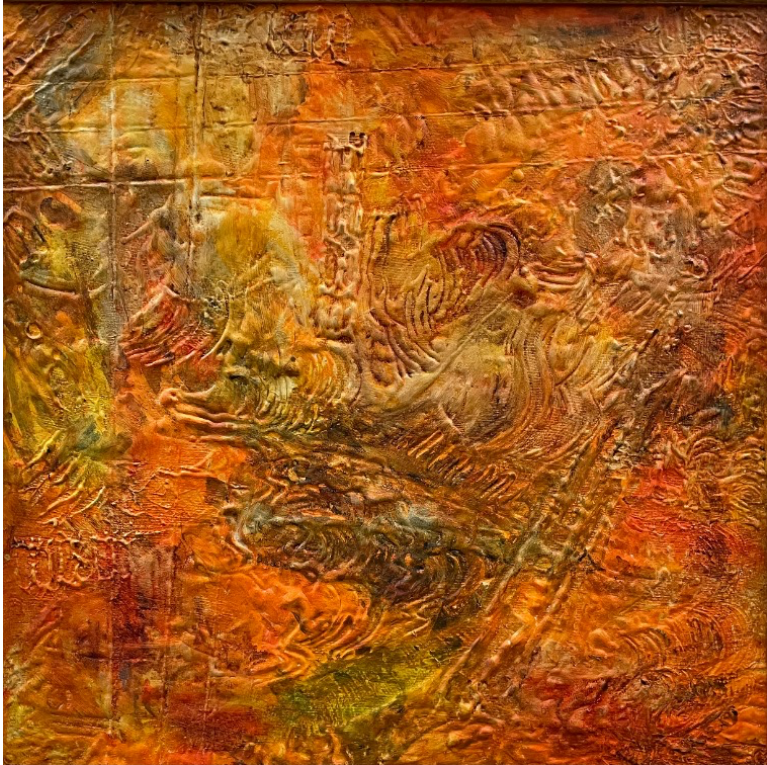


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Feast of Pentecost

Whitsunday

St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall
Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we share the opening acclamation and hymn:

OPENING GREETING

Blessed be the One who kindles the flames of creation.

Blessed be the One who sparks the imagination.

Blessed be the One who weaves the threads of light
throughout the generations,

**Blessed be the one who turns our longing
for peace and justice into illumination.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

636 Come, Thou Holy Spirit, Come

Veni Sancte Spiritus

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

THE COLLECT

**Holy God, on this day you taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of your Holy Spirit, may we, by the same Spirit,
receive the gift of wisdom and ever rejoice in your consolation;
through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the 1st Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

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. 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. Now there were devout Jews from every people 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?"

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." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews 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. 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, 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. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us

Thanks be to God.

The choir stands to sing the Psalm,

PSALM 104: 26-37, 37b

Organ
Choir and Congregation

Send forth your spi-rit O Lord, and re-new the face of the earth.

26 O Lord, how manifold are your / works! * In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is / full of your / creatures. 27 There is the sea, spread far and / wide, * and there move creatures beyond number, both / small and / great. 28 There go the ships, and there is that Le- / viathan * which you have made to / play • in the / deep. **Refrain**

29 All of these look to / you * to give them their / food in due / season. 30 When you give it them, they / gather it; * you open your hand and they are / filled with / good. 31 When you hide your face they are troubled; * when you take away their breath, they die and return a- / gain • to the / dust. **Refrain**

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are cre- / ated, * and you renew the / face of the / earth. 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for / ever; * may the Lord re- / joice • in his / works; 34 He looks on the earth and it / trembles; * he touches the / mountains • and they / smoke. **Refrain**

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I / live; * I will make music to my God while I / have my / being. 36 So shall my song / please him * while I re- / joice in the / Lord. 37b Bless the Lord, O my / soul. • Alle- / luia. **Refrain**

Sitting, we listen to the 2nd Reading

A Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 12:4-13

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of power deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Standing, we sing:

GRADUAL HYMN

392 Who Comes from God

Salve Regina Coelitem

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to:

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

Alive in Me

Thomas Hewitt Jones

Standing for:

AFFIRMATION FOR PENTECOST
From the Evangelical Lutheran Church

We believe in God, the creator of all things,
the God of Abraham and Sarah,
the Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt
with steadfast love and mercy,
Who made a straight path in the wilderness,
Who promises to make all things new.

