



St. George's, Cadboro Bay

10AM Order of Worship – Sunday, May 23, 2021 – **Pentecost Sunday**

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Canon Jeannine Friesen

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Officiant: God declares: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.
The young shall see visions.
The elders shall dream dreams. Both men and women shall prophesy.
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
-(Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year B, Vol 1)

Call to Confession

Officiant: Let us call on the name of the One
who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships
and promises to show us mercy.
-(Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year B, Vol 1)

Prayer of Confession

All: **Holy and Merciful God,
we do not know how to pray as we ought,
and we know too well our constant failures
to do as you have commanded
and to hold fast to your word.
Forgive us for the divisions we nurture,
guide us to your way,
keep us in your care,
and lead us into faith.
We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things
and grant us courage and peace. Amen**
-(Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year B, Vol 1)

Absolution

Officiant: People of God,
body of Christ, sisters and brothers,
the Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon you,
to interpret the mysteries of eternal time.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the name of Christ Jesus, our Saviour,
and by the authority of the Church,
I declare to you the complete forgiveness of your sin.
Be at peace with one another because of God's mercy. **Amen.**

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Collect of the Day

All: **Almighty and everliving 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,
keep us in the unity of your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

-Book of Alternative Services

Hymn – *Send Down the Fire of Your Justice*

Refrain

Send down the fire of your justice

Send down the rains of your love

Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people and

We shall be people of God.

Call us to be your compassion

Teach us the song of your love

Give us hearts that sing

Give us deeds that ring

Make us ring with the song of your love

Refrain

Call us to learn of your mercy
Teach us the way of your peace
Give us hearts that feel
Give us hands that heal
Make us walk in the way of your peace
Refrain

Call us to answer oppression
Teach us the fire of your truth
Give us righteous souls
'Til your justice rolls
Make us burn with the fire of your truth
Refrain.

Call us to witness your kingdom
Give us the presence of Christ
May your holy light
Keep us shining bright
Ever shine with the presence of Christ
Refrain

Kids' Talk (Leslie Flynn)

First Reading EZEKIEL 37:1-14 (Beth Gvora)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came

into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church:

Thanks be to God

Psalm 104: 25-35; 37 (Beth Gvora and Jennifer Handley)

Beth: O Holy One, how manifold are your works;

Jennifer: **in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of God endure for ever;
may the Holy One rejoice in all creation.

God looks at the earth and it trembles;
God touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine find favor;
I will rejoice in the Holy One.

Bless the Holy One, O my soul.
Alleluia!

Twenty-first Day: Morning Prayer

-St. Helena Psalter

Second Reading: ACTS 2:1-21 (**readers please see version sent via email – Jennifer Handley* (English), **Bruce Winter** (French), **Marlon Narciso** (Tagalog), **Daniel von Kanel** (German), **Isabela Marques** (Portuguese), **Barbara Peace** (Greek), **Joy Carroll** (ASL))

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and

women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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Dance Poem by Dr. Sydney Sparling

Gospel Reading JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4B15 (John Sager)

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

Jesus said to the disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of Christ:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sung Alleluia (Marlon live)

Homily (Rev. Canon Jeannine Friesen)

Musical Interlude

Prayers of the People (Barbara Peace)

Lord's Prayer Sung (Marlon, live)

Charge and Blessing (Canon Jeannine)

Officiant: Jesus did not leave us without hope
but sent the Holy Spirit to nurture and love in this world.
Live this vision in all that you do:
respond to rancor with kindness,
be patient where there is pain,
and let your dreams become reality.

-(Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year B, Vol 1)

And

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
And the blessing of God who creates, redeems and sanctifies us
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - 656 - *She Comes Sailing on the Wind*

Refrain

*She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.

Refrain

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight,
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on.

Refrain

To a gentle girl in Galilee a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

Refrain

Flying to the river, she waited circling high,
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace.

Refrain

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

Refrain

Dismissal (Canon Jeannine)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!