



Stainton with Hemlington, Hilton, and
Brookfield

PENTECOST 23rd May 2021

Welcome to worship at home-

Thought for the day

Pentecost is a major festival in the Christian calendar. It marks the end of the Easter season, the fifty-days that began on Easter Day. At Pentecost the disciples were given the miraculous ability to share the good news of the Gospel around the world in a host of different languages.

COLLECT

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. Amen

The Acts of the Apostles. ch2.1–21

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 nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. 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.'"

PSALM 104.25–35, 37

**R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.
27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it
28 All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
29 You give it to them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled
with good things.
30 You hide your face and they are
terrified; you take away their breath and
they die and return to their dust
31 You send forth your Spirit and they are
created; and so you renew the face of the
earth.
32 May the glory of the Lord endure for
ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his
works.
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they
smoke.
34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, Alleluia!

The letter of Paul to the Romans.

ch8.22-27

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.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

ch15.26-27, 16.4b-15

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.’

Prayers of Intercession

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Inflame our souls with love, transforming every heart and home with wisdom from above.

Pray for churches where the spirit flame burns only dimly. May the power of the Holy Spirit and the joy of the Gospel message brighten the minds of all whose faith and hope is fading.

Pray for people who are finding life dark and cheerless; through illness, pain, family breakdown, unemployment, loneliness, depression, or any sadness. Lord grant them to know the light of your Spirit shining in their darkness.

Pray for nations where warfare, violence, poverty, famine, and lack of basic amenities, blight the lives of many .

Lord fire up the sense of justice and peace among world leaders.

Pray for those unable to see the beauty and wonder of God’s creation; The miracle of new birth and new growth, the glory of bird song, sunshine, fresh air and gentle rain. Lord help them to know the gifts of your grace freely given and most precious.

Pray for those who destroy or deface our environment; who disregard the rights of others, who disturb the peace with their noise and arguments. Trouble their consciences Lord and by your Spirit reform their lives.

Pray for those approaching the end of their earthly life and the carers who can only watch and wait.

Remember those who have passed from our sight into God’s safe keeping.

Holy God, three in one, gather those who have gone before us into the light of your presence. **Amen**

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