We believe in Jesus, the Messiah, who is Emmanuel, God with us. He is king of
Kings, yet born of Mary.

He showed God's love through healing and teaching,
And chose the way of servant-suffering
by dying on a cross.

After three days he rose from the dead
and appeared to many.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the One who inspires faith,
Who has spoken through prophets and preachers,
the One who breathes new life into the church
and the world, Who is making all things new.

We believe that God is still creating.

We believe that Jesus is still with us.

We believe that the Holy Spirit
is calling us forth in love and mercy.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, on this day may your Pentecost wind blow through us, bestowing
blessings of increased understanding, listening and insight.

Come, Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, come!

We pray for this town, province and nation, and for every place in your wide and
expansive universe. May we all work together to serve the common good. (pause)

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

We celebrate the gift of community and all the faithful places where we encounter loving invitations to learn and grow. We pray that your Spirit will be poured out in lifegiving ways for all the world. (pause) **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

We pray for this good earth, full of your creatures great and small. May we care wisely and faithfully for your creation. (pause) **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

We give thanks for the ways the Spirit brings peace to us. We pray that we may embody that peace in our daily lives and witness. We pray for all who are sick and suffering, and for those in any danger, and all in need of your healing mercy in body, mind and spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

We pray for those who have died and all who mourn, remembering especially those we hold in our hearts. (pause) **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Holy God, as we are gathered and directed by your Spirit, combine our diverse gifts with a singular passion to share your love in all places and times. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

645 Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, Spirit of energy and change, we pray that you will be poured out in this meal, that we who partake may be renewed in confidence and hope, planting love and justice in the places we find ourselves. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures, to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us; your love remained steadfast. When we were enslaved in Egypt, you broke the bonds of slavery, led us through the sea to freedom, and made a covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh, you lived among us manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, singing with angels and archangels and all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart and met violence and death. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, giving thanks and saying, "This cup is the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins, Do this in remembrance of me."

In remembrance, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, and celebrate his rising to new life, as we await the day of his coming again. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you, to be a living, holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that as we share this meal, our eyes will be opened to recognize Christ with us. By your Spirit, make our hearts burn within us, that we may recognize and welcome him as host and anticipate the day when we will feast with him in heaven. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever, **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

THE COMMUNION

(in both kinds – the bread and the common cup)

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

649 Breathe on me, breath of God

Trentham

Standing, we pray the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Author of life divine, your Spirit fills, renews and stretches us. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Breath of Life

Spiritus Vitae

1. O Breath of life, come sweep - ing through us,
2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
3. O Breath of love, come breathe with - in us,
re - vive your church with life and power;
till hum - bly we con - fess our need;
re - new - ing thought and will and heart;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, re - new us,
then in your ten - der - ness re - make us,
come, Love of Christ, a - fresh to win us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.
re - vive, re - store, for this we plead.
re - vive your church in ev - ery part.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week in the life of the church:

St. John's Guild (Zinck Room, Hall)	Monday 2:00 p.m.
Family Play Group (Lower Hall)	Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Church choir practice (Church)	Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Assisting with the Service today::

Lectors: Maureen Moffatt, Andrew Griffin

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

Live Stream Tech: Ron Wall

Greeters: Peter Smith, Jim Shepherd, Dan Sargeant, Joan Sargeant

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lectors: Patsy Perkins, Annalise Wall

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shepherd

Live Stream Tech: Hans Van Nie

Greeters: Peter Smith, Ron Wall, Annalise Wall, Duncan Crowdis, Pam Crowdis

Next week the St. John's Guild will be collecting Undies and Socks for Souls Harbour. Please join us in our efforts to support their ministries!

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