Pentecost - Sunday, May 31, 2020

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Dove Slide Show

Michael talk about Mitre and symbolism

Michael:
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.

Susan:
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? 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.”

Matthew:
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. 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.'

Pentecost Message – Gillian

Well, here we are at Pentecost.

It's a little different than the birthday party of the church that we're used to celebrating.

For most of us, it has been 84 days since we last gathered together "all together in one place," in our church buildings…

And so, unlike the disciples, we are celebrating this birthday of the church in our own homes, not gathered together physically "all together in once place," though definitely gathered all together spiritually through our sharing in worship today.

But, *like* the disciples, on the Day of Pentecost we are presented with something new. Something different. Something that shakes us to the core and unsettles all of our ideas about how things should be. Something amazing and astonishing.

While we're not all physically gathered together today, we're reminded by the story of Pentecost that God breaks into our locked, isolated rooms when we least expect it and both turns our world upside-down and helps us make sense of the chaos that surrounds us. We're reminded that God appears when and where we don't always expect God to show up.

And that whenever God appears, God brings new life, new possibilities, and new hope.

Even six months ago it would have been difficult to imagine us sharing in worship all together as a parish online. Yet here we are.

And in the spirit of worshipping all together, today we are also inviting you to participate in some of the other worship services happening across the Anglican Church of Canada:

At 2pm, Archbishop Anne Germond, our Metropolitan, will be leading a service called “One in the Spirit” for Anglicans all across Ontario to join together in a Pentecost Celebration.

At 4pm, the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada join together in shared worship in a service called “One Family in Mission.” Join Archbishop Linda, National Lutheran Bishop Susan, and Anglicans and Lutherans from across the country for this Pentecost worship.

And at 7pm, our new Bishop, Shane Parker, will be consecrated at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa. We are all invited to share in that service over the livestream.

The links for all of these services are on our website and in the notes section of this service and if you miss them live, you’ll be able to catch them later from the same links.

We invite you to join them in worship – because while we are not physically all together today, we are all gathered spiritually all together from coast to coast, celebrating and seeking that which God is doing anew in us and in our church.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living 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.

Closing Hymn

"Holy Spirit, Come with Power" (Common Praise #643, tune #35) – Played by Sharon Cybulski and Anne Burns at Ascension, Killaloe

Holy Spirit, come with power, breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour, waiting for your strength and light.
We are fearful, we are ailing, we are weak and selfish too.
Break upon your congregation, give us vigor, life anew.

Holy Spirit, come with fire, burn us with your presence new.
Let us as one mighty choir sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness and enflame us with your love.
Burst upon your congregation, give us gladness from above.

Holy Spirit, bring your message, burn and breathe each word anew
deep into our tired living till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness, lend our hands to those who hurt.
Breathe upon your congregation and inspire us with your word.

Service Links:

2pm – "One in the Spirit 2020" – Celebrating Pentecost in the Anglican Province of Ontario, a service led by Archbishop Anne Germond.
Watch the livestream and participate in the service here (service will also be available for viewing on YouTube afterwards): https://www.province-ontario.anglican.ca/pentecost

4pm – "One Family in Mission" – A Pentecost Event. On Pentecost Sunday, join the Primate, the National Lutheran Bishop, and Anglicans and Lutherans from Coast to Coast to Coast as we worship, pray and sing together with the Holy Spirit and Giver of Life.
https://anglicanlutheran.ca/pentecost/

7pm – Consecration of the Very Reverend Shane Parker as the Bishop of Ottawa.
Watch the livestream and participate in the service:
https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/ordination-and-consecration-may-31-2020?fbclid=IwAR2eQ9udKJDHNxVJS6sF_mWfWL9Pkmw4Ms4xEEvJG-HM31XKqsxoug9RMfk