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“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.” Matthew 16-18

DAY OF PENTECOST

May 20, 2018



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8:30am Book of Common Prayer: 10:30am Book of Alternative Services

LECTIONARY: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:25-35, 37b (BCP p463; BAS p844)
Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

COLLECT 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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns for 10:30 Service

Opening: (#253) O Glorious Day
Gradual: (#252) Spirit, Come Dispel Our Sadness
Offering: (Praise Book #36) Spirit of Gentleness
Communion: (#647) Spirit of the Living God
Closing: (#649) Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Today's Short Message

Rabbi Harold Kushner says the *Pentecost* was originally a "farmers holiday" (*To Life! A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking*, p130). It was a pilgrim festival at a time that the first fruits were ripe on the trees. People took some of these first fruits and offered them to God with prayers of thanks. In Jesus' day many people travelled to Jerusalem, the site of the Temple, for this special celebration. This is the festival that Luke refers to in Acts chapter 2.

For some of the Jewish disciples of Jesus this particular *Pentecost* was different. They gathered as usual to celebrate the harvest festival, but there were more exciting things on their mind. It was just fifty days since the resurrection of Jesus and as they gathered this was on their mind.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:1-4)

With such a large crowd in the city, this small group of Jesus' disciples may have met in secret. They were not sure how they should deal with the disappointment of the crucifixion and the special resurrection experiences some of them had been having.

Resurrection? How can you share an experience like this with other people? Many would call them crazy. Others would probably think they were just trying to stir up trouble in their religion.

As they prayed about this, they "were filled with the Holy Spirit," a new and powerful awareness of God that they could not keep to themselves. Even strangers could tell that something very special was happening.

This is the event we celebrate today. Just as the Holy Spirit changed the disciples that day, let us pray that God's Spirit will touch us in our day. May it renew and empower us to use the gifts that God has given us to build up the church, strengthen our families and enrich our lives. Let us not be afraid of new beginnings, but in a spirit of love reach out to others and share the faith that God has given us.



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Annual Inspection and Banquet, May 9th.

Capt. Sandy Dinham, Capt. Cliff Fowler, Lt. Bobbie Dwyer, 2nd Lt. Chris Mercer
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Congratulations on a great year and best wishes for your new beginning in September. A special thank you to the Officers who do this wonderful service for the young people in the CLB.



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