



Sunday Service

Sunday 31st May 2020 – Pentecost

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen us with the gift of faith,
revive us with the breath of love,
and renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible reading

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Acts 2 : 1 - 13

Reflection : Equipped to serve

- What empowers our serving?
- Who do we serve?
- Why do we serve?

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious, be with all those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort knowing nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Final prayer

Faithful 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 through your Son.
Open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May the Spirit of truth lead us into all truth, give us grace to declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen us to proclaim the words and works of God
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all, now and for ever more. Amen.