

The Holy Communion –Pentecost 31-05-2020

Hymn

1 She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
Hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
She sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
Waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

2 She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
Lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
She nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
Nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

3 She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
Waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
She weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
Nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

4 For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
Gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
She is the key opening the scriptures,
Enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

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PRIEST: *Greeting*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

LA: *Prayer of Preparation*

Let us pray

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LA: *Invitation to Confession*

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.
Silence may be kept.

Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRIEST: Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise (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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The first reading Acts 2. 1-21
Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 104.26-36

Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number, great and small;**

There go the ships, to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan
whom you formed to sport in the deep.

**These all look to you:
to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand
they are satisfied with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit they are created:
and you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12.1-13

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Hymn to welcome the gospel

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| 1 | Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love
and do what you would do. | 3 | Breathe on me, breath of God,
and all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine. |
| 2 | Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure. | 4 | Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity. |

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 19-23
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

THE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRIEST: Let us pray for all people, and for the Church throughout the world.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRIEST: We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

1 Come, holy spirit, come!
in flame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
the foolishness of God.

2 Come with the gift to heal
the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal
the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
descend, O holy dove,
and free us all to work again
the miracles of love.

3 Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earth-bound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay;
and teach us to desire
all other things above,
the self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love.

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.....for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

.....all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRIEST: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Prayer after Communion

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully
and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Final Hymn

*Spirit of God unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove:
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the saviour's love!*

1 You spoke to us long, long ago
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.
Spirit of God unseen as the wind...

2 Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day
Spirit of God unseen as the wind...

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Blessing

LA: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen