

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 28th May 2023
The Feast of Pentecost

Processional Hymn

Come down, Holy Spirit, come in wind and flame.
Shining in our darkness, blow away our shame.
Lend us your strength and light us on our way,
till our night of weeping turns into joyful day.

Come down, Holy Spirit with a gentle word.
In this world of conflict let your voice be heard.
Hope for the weak and warnings for the strong,
till the noise of battle fades into prayer and song.

Come down, Holy Spirit, hover like a dove.
Seek the lost and lonely, fill them with your love.
Fly to our souls where doubts and questions dwell,
till by faith and hope we know that all shall be well.

Welcome and Greeting

Wherever we are and whoever we are with,
whether we are alone or with others,
we are together as one
in the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life
Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcoming remarks

Call to worship

On that first Pentecost, God's Spirit transformed the lives of the disciples and changed the world.

As we gather, we pray for that same Spirit to be poured out on us.

Come, Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit is a fire, consuming our selfishness, our hatred and our indifference; filling our lives with the light and love of God.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Filled with the Holy Spirit, our lives bear fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. Like a beacon of light, may the fruit of the Spirit shine in our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit transforms us: we are sent by the Spirit into the world to be the salt of the earth, to show God's love to all people, to bring God's Spirit of joy to the world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Gracious God pour your Spirit upon us.
May we carry your joy from this place
to all whom we meet. Amen.**

Confession

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Pentecost God, thank you for the gift of the Spirit;
for the power and energy the Spirit brings
and for the knowledge that we are not alone.
Nevertheless, sometimes we find it hard
to hear your voice and do your will.

**We remember the times
we have not recognised the Spirit's still small voice,
the times we have ignored the Spirit's prompting,
the times we have not acknowledged
the Spirit's work around us,
the times we have impoverished
the life of the church by half-hearted worship,
our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace,
the times we have resisted the Spirit's transforming power.
We remember and we are sorry.**

In silence we call to mind our shortcomings

Silence

Make us pure in heart, O God;
**Pour out your Spirit anew;
blow through us and ignite us once more. Amen.**

Kyrie Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Kyrie Eleison**
Krisite Krisite Eleison **Krisite Krisite Eleison**
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Absolution

God the Creator brings you new life,
forgives and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness and
live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

Song to the Holy Spirit

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You blow like the wind in a thousand paddocks,
Inside and outside the fences,
You blow where you wish to blow.

**Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the sun who shines on the little plant,
You warm him gently, you give him life,
You raise him up to become a tree with many leaves.**

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are as the mother eagle with her young,
Holding them in peace under your feathers.
On the highest mountain you have built your nest,
Above the valley, above the storms of the world,
Where no hunter ever comes.

**Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the bright cloud in whom we hide,
In whom we know already that the battle has been won.
You bring us to our Brother Jesus
To rest our heads upon his shoulder.**

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the kind fire who does not cease to burn,
Consuming us with flames of love and peace,
Driving us out like sparks to set the world on fire.

**Lord, Holy Spirit,
In the love of friends you are building a new house,
Heaven is with us when you are with us.
You are singing your song in the hearts of the poor.
Guide us, wound us, heal us. Bring us to the Father.**

Sentence

‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,’ says the Lord; ‘and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.’

John 7:38

Collect

**Holy Spirit of God, blowing through creation:
No door can keep you out.**

**Unlock our hearts, breathe on us anew;
that we may speak God's words of life.**

**With the Father and the Son, you live and reign,
one God, now and forever. Amen**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 2.1-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the 1st letter to the Corinthians

³No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For 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.

¹³For 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.

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

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Gradual hymn

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.

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.

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.

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 dove.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Praise and glory to God.

¹⁹It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

John 20.19-23

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon

A Celebration of Faith

Let us celebrate our faith in God.

We are a cloth of diverse colours made from many gifts and graces.

**We are people flowing forth from Creator God,
surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.**

We are ingredients for rewarding relationships
as our lives interweave,

**contributing one to the other,
holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.**

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for
**essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks,
sources of laughter and sharers of tears.**

We commit ourselves to work together,

**that one day, this world may be a place
where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

Today we pray for the Bricks for Life programme in Northern Ethiopia
and for the New Zealand Church Missionary Society.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our
prayers: John, Lou, Isabel, Sheryll, Taylor.

