

St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

19th May 2024 9.00am Sung Eucharist



Celebrant: The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan The Dean

Preacher: The Very Revd Canon Professor Martyn Percy Honorary Provost-Theologian of HKSKH

If you receive Holy Communion in any Christian tradition you are very welcome to receive at our altar.

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Gathering

The celebrant welcomes the people.

All STAND. During the INTROIT HYMN the ministers process in.

Introit Hymn (REH 181)

- Come down, O Love divine,
 Seek thou this soul of mine,
 And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 Within my heart appear,
 And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- O let it freely burn,
 Till earthly passions turn
 To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 And let thy glorious light
 Shine ever on my sight,
 And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3. Let holy charity
 Mine outward vesture be,
 And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
 True lowliness of heart,
 Which takes the humbler part,
 And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4. And so the yearning strong,
 With which the soul will long,
 Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
 For none can guess its grace,
 Till it become the place
 Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958 Words: Italian, Bianco da siena d. 1434; tr. R. F. Littledale 1833-90

The celebrant censes the altar.

The celebrant then greets the people

In the name of the # Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Introduction

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

Confession

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All KNEEL or SIT. Silence is kept.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.	All	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	All	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	All	Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon # and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Choir Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

Silence is kept.

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

ΔΙΙ ΣΙΤ

First Reading Acts 2. 1-21 (NRSV)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 lews 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.'

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."

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

Psalm

Ps. 104. 24-end (Coverdale)

24. O LORD, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches. / 25. So is the great and wide sea also: wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. / 26. There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan: whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein. 27. These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give them meat in due season. / 28. When thou givest it them they gather it: and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good. / 29. When thou hidest thy face they are troubled: when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust. / 30. When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. / 31. The glorious Majesty of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works. / 32. The earth shall tremble at the look of him: if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke. / 33. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have my being. / 34. And so shall my words please him: my joy shall be in the LORD. / 35. As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end: praise thou the LORD, O my soul, praise the LORD. / Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All STAND to face the Gospel.

During the Whitsunday Sequence, the Gospel book is carried into the Nave.

Whitsunday Sequence (REH 665)

- I. Come, thou Holy Spirit, come And from thy celestial home Shed thy light and brilliancy:
- 2. Father of the poor, draw near, Giver of all gifts, be here; Come, the soul's true radiancy:
- Come, of comforters the best,
 Of the soul the sweetest guest,
 Come in toil refreshingly:

- Thou in labour rest most sweet,
 Thou art shadow from the heat,
 Comfort in adversity.
- O thou Light, most pure and blest,
 Shine within the inmost breast
 Of thy faithful company.
- Where thou art not, man has nought;
 Every holy deed and thought
 Comes from thy Divinity.
- Sinful hearts do thou make whole, Bring to life the arid soul, Guide the feet that go astray.
- 8. Make the stubborn heart unbend, To the faint, new hope extend, Wounded souls, their hurt allay.
- 9. Fill the faithful, who confide In thy power to guard and guide, With thy sevenfold Mystery.
- 10. Here thy grace and virtue send:Grant salvation in the end,And in heaven felicity. Amen. Alleluia.

Words: Latin, Stephen Langton d. 1228; Tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66 and editors

Gospel Reading

John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-15 (NRSV)

The acclamation heralding the Gospel reading is proclaimed.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; by the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: '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.

'I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 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.

'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. 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

All SIT

Sermon

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

the only Son of God,

true God from true God.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

and his kingdom will have no end.

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Following the Creed, the celebrant introduces the prayers by saying

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

All SIT or KNEEL. The intercessor continues

Generous God, we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.
Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.
Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

The celebrant concludes the prayers by saying

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

All hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

All STAND and the celebrant introduces the Peace:

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

The celebrant may say

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Offertory Taking of the Bread and Wine

All REMAIN STANDING as the collection is taken. The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The thurifer censes the president, clergy and people.

Offertory Hymn (REH 187)

- I. Sing to him in whom creation
 Found its shape and origin;
 Spirit, moving on the waters,
 Troubled by the God within;
 Source of breath to all things breathing,
 Life in whom all lives begin.
- Sing to God, the close companion
 Of our inmost thoughts and ways;
 Who, in showing us his wonders,
 Is himself the power to gaze;
 And his will, to those who listen,
 By a still small voice conveys.
- 3. Holy people, priest and prophet,
 Caught his accents, spoke his word;
 His the truth behind the wisdoms
 Which as yet know not our Lord;
 He the love of God eternal,
 Which in Christ was seen and heard.
- 4. Tell of how the ascended Jesus
 Armed a people for his own;
 How a hundred men and women
 Turned the known world upside down,
 To its dark and furthest corners
 By the wind of Whitsun blown.

- 5. Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,
 On our lives descend in might;
 Let thy flame break out within us,
 Fire our hearts and clear our sight,
 Till, white-hot in thy possession,
 We, too, set the world alight.
- 6. Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,
 Praise the Father, praise the Word,
 Source, and truth, and inspiration,
 Trinity in deep accord:
 Through thy voice which speaks within us
 We thy creatures own thee Lord.

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The celebrant says the prayer at the preparation of the altar.

Father, by your Holy Spirit you keep the Church in unity and truth. As we break bread together, may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love, now and for ever.

All Blessed be God for ever.

All REMAIN STANDING.

Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith. Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and singing:

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Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

ΑII

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Evangelist, St Stephen, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

All SIT or KNEEL

Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

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Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

The celebrant says the invitation to communion.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The celebrant and people receive communion. If you are baptized in any Christian tradition you are very welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar.

Words of the distribution are said and the communicant replies

Amen.

Those who are not baptized are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing. Please keep your arms crossed upon your breast as an indication.

Communion Anthem

If ye love me (James MacMillan)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Words: John 14. 15-17

Communion Antiphon

Factus est repente

Prayer after Communion

The celebrant says

Let us pray:

Silence is kept. All SIT or KNEEL.

Faithful 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: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving is then said.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Notices

All REMAIN SEATED for the notices.

Dismissal

All STAND as the celebrant gives the blessing:

Blessing

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

All Amen.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All Amen.

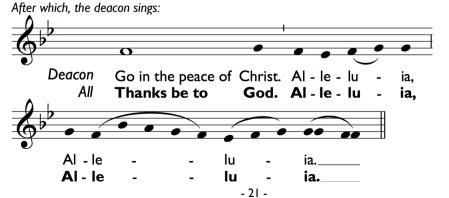
May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, & the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal



Recessional Hymn (AM 237, omit *)

(Refrain)
Christian, lift up your hearts,
And make this a day of rejoicing;
God is our strength and song;
Glory and praise to his name!

- Praise for the Spirit of God,
 Who came to the waiting disciples;
 There in the wind and the fire
 God gave new life to his own: (Refrain)
- God's mighty power was revealed
 When those who once were so fearful
 Now could be seen by the world
 Witnessing bravely for Christ: (Refrain)
- Come, Holy Spirit, to us,
 Who live by your presence within us,
 Come to direct our course,
 Give us your life and your power: (Refrain)
- Spirit of God, send us outTo live to your praise and your glory;Yours is the power and the might,Ours be the courage and faith: (Refrain)

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Organ Voluntary

Fantasia super 'Komm, Heiliger Geist', BWV 651 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

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