

Order of Service 05/06/22 Pentecost Sunday

Opening verse:

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

Gathering and Greeting

Saide

Good morning. Please take a moment to find a seat here in this space or in your home, take a breath and let's sing as we welcome the word and the light

Song: Warm our hearts, AoV1.43

*Breathing now the life of God the Spirit in us singing ...
Come light up our hearts with joy! Heal and clear our eyes to see!
Warm our hearts with peace. Warm our hearts with peace.*

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Call to Worship

Saide

As we conclude the Easter season and prepare to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit let's share the Easter greeting:

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

Come let us worship our God
Steadfast Lover, Mother of Creation, Risen Saviour
Holy Dove, Wind, Fire and Breath of Life

Song of praise: Enemy of apathy, TiS 418

Let's sing together of the gift of the Holy Spirit ...

- 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 love.*
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Acknowledgement of Country

Saide

We acknowledge and respect
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation,
the traditional custodians of this land
since time immemorial.

We are learning that the land
is not ours to own, but to look after;
and that if we listen,
we may hear in it the calling of the eternal Spirit.

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

Welcome and Introduction

Saide

Welcome to worship here in this very red space and online – if you have something red at home to decorate your space you might like to go and find it now. Today is Pentecost Sunday and we are celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit as told in Acts 2 and sung by the Psalmist in Psalm 104. We will also celebrate Holy Communion.

I'm Saide leading and shaping worship with Ian, Meg, Kenna and the musicians led by James. Please join us for morning tea after the service and then come back into the worship space for our AGM

Prayers of Adoration and Confession including Word of Grace

Saide

As we prepare to offer our prayers of adoration and confession, I invite you to call out in your own language or another language that you know 'Come Holy Spirit'. So, a moment to think, and now together 'Come Holy Spirit'. We'll do this a few more times through the prayer and then later in the time with the children. Let's pray.

Creator God, through the ages you speak your living Word
The earth and sea are full of your creatures, big and small
Wonderful, glorious, amazing beyond our imagining.
Your Spirit sighs and sings, calling to us and so we say
Come Holy Spirit

Risen Saviour, on the road you spoke your living Word
Your disciples tell and retell your stories in many languages
Stories of love, grief, sorrow, compassion and joy.
Your Spirit opens the scriptures to us and so we say
Come Holy Spirit

Breath of life, you waken us to hear God's living Word
You open our hearts, free us from apathy, call us out
To speak of the wonder and joy of following Jesus.
You are the wind and fire in our souls and so we say.
Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit hear our confessions
for we are not always faithful to the call of discipleship.
Our lives are ablaze with many thoughts and emotions.

Every day we are confronted by the injustices of our world and we are overwhelmed, often crushed by despair. Every day we make decisions, take actions that may cause hurt or harm to people we will never meet. Set our hearts on fire with your loving breath. Help us to break free from the fears and anxieties that shape our living and loving, help us turn again to God who is steadfast love. Amen

Word of grace

*When the day of Pentecost had come
They were all together in one place.*

As we open our hearts to the gift of the Holy Spirit
Let's also be open to the gift of grace,
Confident that in Jesus' name
Our sin is forgiven
Thanks be to God. Amen

With the Children

Ian, Saide

Invite the children, whirlyies ready, percussion instruments
Explain the meaning of Wa Wa Wa Emimimo – Come O Holy Spirit Come

Acts 2:1-14

Meg

With Wa wa wa Emimimo, TiS 711

SONG: Wa wa wa Emimimo Yoruba (Nigeria) traditional hymn
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The Coming of the Holy Spirit – Telling/reading with the children, whirlyies, red cloths

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. Lots of whirlyies

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

*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.*

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.

Invite people in the congregation to call out 'Come O Holy Spirit' in their own or another language (previously introduced as part of the welcome).

*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.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 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—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.'

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word

Thanks be to God

Wrap up with comments about being amazed, astonished, listening for something new, open to the gift of the Holy Spirit. Be wary/aware of negative responses. Finish with song accompanied by whirlies and percussion. Refer to the Pentecost banner made in 2021.

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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.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Kenna

O God, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
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 ground.

May the glory of the Holy One endure for ever;
may our God rejoice in their works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Creator as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to them,
for I rejoice in the Holy One.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word
Thanks be to God

Reflection

Creation in Balance

Ian

Offering with Song

TIS 135 All things bright and beautiful

Responding to God's many gifts we offer our own gifts, the gifts of our hearts and hands, our money and our time. You are welcome to place money in the bowls by the baptismal font or make an offering online using the bank account details on the screen.

Let's sing praise to God for the glory of creation in balance ...

Saide

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
our good God made them all.*

*1 The wildflowers in their beauty,
the mountain ranges tall,
the billabongs and rivers,
and friendly birds that call*

*2 The cold wind in the winter,
The bright, lifegiving sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.*

*3 The coloured walls of gorges.
the gum trees green and tall,
the rocks, the pools, the palm trees,
the sparkling waterfall*

*4 The many coloured corals,
the creatures of the sea,
of bushland, field or desert,
on farms, or roaming free.*

*5 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is our Creator,
who has made all things well.*

SONG: [All things bright & beautiful](#), by 'various',
from [Together in Song](#), Harper Collins; PUBLIC DOMAIN

Prayers of the People

Christ has gathered us in unity through the Spirit.
With sure hope, let us pray in the words of Psalm 104:
Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the ground.

Maker of all things,
in the beginning, you created heaven and earth.
In the fullness of time, you restored all things in Christ.
Renew our world, in this day, with your grace and mercy.

Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the ground.

