

## **OOS 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Pentecost Sunday - HC**

It's Pentecost Sunday! Pentecost calls for celebration, an awareness of our God who promised to be with us always.

As we begin our worship, we keep a moment of silence, placing ourselves in God's presence.

*(Silence)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**(All): Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**(All) He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

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 to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

### **A CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

**(All) and transform our thoughts and actions.**

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

**(All) and fill us with your wisdom.**

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

**(All) and refresh our commitment to serve in repentance, love and renewal.**

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

**(All) as we worship and witness to God's love.**

**Opening Hymn: #207 Hallelujah! Sing To Jesus**

### **Invitation to Confession – *please be seated***

As the Spirit gently searches our hearts to reveal our darkness, so let us open ourselves to the light of Christ for his forgiveness and cleansing.

**(All) Where we have held back in fear and so dampened your Spirit’s work through us. Lord, have mercy.**

**(All) Where we have rushed forward in self-importance and so denied your Spirit’s work in us. Christ, have mercy.**

**(All) Where we have refused to listen for your guidance and so disregarded your Spirit’s word to us. Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Absolution**

May the God of love and power bring you back to himself, +forgive you, free you from your sins, and restore you to newness of life by his Spirit.

**(All) Amen.**

### **The Collect for Pentecost Sunday**

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.

**(All) Amen**

### **The First Reading – Acts 2:1-21 NRSVUE**

#### **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

**2** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All

were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”<sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

### **Peter Addresses the Crowd**

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say

<sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>‘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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit,

and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The Lord is here.

**(All) His Spirit is with us.**

### **The Gospel Reading** –*Please stand if you are able*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**(All) Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 7:37-39

**(All) Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Rivers of Living Water**

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,<sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ”

<sup>39</sup>Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet

there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**(All) Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily - *Please be seated***

**The Nicene Creed – *Please stand if you are able***

**(All) 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.**

**Intercessory Prayer – *Please be seated.***

Let us pray for the Church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us on this day of Pentecost and renew our faith.

Re-awaken our love for you and give us energy to serve you in Christ's Church.

Help us recognize needs for ministry and mission,

and equip us to meet new challenges in ways we haven't dared before.

Give us strength for the tasks to which we are called,

both collectively and individually,

and breathe through us in prayer and praise.

Spirit of Power and Promise,

**(All) move within us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us understanding

for the challenges facing our communities and your creation

in these complex times.

Renew in us a spirit of compassion, courage, and humility,

that we may seek truth, healing, reconciliation, and justice

where there has been division, harm, and exclusion.

Transform us as disciples who give faithful witness to you and your love.

Spirit of Power and Promise,

**(All) move within us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring healing

for all who face pain or illness, discouragement or disappointment,

for all who know sorrow, sadness or grief,

and for those who face pressures coping with the cost of living.

We ask you to bring healing to the earth, to places of upheaval and to ecosystems at risk.

Spirit of Power and Promise,

**(All) move within us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring us the compassion we see in Christ Jesus.

Blow through us and refresh us as your faithful followers,

equipped to serve the world you love in his name,

warm our hearts with trust in Jesus Christ

and dare us to live lives of loving service in his name.

Merciful God,

**(All) Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

#### ***The Peace - Please stand***

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. (cf 2 Corinthians 1.22)

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**(All) and also with you.**

*Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

*All who are baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament.*

*If you are not baptised you are welcome to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides  
or crossed across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available, please raise your hand if this is  
your preference*

#### **Offertory Hymn: #201 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

#### **The Prayer of Preparation – Please remain standing if you are able**

Generous and gracious God,  
receive and bless these gifts for your holy work;  
and bless everyone who offers them to you. **(All) Amen**

#### **The Eucharistic Prayer B**

The Lord be with you

**(All) and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**(All) We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**(All) It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,  
and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,  
he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and  
life giving Spirit;  
that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel  
might go forth into all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**(All) Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

***Please be seated***

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**(All) Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**(All) Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**(All) 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**(All) Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### ***The Agnus Dei is said***

**(All) Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**(All) Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

***All who are baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and keep your hands to your sides or crossed across your chest.***

**Prayer after Communion - *Silence is kept.***

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.

**Notices:**

Refreshments  
CCL Update  
Next Week – Trinity Sunday

**Closing Hymn: The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Dismissal**

*Blessing*

Go in the strength of the Spirit,  
to greet those we meet with understanding, loving service and care.  
And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**(All) Amen.**

Let us go in Peace to love and serve the Lord

**(All) In the name of Christ. Amen.**