

ORDER OF SERVICE - Sunday 23rd May 2020 – Pentecost Sunday

Lectionary Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Ps 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27,16:4b-17

PRELUDE: Holy, Sacred, Spirit, MV 15 (recorded)

OPENING SLIDE: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.’ Acts 2:1

GREETING

Good morning. Please find a seat as we prepare to worship God. The livestream will be starting so let’s take a moment to breathe deep together. ... And now please stand and sing ‘Hamba nathi, You are holy’ as we welcome the Word and the Light.

SONG: Hamba Nathi

Hamba nathi mkhululi wethu
Hamba nathi mkhululi wethu
Hamba nathi mkhululi wethu
Hamba nathi mkhululi wethu

Mkhululi mkhululi mkhululi wethu
Mkhululi mkhululi mkhululi wethu
Mkhululi mkhululi mkhululi wethu
Mkhululi mkhululi mkhululi wethu

You are holy, you show us the way (4x)
Mkhululi mkhululi mkhululi wethu (4x)

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ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 2:1-4

Let’s hear the beginning of the Pentecost story from Acts chapter 2 in three languages. We begin with a recording of Rosemary Jinmauliya in the Burara language from the Pentecost video made by the Uniting Church National Assembly.

Bella-Spanish, Claire-English

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.

Bella-Spanish, Claire-English

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Saide

The rush of a violent wind, tongues of fire, filled with the Holy Spirit.

Powerful images for us here today, gathered for worship.

Hold those images and breathe together

as we call on the God who speaks to us with love
who heals, lives and saves in the person of Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit

Bella-Spanish

Come Holy Spirit bring us the healing of Jesus

Come Holy Spirit

Jason-Arabic

Come Holy Spirit bring us the love of Jesus

Come Holy Spirit

Mozghan-Persian

Come Holy Spirit bring us the life of Jesus

Come Holy Spirit

Geoff-English

bring us the salvation of Jesus

Come let us worship God

Bella, Jason, Mozghan, Geoff

SONG: Jesucristo Reina Ya, TiS 728

Saide

Let's stand and sing 'Jesucristo Reina Ya' from Argentina

(Jesus Christ reigns!)

1. Jesucristo reina, reina, ya!

Jesucristo reina, reina, ya!

Jesucristo reina, reina, ya!

Aleluya, amen! Aleluya, amen! Aleluya, amen!

(Jesus Christ heals)

2. Jesucristo sana, sana, ya!

(Jesus Christ loves.)

3. Jesucristo ama, ama, ya!

(Jesus Christ lives.)

4. Jesucristo viva, viva, ya!

(Jesus Christ saves.)

5. Jesucristo salva, salva, ya!

SONG: Jesucristo Reina Ya, Anon. (from Argentina), from Together in Song, Harper Collins Religious, PUBLIC DOMAIN

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Saide

Cam Tero Noongar (Perth)

recording

During the Easter season we are hearing recorded acknowledgments of country from all around Australia from places where our members live or travel. As we gather here on Wurundjeri Country and acknowledge the original custodians of this place, let us remember all the peoples of this land now called Australia. Today we hear from Dave's friend Cam from Perth and will offer our familiar response

**Responding to this call, we commit ourselves
to work for justice, reconciliation,
and care of the earth.**

WELCOME

Saide

Wominjeka, Hello and Welcome on this Pentecost Sunday. Today we will be singing songs and listening to the Bible readings and prayers in many languages, remembering that on this day the gift of the Holy Spirit allowed God's message of love to be heard by many people in their own language. Ian will invite us to reflect on the language that God speaks. Wominjeka, Hello and Welcome to worship here and online. Welcome if you are here with us for the first time, visiting or if you know and love this community well. After worship we gather again for morning tea in the hall.

I'm Saide your liturgist today with Ian, Jim, Courtney, the musicians and many people from our congregation sharing the gift of their heart language or languages they have learned and love through the prayers and the Bible readings. Bella, Jason, Mozghan, Claire and Geoff will offer the prayer responses in Spanish, Arabic, Persian and English. The Bible readers will introduce themselves.