Life of the world,
you breathed life into the flesh you created.
Now, by your Spirit, breathe new life into the children of earth.
Turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and war into peace.

Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the ground.

Lover of concord,
you desire the unity of all Christians.
Set aflame the whole church with the fire of your Spirit.
Unite us to stand in the world as a sign of your love.

Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the ground.

God of compassion,
through your Spirit you supply every human need.
Heal the sick, and comfort the distressed.
Befriend the friendless, and help the helpless.

Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the ground.

Source of peace,
your Spirit restores our anxious spirits.
In our labour, give us rest;
in our temptation, strength;
in our sadness, consolation.

Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the ground.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Holy Communion

Servers

Ian, Saide, Shawn, Kenna, + 2

Introduction and Invitation

- Standing in a circle around the space
- All welcome. Join circle even if not receiving.
- Hands crossed on chest if not receiving
- Remain in your seats if you wish
- All servers will hand sanitize
- Gluten free bread

Thanksgiving

We are the body of Christ: ***His Spirit is with us.***

Lift up your hearts: ***We lift our hearts to God.***

Ian

Let us give thanks to God who is Wisdom and Love:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father of goodness, Mother of kindness,
for creation in its wonder and mystery

We thank you

for Jesus your beloved Son,

We thank you

for the Holy Spirit, your breath in creation,

We thank you

And with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea and sky,

we sing to you!

With all the saints before us and beside us,
with brothers and sisters,
east and west, north and south,

we sing to you!

And with our loved ones,
separate from us now,
who yet, in this mystery are close to us,

we sing the hymn of unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy (TIS764)

*Holy (Holy), holy, (holy)
holy Lord of power and might.
Heaven (Heaven), earth (earth)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
All glory to your name.
(All glory to your name.)
All glory to your name.
(All glory to your name.)*

*Blessed (Blessed), blessed (blessed)
is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed (Blessed), blessed (blessed)
is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
(Hosanna in the highest.)
Hosanna in the highest.
(Hosanna in the highest.)*

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who on the night of his betrayal took bread,
gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body given for you.

Whenever you eat it, remember me.

In the same way also, he took the cup.
Again he gave thanks,
shared it with his disciples and said:

This is the cup of a new covenant in my blood.

whenever you drink it, remember me.

Come now, Holy Spirit of the living God,
love us into the unity of peace
through this bread and wine. For:

***Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!***

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ
all glory be to you,
Source of all Being,
Eternal Wisdom and Holy Spirit,
one God and Mother of all creation.

Amen.

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.
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.***

Breaking of the bread

Christ is the bread of resurrection:
new life for all.

Christ is the cup of life:
who revives the faint-hearted.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Let us receive what we are.
Let us become what we receive:
The body of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Distribution

Please form a circle of blessing, a circle that reaches around the world to include all Christ's followers and reaches through the camera to include all who are joining us remotely.

Music: musicians' choice

Servers:

Bread – "the body of Christ, the bread of heaven."

Juice – "the blood of Christ, the cup of blessing."

Blessing for those not receiving – "may Christ bless you on the way"

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all:
And also with you

Share the peace (without touching), return to your seats

Notices

Saide

It's time to share the news of our community. Please line up to my right, offer your notice in a sentence or two. As always keep up to date through our website, the weekly Olive Press and Facebook.

A reminder that our AGM will be held after worship today followed by a Bring a Plate to Share lunch.

Worshipping with the Psalms in Winter

Ian: Ecumenical Pentecost Service

Sending Song: *Dreams & Visions*, ATE 249

In the second part of the Acts reading, which we didn't read today, Peter responds to the sneering crowd:

"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,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

As we go out into the week let's sing of our commitment to be open to God's dreams and visions for all people and all creation.

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- 1. As a dream receive your his'try
from the martyrs and the saints.
Let their story be your story,
yours the laughter, yours the pain.*

BRIDGE

*We will rise, we will rise
We will rise up on wings like eagles,
run and not be tired.
Show us your dreams and visions,
warm our hearts with tongues of fire,
tongues of fire.*

- 2. Lord, we stumble in the darkness,
we cry for visions in these days.
Pour on us your living Spirit
in all ways, always. BRIDGE/CHORUS*
 - 3. Jesus, save your nomad people,
bring us face to face with you.
Start in us a new creation.
Christ, be with us, as we go. BRIDGE/CHORUS*
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Blessing and Sending

Go now to live as Christ's Spirit filled people in creation.

May you rise up on wings like eagles, run and not be tired.

And may you know the blessing of God
who shapes you, calls you, and sustains you:
the vibrant blessing from the Source of all life
the strong blessing from the Word of all love,
the gentle blessing from the Spirit of all peace.

Go in peace to love and serve our God.

In the name of Christ. **Amen**

Thank yous

Thank you for joining us, and thank you to...

Liturgist:
Saide Cameron

Prayers of the People:
Ian Ferguson

Bible readers:
Meg Orton
Kennan Morrison

Musicians:
James Balsillie
Glenice Cook
Steph Gesling
Nicole Lowe
Bronte Potter
Courtney Rohde

Children's time:
Saide Cameron
Ian Ferguson

Reflection:
Ian Ferguson
(Minister of the Word)

Images:
Saide Cameron

Postlude Song: SONG: Wa
wa wa Emimimo Yoruba
(Nigeria) traditional hymn,
from Together in Song,
Harper Collins Religious,
Copyright uncertain
Musicians: James Balsillie,
Alistair Hunter, Courtney
Rohde

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Ray Cameron
Saide Cameron
Dave Miller
Robert Sargent

Closing verse:

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Psalm 104:30