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 God be always with you.

Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

*Blow through the valleys
and sing in the rimu
O Spirit of God fill the earth:
Guide us to truth
that you give in your power
O Spirit of God our new birth.*

The world sets its heart
on the value of money
and thinks it can buy
all the treasures we need;
but God measures worth
by a new kind of poverty
founded on Jesus,
the servant we heed.

Let mercy enfold us
and justice be real,
our races in partnership
live in this land.

The God of the whenua
binds us together,
By leading us on
to hold each other's hand.

O Spirit of God take our love,
take our aroha,
stir us to faith
and to courage for you.
That Jesus the prophet
will guide us in leadership
bringing your Spirit of hope to renew.

Offertory prayer

God of all creation, you bring forth
bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.

By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine
will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

All you have made is good.

Your love endures for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

Lift your hearts to heaven
where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation,
God of the universe,
to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light.

Your light shines on in our darkness.

For you the earth has brought forth life
in all its forms.

You have created us
to hear your Word,
to do your will
and to be fulfilled in your love.
It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us
the way we need to follow
and the truth we need to know.
You sent your Son to give his life
to release us from our sin.
His cross has taken our guilt away.

Through the Holy Spirit
nations, races, and languages are called
to welcome the great things you have done.
Through the Holy Spirit
you have brought the good news to our land.
Day by day you call us to be one people,
to be your people.
Day by day you call us to feed the hungry,
heal the sick, deliver the oppressed,
and to wait and watch for your kingdom.

You send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive your Church.
Therefore, with all your witnesses
who surround us on every side,
countless as heaven's stars,
we praise you for our creation
and our calling,
with loving and with joyful hearts:

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just,
glory and goodness come from you.
Glory to you most high and gracious God.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son,
who washed his disciples' feet.
'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died
he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin;
do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine
we recall your goodness to us.

**God of the past and present,
we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup
draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ,
help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer,
give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours,
this and every day,
from us and all people,
here and everywhere. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĭnoi tātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai

ki runga ki te whenua,

kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,

me te korōria,

Āke ake ake. Āmine.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

Christ is the bread of life.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

Christ is risen from the dead.

The Invitation

Come God's people,

come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Communion hymns

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Veni Sancte Spiritus,
Tui amoris ignem accende.
Veni Sancte Spiritus,
Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Holy Spirit, come to us
Kindle in us the fire of your love
Holy Spirit, come to us
Holy Spirit come to us

The Bright Wind is Blowing

The bright wind is blowing, the bright wind of heaven,
and where it is going to, no one can say;
but where it is passing our hearts are awaking
to rise from the darkness and reach for the day.
but where it is passing our hearts are awaking
to rise from the darkness and reach for the day.

The bright wind is blowing, the bright wind of heaven,
and many old thoughts will be winnowed away;
the husk that is blown is the chaff of our hating,
the seed that is left is the hope for our day.
the husk that is blown is the chaff of our hating,
the seed that is left is the hope for our day.

The bright wind is blowing, the bright wind of heaven,
the love that it kindles will never betray;
the fire that it fans is the warmth of our caring,
so lean on the wind - it will show us the way.
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Prayers after Communion

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.

We are marching/ Siyahumba

We are marching in the light of God (x4)
We are marching (x3) Oh - Oh
We are marching in the light of God

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', (x4)
Siya' hamba (hamba), siyahamba,(hamba)
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siya' hamba hamba, siyahamba, hamba
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

We are marching in the light of God (x4)
We are marching (x3) Oh - Oh
We are marching in the light of God

Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's wondrous deeds and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church in this place,
I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you walk into God's future,
trusting God to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you embrace each other and grow together in love?

We will.

Will you share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will you pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will you carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

We will.

Blessing

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

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

Amen.

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

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.

Amen.

...and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life
be with you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Notices

Concluding Hymn

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
hidden now in mystery;
nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still the work of art unfolds -
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
grasps new meanings from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today;
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
all God's children brought to birth,
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth.
And a million million voices
speak with joy the Saviour's name;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
nothing shall be left to chance.
All that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance.
All fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known,
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives his own.

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Dismissal

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in light and peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.



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