

# PENTECOST PROMISES (3)

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

A new home

Acts 2: 1 - 21



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# WELCOME AND NOTICES

- Welcome to our Pentecost service
  - Come, Holy Spirit, Come
  - **Come, Holy Spirit, Come**
- Church Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 at 12:00 via zoom
- 5th Sunday Giving 30th May – Mancroft Advisory Service
- Wilf Dawes funeral Earlham Crematorium  
14:00 on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May



# CALL TO WORSHIP

And when they had prayed, the place where they were meeting together was shaken [a sign of God's presence]; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness and courage. (Acts 4: 31 AMP)



# OPENING PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit,

**The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Our Advocate, our Counsellor.**



Come, Holy Spirit,

**Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**May we feel God breathing through our  
worship.**

Come, Holy Spirit

**May we receive the Holy Spirit in this  
place. Amen**



May the Holy Spirit inspire our  
worship, praise and prayers as it did on  
that first Pentecost. Lord fall like fire  
upon us now, come shake this place.

# COME HOLY SPIRIT



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# CONFESSION

In our busy lives we do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God.

And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us.



In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen.

**Almighty God,  
you poured your Spirit upon  
gathered disciples creating bold  
tongues, open ears,  
and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the  
force of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of  
grace, speak the good news of your  
love, or live as a people made one  
in Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**



**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away, see, everything has become new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ.

(2 Cor. 5:17-18)

**Thanks be to God.**



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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Lord we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, burning afresh in our lives and rekindling a zeal for you. As we bring our gifts and offerings may they be the finest**



**not the leftovers. Bless and  
multiply our gifts for your  
kingdom's sake here and abroad.  
Amen.**

# ACTS 2: 1 - 21

## The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

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.”

# 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.”



This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# CONSUMING FIRE



A person stands in the center of a vast, flat, reflective landscape, possibly a salt flat or a dry lake bed, during a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues, and the mountains in the distance are reflected in the still water. The person is silhouetted against the bright horizon.

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# INTERCESSION

Breath of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday, we ask that You breathe on us once again. Make our consciences tender to Your touch. We hunger for the life-changing power that Your Holy Spirit brings. May our lives exemplify the



fruit of Your Spirit: love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-  
control. May we use the gifts of the  
Spirit that You have distributed to bless  
the church and build Your Kingdom on  
earth.

Lord we ask for peace in places of conflict, violence and sectarian killing. Direct minds that alternatives may be found to resolve these complex issues in ways that are fair and honouring of you.

For those fleeing persecution and oppression, we ask that their needs might be fulfilled so that they can find sanctuary and that wherever they are they meet the risen Lord.

Lord in our community we pray for those that have not heard or responded to your word. Open their hearts Lord to be receptive of your message and strengthen us to share that message with them.

For those in need in our community we ask that needs be supplied and that fair and just ways to share your bounty with the vulnerable in society are in place. We ask that the elderly do not feel isolated or cut off and know they are loved and supported. We thank you for those called to help the vulnerable and the elderly.



For those who grieve for loved family members lost during the pandemic and who were unable to celebrate their loved ones lives as they would have wanted to, we ask for your comfort.



Lord you know the things we need  
before we do so in the silence now,  
we seek your will for our lives, guide  
us Lord.

On Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to your disciples to empower them, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to us now to empower and enthuse us to praise and worship you yes, but to also work for your kingdom here on earth.



Transform us today as you transformed  
your disciples in that upper room in  
Jerusalem. **Amen**



# HOLY SPIRIT



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# THE PEACE

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



# THE ACT OF BREAKING BREAD

When we share the cup of the Lord and break bread together, we express our common participation in the benefits of Jesus' death for us. Thus, we should examine ourselves before we eat the bread and drink



the cup, confessing our sins to God, acknowledging the need to care for one another, and renewing our trust in the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus. As we prepare to gather around the Lords table let us take a few moments of silence to clear our hearts and our minds and remember why we do this.



We come to this table not because we must, but because we may. We come not because we are strong, but because we are weak. We come not because we have perfect faith, but because we have questions and even doubts. But we come nonetheless because Jesus invites us to come and we will never be turned away.



The apostle Paul tells us of the institution of the Lord's Supper:

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:

The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.'



In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(1 Corinthians 11:23–26)



# 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.**



Please retain the bread so that  
we can all eat it together.

The body and blood of Christ,  
keep you in eternal life.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here.**

**You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service.**



**Now we give ourselves to you; and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world, may we be a channel for your resurrection power into this world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# SPIRIT FALL



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# CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**



**Today on Pentecost Sunday we offer ourselves to work with you Father, Son and Holy Spirit, not just in our homes and in our local church, but we promise to step out of our comfort zone, to pray and to support your mission to**



**the unreached. Enlarge our vision of the world we pray and give us the strength, love, and wisdom to reach all nations, peoples, and tribes in your name and for your glory. Amen**

May God's breath stream within you.

May God's breath renew you.

May God's breath invigorate you.

Walk with confidence into this day.

**Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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# SPIRIT SPEAKS

