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"PEACE I LEAVE WITH
GIVE YOU." JOHN 14:27

Welcome

We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Morning Worship

Sunday 31st May 2020

11.00 am

Preacher:

Revd Dr Howard Mellor

John 7:37-39

Acts Chapter 2:1-21

'Wow, Spirit of Life!'

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INSPIRING SCRIPTURE COUNTDOWN

WELCOME TO ONLINE CHURCH

LIVE STREAM WELCOME

Revd Tony Miles (**Studio**)

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Revd Tony Miles with Zoom participants

Some verses from Psalm 104:

O Lord, how wonderful are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures ...
when you open your hand, they are filled with good
things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

ALL

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

VIDEO HYMN - Father of Everlasting Grace

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Father of everlasting grace,
your goodness and your truth we praise,
your goodness and your truth we prove;
you have, in honour of your Son,
the gift unspeakable sent down,
the Spirit of life, and power, and love.

Send us the Spirit of your Son,
to make the depths of Godhead known,
to make us share the life divine;
send him the sprinkled blood to apply,
send him our souls to sanctify,
to bless and seal us with this sign.

So shall we pray, and never cease,
so shall we thankfully confess
your wisdom, truth, and power, and love,
with joy unspeakable adore,
and bless and praise you evermore,
and serve you as your hosts above:

Till, added to that heavenly choir,
we raise our songs of triumph higher,
and praise you with a bolder voice,
out-soar the first-born seraph's flight,
and sing, with all our friends in light,
with everlasting love rejoice.

Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

OPENING PRAYERS

Deacon Ali McMillan (via Zoom)

VIDEO OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Movement Day UK & The Bible Society

Or you may wish to use this version:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revd Tony Miles (**Studio**)

GOSPEL LESSON John 7:37-39 TNIV

Read by Olivia Waller (**via Zoom**)

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.' ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

VIDEO SONG - Spirit of God (Sky Boat Song)

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love.*

You spoke to us, long, long ago,
Gave us the written Word;
We read it still, needing its truth
Through it God's voice is heard.

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love.*

Without your help, we fail our Lord.
We cannot live His way,
We need Your power, we need Your strength,
Following Christ each day.

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VIDEO - Dramatic presentation of the Pentecost story – based on Acts 2:1-21 (overleaf).

Readers:

Esther Thomas, Charlotte Rankin, Christina Owusu,
Grace Jose, Cecilia Achila and Benedicta Moxon.

Text of the Pentecost story for further reading:

The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. **5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' **13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.' **14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

- your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
- 18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
- 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- 20 The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of
the Lord.
- 21 And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

VIDEO - PENTECOST SUNDAY MINI MOVIE

SERMON 'Wow, Spirit of Life!'

Revd Dr Howard Mellor

VIDEO HYMN - Purify My Heart

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold
and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold,
pure gold.

*Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you my master,
ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,
cleans me from within
and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleans me from my sin,
deep within.

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my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
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I choose to be holy,
set apart for you my master,
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VIDEO CLIP - Puppets 'Hymn and Her!'

Charlie & Roz Bushell

VIDEO MESSAGES – based on Acts 2:38

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, (via Zoom)
Secretary of the Methodist Conference

VIDEO HYMN - O Thou who camest from above

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O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me –

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)

‘THANK YOU’ AND THE BLESSING - (via Zoom)
Revd Tony Miles

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