

Pentecost Promises (1)

9th May 2021

You will be baptised with
the Holy Spirit

Acts 1: 1 – 11



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Welcome and notices

- Christian Aid Week 9-15 May
- Quiz Night 11 May
- Ascension Day service 13 May
- Maintenance morning 15 May



Call to worship

God raised [Christ] from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule.



And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the centre of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church.



The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

(Ephesians 1:20-23 MSG).



One day when heaven (Glorious day)



Opening prayer

Almighty God, in view of your great mercy, we lay our lives down as a morning sacrifice. Choosing to die to self, we ask you to pour your mighty power through us, that Jesus may be revealed and your kingdom come in power, changing us and redeeming the world. **Amen.**



Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, in your constant love; in the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences. Wash away all my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Give me the joy of



**your help again and strengthen me
with a willing spirit. Amen.**



If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore to all who truly repent this is his gracious word: 'Your sins are forgiven.'

Amen. Thanks be to God.



Acts 1: 1 – 11 (NIV)

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.



3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them,



he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'



6 Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

7 He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will



receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into



heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Reflection:

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Prayers of intercession

These are responsive prayers

Thy Kingdom Come

Come Holy Spirit



Ascended Lord, we pray for the persecuted church scattered throughout the world, and ask for courage, endurance and hope. We especially pray for those who dare to witness to the good news of your salvation despite threats and even death.



Thy Kingdom Come,

Come Holy Spirit



Ascended Lord, in this time between Ascension and Pentecost, we pray for our friends who've not yet responded to your love and mercy. We pray that your Spirit may be at work in them to open their eyes to your love and mercy.



Thy Kingdom Come,

Come Holy Spirit



Ascended Lord, we pray you would equip us and inspire us to share the Good News with our friends, families, our communities and wherever we find ourselves, through word and action and with great joy.

Thy Kingdom Come,

Come Holy Spirit



Ascended Lord, following the election we pray for our newly elected politicians and representatives. We ask that in humility they may receive wisdom and walk in truth.



Thy Kingdom Come,

Come Holy Spirit



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Being made one in the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as we say together the Lord's Prayer



The 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.**

There must be more than this



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Holy Communion

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.



It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give You thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ the King of glory.



Born of a woman, He came to the rescue of our human race. Dying for us, He trampled death and conquered sin. By the glory of His resurrection He opened the way to life eternal and by His ascension, gave us the sure hope that where He is we may also be.



Therefore the universe resounds with joy and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**



Lord, send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break may be for us the Body of Christ, and the cup we share may be for us the Blood of Christ. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you,



and be welcomed at your eternal feast
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Every time we eat this bread and drink
this cup, **We proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes.**



On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, and after he had given thanks he broke and gave it to them saying, `This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me'



After supper he took the cup and gave it to them saying, `This is the cup of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'



Receiving of communion

The Body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

The Blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.



Prayer after communion

As we wait in silence,

make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

As we listen to Your word,

make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

As we worship You in majesty,

make us ready for Your coming Spirit.



As we long for Your renewing,
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

As we long for Your equipping,
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

As we long for Your empowering,
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.





Crown him many crowns



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The blessing

God the Father, who has given to His Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.



God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out His abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King.



And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

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

