateful coolness in the heat, solace in the midst of woe. | 5 On the faithful, who adore and confess thee, evermore in thy sevenfold gifts descend: give them virtue’s sure reward, give them thy salvation, Lord, give them joys that never end. |

Greeting

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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Acts 2:1–21

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹When 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.

⁵Now 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.”

¹⁴But 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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25–32,37b

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| <p>25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.</p> <p>26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.</p> <p>27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.</p> <p>28 All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.</p> <p>29 You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.</p> | <p>30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.</p> <p>31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.</p> <p>32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.</p> <p>37b Hallelujah!</p> |
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O God of eternal light, heaven and earth are the work of your hands, and all creation sings your praise and beauty. As in the beginning, by your Spirit, you gave life and order to all that is, so by the same Spirit redeem us and all things, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:22–27

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

John 16:4b–15

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

^{4b} “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Solo – “There’s a Spirit in the air”

Text: Brian Wren. Music: John Wilson

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,*People* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.****We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.****For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.****For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.****We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.****The Prayers of the People***Leader* Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit.*People* **Come, Holy Spirit, come.****Confession and Absolution**

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.*Silence is kept.**Celebrant* Most merciful God,*People* **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

People **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Subdeacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Closing Hymn #653 – Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost.

Text by Christopher Wordsworth

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| <p>1 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, taught by thee, we covet most, of thy gifts of Pentecost, holy, heavenly love.</p> <p>2 Love is kind, and suffers long; love is meek, and thinks no wrong; love than death itself more strong; therefore give us love.</p> <p>3 Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day; love will ever with us stay; therefore give us love.</p> | <p>4 Faith will vanish into sight; hope be emptied in delight; love in heaven will shine more bright; therefore give us love.</p> <p>5 Faith and hope and love we see joining hand in hand agree; but the greatest of the three, and the best, is love.</p> |
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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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Today’s Scripture Readings

The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:25-32,37b
 Romans 8:22-27
 John 16:4b-15

Next Sunday’s Scripture Readings

Trinity Sunday

Refugee Sunday

Faith in Action

Deuteronomy 24:17-22
 Psalm 146
 Matthew 25:31-46

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