Let's greet one another with the word of greeting and welcome from the Woiwurrung language of the Wurundjeri people - Wominjeka.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 2:5-13

Dimitra-Greek

Wominjeka, I'm Dimitra. We continue to listen to the Pentecost story from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2:5-13 ...

slide 1 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?'

slide 2 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs

slide 3 —in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

PRAYERS OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Saide, Ralph

with Mungu ni Mwema, MV 104/One is the Body

As we pray this morning we will respond singing 'Mungu ni Mwema - Know that God is good'.

We will sing in English and Swahili, which is Jacky's language. Ralph will offer the responses in Filipino

Please respond with the same words in English.

God you call us to be your people, and that is who we are.

You blow through our lives like a rushing wind.

God, you are good, we love you.

You wake us up to speak of your great love for all the world

to cry out against the destruction of beauty and diversity.

God, you are good, we love you.

Mungu ni Mwema

Mungu ni Mwema

Mungu ni Mwema

ni Mwema, ni Mwema

Jesus you shape us to be your people, for that is who we are.

Your stories show us what it means to care for people.

Jesus, you are good, we love you

You speak out against all that is wrong in the world,

and teach us to be loving, kind, generous, compassionate and joyful.

Jesus, you are good, we love you

Know that God is good

Know that God is good

Know that God is good

God is good, God is good

Holy Spirit you restore us to be your people, and that is who we are.

You dance like fire in our hearts, burning away despair.

Holy Spirit, you are good, we love you.

You give us strength when we are weary and sad

so that we may speak love into the hearts of everyone we meet.

Holy Spirit, you are good, we love you.

Mungu ni Mwema

Mungu ni Mwema

Mungu ni Mwema

ni Mwema, ni Mwema

SONG: Mungu ni Mwema, from One is the body,

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Let's join in the prayer of confession. Our prayer leaders will respond 'Forgive us - Come Holy Spirit' in their language

We confess the times when we find it challenging to be your people

Forgive us - Come Holy Spirit

Bella-Spanish

We confess the despair we feel when doors and borders are closed

Forgive us - Come Holy Spirit

Jason-Arabic

We confess our anguish when your words of love fall on deaf ears

Forgive us - Come Holy Spirit

Mozghan-Persian

We confess our stumbling steps on the path of discipleship

Forgive us - Come Holy Spirit

Claire-English

Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Saide

Please respond with Thanks be to God in the language of your heart, from your seats

The rush of a violent wind, tongues of fire, filled with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

God's words of love spoken into the hearts of all who will listen.

Thanks be to God.

Hear in this Jesus' gift to us, the gift of grace and forgiveness.

Let us rejoice then for in Christ, through Christ and because of Christ

our sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 2:14-18

Sheila-Japanese

Wominjeka I'm Sheila let us hear what Peter has to say from Acts chapter 2:14-18...

slide 1 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

slide 2 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

slide 3 and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word

Thanks be to God

WITH THE CHILDREN

Dave and Linda

Invite children to the front, chair for Linda. Admire the red, bright colours – flame colours, candles, birthday cake.

Have you heard anything unusual in church today? (Lots of different languages). Is anyone learning a different language at school? Do you know any words from a different language? Kids share – Anya German school. Dave's Japanese and Greek phrases. Any wurundjeri words? Look at Wilam book glossary page only.

What language did Jesus speak?

What language does God speak? God speaks the language of all people. When we learn a language, we can love a people.

Linda, unfurling of the Pentecost banner – get the kids to explain the various aspects. Then place more blue water dots on the banner, near the cross, representing those who were baptised at the first Pentecost. The birthday of the church.

SONG: Jesus is alive today, ATO.346, Swahili

Ian

Yesu yu hai leo, Yesu yu hai leo,

Yesu yu hai leo, a si fi we.

