

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday May 31, 2020



Come

HOLY SPIRIT

ST THOMAS' CATHEDRAL • MUMBAI

The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations. Pentecost (which comes from the Greek word for 'fiftieth') has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks.

Jesus had promised his followers that, although they would not see him after his Ascension, they would receive the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them.

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|The Preparation & Gathering|

Prelude

“O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace” THOMAS TALLIS (c. 1505 - 85)

Opening Hymn

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGGcqhKShQ8>

Opening Acclamation

Presbyter Alleluia, alleluia. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people.

People **Kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Presbyter There is one Body and one Spirit.

People **There is one hope in God’s call for us;**

Presbyter One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

|The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.
Amen.

The First Reading *Deuteronomy 16. 9 - 12*

Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God, according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee: And thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the Lord thy God hath chosen to place his name there. And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

Psalm 33

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huupSaAtvPk>

The Second Reading *Acts 2. 1 - 11*

When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Gradual Hymn

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“Breathe on me breath of God”

The Holy Gospel *St John 14. 15*

Jesus said unto his disciples, If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon

The Rt Revd Prakash Patole
The Bishop of Bombay

| The Sharing of the Peace |

Presbyter God has made us one in Christ. He has set His seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

2 CORINTHIANS 1. 22

The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

Invocation

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“Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire”

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
and lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
2. Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our mortal sight.
3. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:
4. Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Attributed to RABANUS MAURUS, Archbishop of Mainz (784? - 856)

| The Renewal of Baptismal Vows |

Presbyter Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Presbyter Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presbyter Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

Presbyter Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Presbyter Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presbyter Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presbyter Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presbyter Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presbyter Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

|The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.

All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly

“eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ”,

although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.

In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”



Song

“Spirit of the Living God”

DANIEL IVERSON (1890-1977)

[View in YouTube service link](#)

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.



|The Thanksgiving|

Closing Prayer and Benediction The Presbyter

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and to proclaim the wonderful works of God. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing

“God of grace and God of glory”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnCi0d4YJB8&t=2379s>

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Words: HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK (1878 - 1969)
Music: JOHN HUGHES (1873 - 1932)

The Dismissal

Presbyter Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

“Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist”
 (“Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost”)

J.S. BACH, BWV 667 (1685 - 1750)

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † an end to the hardships, sadness and disruption caused by the ongoing pandemic.
 - † all who are in the frontline combating the pandemic: Medical and healthcare professionals, the police, the Municipal Corporation of our City and all those who provide for our essential services.
 - † all those who find themselves stranded away from their homes.
 - † all those in quarantine.
 - † our City's administration and the Maharashtra State Government.
 - † our leaders as they begin to formulate further policies and course of action.
 - † the many displaced labourers and daily wage earners. May they be able to build their lives again.
 - † the worldwide Church. On this Day of Pentecost may the power of the Holy Spirit guide and direct the faithful in these uncertain times and give them hope.
 - † all the families in the Cathedral community whose loved ones are away from them.
 - † all senior citizens and those who are unwell in our community: Patricia Adams, Zenobia Surveyor, Allen & Rajathi Moses, Renuka David, Oliver Desai, Roop Kamal, Surekha Salvi and others known to us.
 - † the security guards in the Cathedral: More, Raman and Saurav.
 - † the relief work been done by the Diocese.
 - † the Church of North India's (CNI) Diocese of Nasik and the Rt Revd Dr P. L. Kamble.
 - † the Church of South India's (CSI) Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad and the Rt Revd M. Joseph.
 - † in the Anglican Communion, the Church of Melanesia and the Most Revd Leonard Dawea.
- Next Sunday is **Trinity Sunday**. The Theme is God the Holy Trinity. The preacher will be the former Bishop of Bombay, the Rt Revd Dr Samuel B. Joshua.
 - Your online offering can be made using the details given below.

Bank details to make your online offering and pay your membership

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Account No.: 917010054452406
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Even though our doors are closed, every attempt is being made to 'bring the church' to you.

- **Sunday morning 10 am zoom online payer and Fellowship**
- **Sunday school classes on Sun @ 11am on zoom**
- **Youth Fellowship on Sun @ 7pm**
- **Women's Fellowship weekly prayer cycle**
- **Online recording of the choir's singing**

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Pentecost Ponderings.....

There are moments in each of our lives when we begin to hear a new language. It's new yet echoes with familiarity. We know it through our deepest longings and desires. It fills us with hope, life, and peace. It lies hidden deep within us. It's always been there but then one day we hear it in a new way, as if for the very first time. On that day we hear in our "native language." It describes, reveals, and makes present the deeds of God's power in our lives. That is the miracle and gift of Pentecost — when we know God is not just with us or around us but within us and we are somehow different; more real, more alive, more whole. Pentecost is more than sound, tongues, and languages. Those are just the images of Pentecost. I'm not suggesting the images of Pentecost are not real but that they are more real than we know. They are the gateway to our own story of Pentecost. They empower us to open ourselves to an invisible world, to cross old boundaries, to be a different way, and to live a new life. They make us "capable of God."

If you want to know how you are being made "capable of God" then go to the places where you hear in your own "native language." There you will hear the stories of God's presence filling your life. They will be stories of love, hope, joy; stories of patience, gentleness, courage, and peace; stories of mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation; stories of wisdom creativity, and wonder; stories of healing, life, and resurrection.

These stories can only be heard in our "native language" for that is the language of God. Each one describes the deeds of God's power in our lives. They are the lived stories of our Pentecost, our being made "capable of God."

*The Revd Michael K. Marsh,
St Philip's Episcopal Church, Uvalde Texas*



~~~ Birthdays this Week~~~

*May God bless you abundantly.*

Joy Moses (31), Thelma Joseph (31),  
Aleisha John (1 June), Ajay Michyari (1), Serena Deekollu (2),  
Oliver Desai (6), Ramani Kumar (6), Moushumi Suganth (6), Benjamin Sinate (6)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries this Week ~~~

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Vasanth & Uma Moses (1 June), Augustine & Indira Pastala (1)