

The Feast of Pentecost



Opening Hymn: Come Holy Spirit Come TiS 422
(Tune Diademata -Crown Him with Many crowns TiS 228)

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Welcome – words about Pentecost

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.

We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.

We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift

Pentecost Responsory

As we wait in silence, **fill us with your Spirit.**
As we listen to your word, **fill us with your Spirit.**
As we worship you in majesty, **fill us with your Spirit.**
As we long for your refreshing, **fill us with your Spirit.**
As we long for your renewing, **fill us with your Spirit.**
As we long for your equipping, **fill us with your Spirit.**
As we long for your empowering, **fill us with your Spirit.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

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

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: The Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

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. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, 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. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Psalm 104: 26-36

- 26 Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number, great and small;
- 28 There go the ships, to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.
- 29 These all look to you: to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.
- 31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- 32 When you send forth your spirit they are created: and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever: may the Lord rejoice in his works.
- 34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble: if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have any being.
- 36 May my meditation be pleasing to him: for my joy shall be in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I

want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Gradual Hymn: Breath on me breath of God TiS 407

Gospel Reading John 20: 19-23

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Sermon

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

As we celebrate this festival, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life within the family of his Church. This day we renew our promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sin? **I repent of my sin.**

Do you renounce evil and all that is false and unjust? **I renounce evil.**

Do you renounce selfish living? **I renounce selfish living.**

May almighty God who has given us the desire to follow Christ give us the strength to continue in the way.

I now ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, Creator of the world? **I believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe in God's Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world and all humanity?

I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God? **I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised in your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

(At this point, following the Prayers, we would normally move into the Greeting of Peace, the Great Thanksgiving Prayer and the taking of communion)

The Lord's Prayer:

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: Praise the Spirit in Creation TiS 415 (to Praise my Soul)

Prayer for Personal Renewal

Be with us, Spirit of God; **nothing can separate us from your love.**
Cleanse our hearts, fire of God; **free us from our sins.**
Breathe on us, breath of God; **fill us with your saving power.**
Speak in us, wisdom of God; **bring strength, healing, and peace.**

Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church in Mordialloc, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting the Spirit to be your guide? **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love? **We will.**

Will you dare to share what you have and minister to each other in need? **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God? **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places? **We will.**

At this point in a Pentecost Service, with the light of Christ – the flame of the Spirit - resting upon each believer, the Easter Candle is extinguished in silence.

Prayer to conclude the Pentecost Service

**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:
open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Benediction

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Final Hymn: Great God Your Spirit, TiS 416 (to the tune: Jerusalem, Parry)

Service adapted from Church of England Common Worship