The
Local
Church
Shared Pentecost Worship
31st May 2020 11am



During the service we will share together in an Agape meal. If possible please have some bread available to you so we can all eat at the same time in our different locations.

Worship led by David Paton-Williams, Richard Fraser & Fiona Bennett, with contributions and technical support from many others.

Gathering & Welcome

Call to worship:

Fiona: The transforming breathe of God is amongst us;

Resuscitating our imaginations with vision **Richard:** Reviving our hearts with hope

David: Billowing the sails of our lives with direction and purpose

ALL: SPRIT OF GOD, WITH ALL THAT IS IN US, WE RAISE OUR VOICES TO PRAISE YOU...

Hymn: Praise the Spirit CH4 588 v.1, 4 & 5 (tune 200 Westminster Abbey)

- Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life's origin: Spirit, moving on the waters, forming order deep within, source of breath for all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin.
- 4 Praise the Spirit, sent by Jesus when ascended to his throne, who pours out on men and women power for turning upside down all the world and every people as the gospel is made known.
- Pray we now, Lord, Holy Spirit, on our lives descend in might; let your flame burn bright within us, fire our hearts and clear our sight, till, consumed with your compassion, we too set the world alight.

Michael Hewlett (1916–2000)

Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:
ALL: Above and below (hands - up to down)
Within and beyond (hands - from stomach to outstretched)
The Spirit of God is at work.

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Time for all ages: Wind Power - video by David Coleman

Short Song: Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, descend on us, descend on us. We gather here in Jesus name.

Come, Breath of heaven...
Fire of transformation....
Come to unite us...

Reading: Acts 2:1-21 (MSG) read by Matt Baines of TLC youth

2 1-4 When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

5-11 There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

12 Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

13 Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

Sermon: Richard Fraser

Music for Reflection: Music from John Longley & Art from Urzula Gleinecke



Tongues as of Fire By J Richardson

Agape Meal

ALL: LORD, WE WELCOME YOUR PRESENCE WITH US.
MAY THE FOOD AND COMPANIONSHIP WE SHARE
NOURISH OUR BODIES, HEART AND MINDS.
AND MAY OUR SPIRITS BE REFRESHED
AS WE LIVE IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE
AND US NOW, AND AT ALL TIMES AND PLACES. AMEN.

Offering & Dedication

Hymn: There's a spirit in the air (StF 398 v.1, 3, 5 & 6)

- 1. There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere: 'Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world!'
- 3. When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed, praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.
- 5. When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home, praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.
- 6. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways God in Christ has come to stay.
 Live tomorrow's life today!
 Brian Wren

Notices

Blessing

Sung Amen