Yesu yu hai leo, Yesu yu hai leo,

Yesu yu hai leo, a si fi we.

Jesus is alive today, Jesus is alive today,

Jesus is alive today - oh praise his name!

Jesus is alive today, Jesus is alive today,

Jesus is alive today - oh praise his name!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia a si fi we

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia a si fi we

SONG: Jesus is alive today, Anonymous, from All together okay,
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SMP out: two groups: one decorating sponge cakes in the colours of Pentecost – birthday cakes for the early church. And one doing some chalk drawing of various words we know in different languages. (taking Christ candle with us).

GOSPEL READING: John 15:26-27,16:4b-15

Wominjeka I'm Bronte. Our gospel reading is from John, chapters 15:26-27 and 16:4b-15.

Sasha and James will share the offering of this reading

Bronte-Italian

John 15:26-27 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

Sasha-Bahasa Indonesian (recording)

John 16:4b-11 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

James-Tongan

John 16:12-15 slide 1 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

slide 2 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

For these words of the witness and for Christ the Word

Thanks be to God

SONG: Wa wa wa Emmimo, TiS 711, Yoruba language

Saide

We sing 'Wa wa wa Emmimo, in the Yoruba language from Nigeria and in English

Wa wa wa E - mi - mi - mo.

E - mi o - lo - ye.

Wa wa wa A - lag - ba - ra.

A - lag - ba - ra me - ta.

Wa - o, wa - o wa - o.

E - mi - mi - mo.

Come, O Holy Spirit, come.

O wise Spirit, come.

Come, almighty Spirit, come.

Almighty Trinity.

Come, Come, Come.

O Spirit, come.

SONG: Wa wa wa Emmimo Yoruba (Nigeria) traditional hymn from Together in Song, Harper Collins Religious, Copyright uncertain

REFLECTION – Speaking the Language of God

Ian

Wominjeka.

Christ's Peace be with you.

Let us pray. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in your sight, God our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen

I have decided to offer today's reflection on the Pentecost story in English. Because that is the only language I speak. And I am somewhat ashamed of that fact. I have a friend for whom English is his fourth language. He is Chinese Indonesian and speaks Mandarin, Javanese, Bahasa Indonesian and English and it's not that he's into learning languages, those are just the minimum requirement for him to navigate his world. Similarly, Jesus probably also needed 4 languages. The

gospels describe him speaking Aramaic, Greek and Hebrew, and given the place and time, he probably also knew some words of Latin. I, on the other hand, only need the one language, because I happen to speak the language of empire, the lingua franca, the colonial language of this part of the world. People from other cultures learn my language in order to communicate with me, not vice versa.

What about you? What is the language of your heart? Is English your only language, your first language, your second language, your third language or more?

Whenever I speak here (most weeks!) I am aware that there are usually people in the room who don't understand a lot of what I am saying. And that is not just because I am obtuse, but because of their facility in English. Yes, I did just say facility, a word with more than one meaning in English which in the preceding sentence has nothing to do with the facilities which you will find out the back through the main hall – sorry non-native speakers! I am painfully aware of the fact that language can exclude, which brings me to the point of this reflection: what language does God speak?

Today, on Pentecost Sunday, as Christ's people gather, there is the rush of a violent wind, there is the touch of burning fire in the shape of tongues, and at once those gathered all start to speak in different tongues, different languages.

It is the first act of the Holy Spirit among the people of Christ – because while the book we are reading from today is called "Acts of the Apostles", it is really about the acts of the Holy Spirit, the presence and power of God, in and through those Apostles. And the first act of the Holy Spirit is to give prophetic tongues.

"Here is what is happening," says Peter in the first recorded Christian sermon, "not drunkenness, because it is only the morning, we won't be drunk until later. No, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about: 'I will pour out my spirit upon all people, old and young, women and men, slaves and free ... and they shall prophesy.'" Prophets are those who speak, embody and enact the Word of God, and today that happens in the languages of Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Mesopotamians, Judeans, Cappadocians, and people from Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Libya, Cyrene, Rome, Crete and Arabia – lots of ancient languages representing every language on earth today.

