

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn – Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me (A&M 263)

Prayer and Lord's prayer

Bible -

Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

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

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 “In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.  
18 Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.  
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.  
20 The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.  
21 And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

Romans 8:22-27

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

Hymn – I will offer up my life in spirit and truth (CH4 503/MP 990)

All age talk

Hymn – My Jesus, My Saviour (CH4 531/MP 1003)

Reflection

Offering – O God, you search me and you know me (CH4 97/A&M 747)

Prayer of Intercession

People of God, as we come to prayer  
let us remember that we do not  
have to twist the arm of a reluctant God  
to seek good things for this world,  
nor find ways to persuade a distant God  
to come near and listen to us.

Let us remember that as we pray  
we kneel alongside Jesus Christ,  
in the presence of God,  
with the help of the Spirit.

So let us bring to mind now  
those people who are in need of our prayers:  
those who are ill, or anxious;  
those who are lonely or sad;  
those who are despairing or defeated;  
those who are hungry or homeless;  
those whose relationships are breaking apart;  
those who are bullied or abused;  
those who cannot find work;  
and those who are over-worked.  
In silence now, let us make our own specific prayers  
for those on our hearts and minds today.

(silence)

In the presence of God,  
alongside Jesus Christ,  
with help from the Spirit  
may we go into this week  
to live out our prayers through our lives.

Amen.

Hymn – Thine be the glory (CH4 419/MP 689)

Benediction

Grace