



Sunday 31st May 2020
Led by Natasha Brady

Welcome to this Family service

Please join in using the words in **bold**.

Welcome & Notices

Today you will need a dry sponge, or something similar, and a bowl of water. We will be using them after today's sermon.

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord,
we gather in the name of Jesus
and in the power of the Spirit to worship you.
We bring gifts of speaking, of listening, of music,
of prayerfulness, of knowledge, and of wisdom.
May our gifts be united to honour you and may each
of us receive from you that which we need.

Amen.

Song To God be the Glory (turn the volume up!)

To God be the glory! Great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory! Great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

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Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory! Great things He has done!

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be;
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

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And give Him the glory! Great things He has done!

Lyrics: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915) Tune: William H. Doane (1832-1915)
As sung by the Audience and Stage Choirs at the Royal Albert Hall (October 2012)

Confession

After a period of reflection

**God, your love is unconditional;
your gifts are offered with measureless generosity;
your peace is all-encompassing.**

**We are sorry for times
when we have put conditions on our willingness to care;
when we have kept what we have for ourselves and refused to share with others;
when we have failed to seek peace and have caused discord.
Forgive us; restore us; renew us by your Spirit of life.
Amen.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading Acts 2.1-21 read to us by Kate

2 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.' **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."

Sermon Nigel is opening God's Word for us today

Sponge Activity

Now is the time you will need your dry sponge and water. **Natasha** will tell you what to do - so listen carefully.

Reflective song Holy Spirit rain down

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down
Oh Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down
Let Your power fall
Let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your word
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As we stand on Your word
Holy Spirit rain down

No eye has seen, no ear has heard
No mind can know what God has in store
So open up heaven, open it wide
Over Your church and over our lives

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Sung Creed This I believe

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty

Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You

Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit

Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
I believe

And I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
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Songwriters: Ben Fielding / Matt Crocker. Performed by Hillsong Worship

Intercession prepared and read to us by Natasha

Response: Holy Spirit, hear us. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Collect

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

Songs Build your Kingdom here & Spirit of the living God

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your Church
And we need Your power
In us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
We are Your church
And we pray revive
This earth

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope
On earth

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
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Songwriters: Chris Llewellyn / Gareth Gilkeson / Will Herron
Build Your Kingdom Here lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group © 2011 Integrity Music
Performed by Rend Collective from the album "Homemade Worship by Handmade People".

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me,
Fill me, use me
Spirit of the living God,
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Lyrics Daniel Iverson 1935 Birdwing Music. Performed by Far From Home from the album WOW Worship

The Grace & Final Prayer

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all,
Now and forever more.
Amen**

May the power of the Spirit challenge you.
May the peace of the Spirit comfort you.
May the presence of the Spirit enable you to live in love and service in the name of Christ.
Amen.

Thank you for joining us today.

Note

To contact the church please email office@stokepogeschurch.org or phone 01753 642331. Please do not come to the office in person; we are all working remotely.

Going Deeper

Bible Notes

This week it is Pentecost! To some it is the birth-day of the Church. It is the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, overflowing and pouring out over the gathered disciples who were then 'poured out' from their hiding place into the community around them, sharing God's story with confidence, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

The miraculous power of the Holy Spirit brings the people together from their different tribes and nations. All are able to hear and understand the word of God. Here, the good news of Jesus becomes the invitation: 'let anyone'. Here, everyone can hear, understand and respond to this open invitation. There are echoes in the passage from Acts in the Gospel reading. In the latter, Jesus invites people to come to him. He will pour out water to anyone who thirsts for him, promising them the Holy Spirit. In Acts, the promise is delivered.

Today, we too hear the story in a language we can understand; the promised pouring out of the Holy Spirit is for us too, when we respond to the same invitation. Like Peter and his companions, this must lead to us pouring out of our 'hiding places', and sharing the good news with those around us.

Questions for Reflection



- Where might the water be flowing from, and to, in this image?

- Is the unifying power of the Spirit perceptible in your church life?

...and in your own life

Live your faith

Pay particular attention to how you use water this week, and think about how you might change your habits to conserve it more. Each time you use water, pray that God's Spirit might be like living water in your life.

A personal prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, fill my home with peace.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart with love.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill my life with your power.

Amen.

Name

Acts 2.1-21

The Church welcomes the Holy Spirit.



Family time

Talk Why did the Holy Spirit come in the ways we discovered in the story?

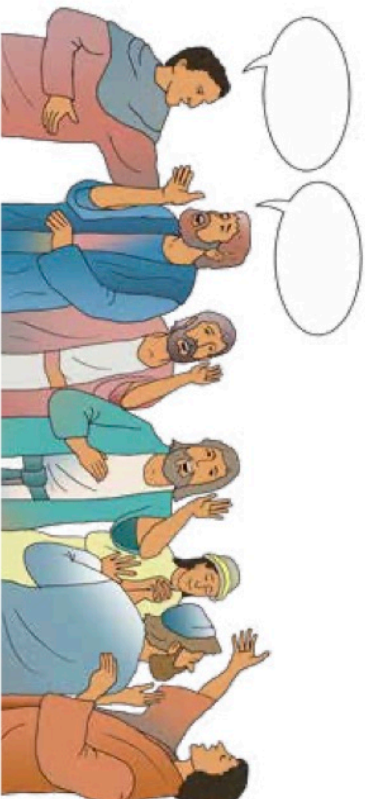
Do Find a good-sized pebble and write 'The Church is for everyone' on it. Leave it somewhere out and about for someone else to find.

Pray Join together as a family at some point every day this week to light a candle and pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'

Activity time



What three things happened in the room when the Spirit came? Can you draw them here? Clues: what did they say? What did they hear? What rested on their heads?



Can you draw lines to match the words with the language they are written in?

English French German Spanish Welsh Japanese

Bonjour

Hola

Kon'nichiwa

Shwmae

Hello

Guten tag



Imagine that you were there at the first Pentecost. What would you write in your diary at bedtime?

Dear diary
You'll never guess what happened today...

ROOTS children's Sheet

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