As I said, I don't speak another language, but I can read Ancient Greek reasonably fluently (although less fluently than I used to be able to because I don't practice enough). Ancient Greek is notably absent from that list of languages in the Pentecost Story, because it is the language in which the story is written – thanks to Alexander the Great, Greek was the lingua franca of that time, the language of empire.

Years ago, when I went back to university to get some vocational training to enhance my future employment prospects, I didn't set out to do a degree majoring in Ancient Greek. But that's what ended up happening because I fell in love with it. For me learning ancient Greek was a Pentecostal experience, a spiritually transformative experience, an experience of love and joy as well as hard work. I can't communicate in Greek, I wish I could, but from the reading I can do, I know what it is like to get some slight insight into the cultural mind of a different people through their language. And I'd be very curious to know how my experience is similar or different to those of you who speak tongues other than your heart language.

Willie Jennings in his commentary on this passage writes: There comes a crucial moment in the learning of any language, if one wishes to reach fluency, that ... repetition must give way to sheer wanting. Some people learn a language out of gut-wrenching determination born of necessity. Most, however, who enter a lifetime of fluency, do so because at some point in time they learn to love it. ... And if that love is complete, they ... come to love the people—the food, the faces, the plans, the practices, the songs, the poetry, the happiness, the sadness, the ambiguity, the truth—and they love the place, that is, the circled earth those people call their land, their home. Speak a language, speak a people. writes Willie Jennings, and then he adds: God speaks people, fluently. And God, ... wants [us] to speak people fluently too.

God speaks people. That is the first message of Pentecost, a message prophetically embodied by the tongue kissed people of Christ. How do we embody that truth in our time and place?

First let's note the heart-rending reality that we live in a land of lost language. At the time of British invasion there were 250 distinct Aboriginal language groups in this land with multiple dialects in each group. Now only 120 of those languages are still spoken, and many of those are at risk of dying out. The First Nations people from Common Ground write: "When you lose your land at least you can fight back to reclaim it. But when you lose your language, a whole way of being, a whole cultural universe, is lost forever."

With notable individual exceptions, Colonial Australia failed to learn to speak and love the people of this land, and in fact often suppressed their languages forbidding their use – including in church run institutions which should have known better if they were guided at all by the Spirit of Pentecost.

Willie Jennings says...

Side Note: I've been quoting African American Theologian Willie Jennings a lot in recent weeks, that is because: 1. He has written a new commentary on Acts; 2. I recently purchased it; 3. I love it; 4. We have been having a lot of readings from Acts lately.

According to Willie Jennings, in the colonial enterprise we see the most demonic displays of language use. He writes: Imagine peoples in many ... conquered sites, ... all being told that their languages are ... inferior to the supreme languages of the enlightened peoples. Make way for Latin, French, German, Dutch, Spanish, and English. These are the languages God speaks. ... Imagine ... in the quiet spaces of many villages, many homes, women, men, and children practicing these new enlightened languages not by choice but by force. Imagine peoples largely from this new Western world learning native languages not out of love, but as utility for domination. ... Now imagine Christianity deeply implicated in all this, in many cases riding high on the winds of this linguistic imperialism, a different sounding wind [to that of Pentecost].

This is our inheritance. What are we going to do about it? Let's start by listening and learning – listening for the disruptive wind of the Holy Spirit blowing where it will.

This is a beautiful book by Wurundjeri elder Aunty Joy Murphy – Birrarung Wilam about the creatures that make their home along the Yarra River – highly recommended. It's a children's book which means it is pitched at just the right level for my knowledge of the Woiwurrung language. Woiwurrung may not have survived as a spoken language, but as this book shows it is far from gone. The book tells of ngua the sun, rising over the wilam, the home, of Bunjil the eagle. It tells of the yerin, the bush, where the parnmin, the rain, soaks the yermeneen beek, the earth. The buath, the grass, grows to be eaten by marram the mob of grey kangaroo and warin the wombat. The baan, the water, flows into yaluk, creeks the wilam home of dulai-wurrung the platypus and bathmu the wood duck. The yaluk, the creeks become the river Birrarung flowing down to paleem warreen, the saltwater bay. So, the Spirit tongues of Pentecost burn in the words of the Wurundjeri-Woiwurrung for us to hear.

I learnt this week that there are new Australian Aboriginal languages coming into being today. As Aboriginal people from different nations have been forced to move together, there has been a mixing of languages. Aboriginal English which contains some speech patterns of standard English as well as words from Aboriginal languages is also recognised as a new language by linguists. Thus, the story of Aboriginal languages and the people whose heart speaks them is not only a story of death, but of resurrection, and the Spirit tongues of Pentecost burn on singing the wonderful works of God.

And if we listen deeply enough, perhaps that Spirit might make prophets of us as well. Willie Jennings (final quote coming up) talks about those few peculiar Christian translators and missionaries in history who came with love into a new land willing to be changed by the speech they heard there, not just to change other people into believers. They were there not just to make conquered Christians but truly and deeply make themselves Christian in a new space that would mean ... they would become the sound of another people, speaking the wonderful works of God.

Are we open to being changed that deeply? – changed by the Spirit of God into prophets who speak people fluently by loving people as they are in their heart language? – prophets who are humble enough to be changed as part of God's loving transformation of the world?

Do we dare to listen for the rushing wind of change, to look for the burning tongues of change, and to speak God's wonderful works of love in our living?

Turn to your neighbours for a couple of minutes and ask them: What languages do you speak? What insights have other languages given you into the hearts of other people?

<https://www.commonground.org.au/learn/indigenous-languages-avoiding-a-silent-future>

OFFERING SONG: *Envia tu Espiratu*, AoV.1.95, Spanish

Saide

Let's sing of the Spirit of the Living God in joyful response to God's generous love. The refrain for Envia tu Espiratu is sung in Spanish. If you have brought an offering of money please place it in the bowls near the baptismal font in the Gathering Space. The welcomers will bring the bowl forward at the end of the song.

*Envia tu Espiritu, envia tu Espiritu,
Envia tu Espiritu,
Sea renovada la faz de la tierra
Sea renovada la faz de la tierra*

1. Spirit of the living God, burn in our hearts,
and make us a people of hope and compassion.
2. Wind of promise, wind of change, friend of the poor
empower your people to make peace and justice.
3. Breath of life and holiness, heal ev'ry wound,
and lead us beyond ev'ry sin that divides us.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Kirsty-German

Wominjeka I'm Kirsty, I will offer the prayer in German, the words will be on the screen. Let us pray

Spirit of the Living God, receive the gifts of our hearts today
Breathe hope into us as we open our hearts to the world
Breathe life through us, empower us as work in the world.
Bless all that we offer - love, life, money, abundance. Amen

Let say together in your choice of language Come Holy Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jim, Joanne-Dutch

Wominjeka I'm Jim and I will be leading Prayers of the People this morning. After the prayers I will take the Christ Candle to the chapel space where you can light a taper during the last song or after worship. Joanne will offer the first part of the response, 'In your mercy, hear our prayers' in Dutch, please respond with the words on the screen.

Loving God, flame-winged dove descending

We pray for the world

We pray for a world reaching out, trying to breathe again.

We pray for a world that needs inspiration.

We pray for those with unjust governments and unjust health systems: may they find justice.

In your mercy, hear our prayers

We look up, we breathe. We wait for the holy spirit. We wait for the dove to descend.

We pray for the Church.

May the Uniting Church remember and live out the emblem: the dove with wings of flame.

May symbols lead to actions. May actions lead to justice. May justice lead to the Kingdom of God.

In your mercy, hear our prayers

We Look up, we breathe. We wait for the holy spirit. We wait for the dove to descend.

We pray for our community. May tired people feel uplifted. May we all help to uplift them.

May lonely friends be uplifted. May we help to uplift them.

May struggling family members feel uplifted. May we help to uplift them.

In your mercy, hear our prayers

We Look up, we breathe. We wait for the holy spirit. We wait for the dove to descend.

In the name of Christ, who stands quietly beside us.

Amen.

LORDS PRAYER

Jim to introduce

Let us pray together in the words that Jesus taught his disciples. We will be led by Mozghan, Elaine and Joanne. Please listen to each part and then we will repeat it together in English.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Mozghan-Persian

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Elaine-Italian

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.

Joanne-Korean

NOTICES

Saide

It's time to share the news of our community. Come, line up, say your name, offer you news in a sentence or two. You can also keep up to date through the Olive Press, Facebook and our website.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held after worship on 6th June. All the details were provided in an email sent out last week. If you would like to nominate someone for the position of Elder please see me for a nomination form or use the form attached to the email.

SONG: Children of the Light / Ay Farzandane Nur

Saide

We sing our final song Children of the Light in Farsi and English. Let's stand and sing.

Ay far-zan-da-ne nur, ger-de ham bi-ya-eid
Ba sha-di o so-rood, oo raa be sa-rae-id

Aan-dar ho-zo-re vey, das-tha ba-ra-fra-zid
Mon-gee ye a-laam-ra sho-kroo se-pas go-eid
Mon-gee ye a-laam-ra sho-kroo se-pas go-eid

O Children of the light, come let your voices raise
With gladness and with songs, O sing God's highest praise

O Children of the light, lift up your hands and praise
The saviour of the world whose love will light our way
The saviour of the world whose love will light our way

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BENEDICTION

Saide

Let's listen now as our prayer leaders offer the responses in the language of their heart

The rush of a violent wind, tongues of fire, filled with the Holy Spirit.

Lift us up Holy Spirit

Bella-Spanish

Take these images with you into the week. Look for them in your living.

Inspire us Holy Spirit

Jason-Arabic

Where and when and to whom will you speak God's words of love?

Move us Holy Spirit

Mozghan-Persian

How will you allow yourself to be open to the power of this loving?

Set us free Holy Spirit

Geoff-English

Come let us breathe together now as we go out into another week.

Know that in your living and loving, your working and playing

you are held securely in the steadfast love of God

guided by the love that Jesus teaches and shows us

and empowered by the fiery powerful breath of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Let's go out into the week calling out 'Come Holy Spirit' in your own heart language.

Come Holy Spirit

POSTLUDE: Holy, Sacred, Spirit, MV 15 (recorded)

THANK YOU

Liturgist:
Saide Cameron

Acknowledgement of Country:
(recording)
Cam Tero Noongar

Bible readings:
Rosemary Jinmauliya - Burara
(recording)
Bella Taranto-Misfud - Spanish
Claire Foley - English
Dimitra Dubrow - Greek
Sheila Calwell - Japanese
Bronte Potter - Italian
Sasha McGrath - Bahasa
Indonesian (recording)
James Tapueluelu - Tongan

Prayer Responses:
Bella Taranto-Misfud - Spanish
Jason Minator - Arabic
Mozghan Taimari - Persian
Geoff Thompson - English
Claire Foley - English
Ralph Eduardo - Filipino

With the Children:
Dave Hall (CYYA Pastor)
Ian Ferguson

Reflection:
Ian Ferguson
(Minister of the Word)

Offering Prayer:
Kirsty Bennett - German

Prayers of the People:
Jim Kilpatrick
Joanne van Ravenswaaij - Dutch

Lord's Prayer
Mozghan Taimari - Persian
Elaine Potter - Italian
Joanne van Ravenswaaij - Korean

Welcoming:
Claire Foley
Michael Foley
Ralph Eduardo

Flowers:
Helen Burnham

Musicians:
James Balsillie (Coordinator)
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CLOSING SLIDE: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4