

# The Feast of Pentecost

## May 23, 2021

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness"

Hymn #515

**1 Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness,  
pierce the clouds of nature's night;  
come, thou source of joy and gladness,  
breathe thy life and spread thy light.  
From the height which knows no measure,  
as a gracious show'r descend;  
bringing down the richest treasure  
we can wish or God can send.**

**2 Author of the new creation,  
Come with unction and with power.  
Make our hearts thy habitation;  
With thy grace our spirits shower.  
Hear, oh, hear our supplication,  
Blessed Spirit, God of peace!  
Rest upon this congregation  
With the fullness of thy grace.**

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Holy God, you spoke the world into being. Pour out your Spirit to the ends of the earth, that your children may return from exile as citizens of your Kingdom, and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Romans 8:22-27

*Reader* We know that the whole creation  
has been groaning in labor pains until now;

*People* **And not only the creation, but we ourselves.**

*Reader* We who have the Spirit as the first crop of God's harvest groan inwardly,  
*People* **while we wait for adoption, and for our bodies to be set free.**

*Reader* For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.

*People* **For who hopes for what they already see?**

*Reader* But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*People* Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

Reader For we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit prays on our behalf,  
People **With sighs too deep for words.**  
Reader And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,  
People **because the Spirit prays for the saints,  
according to the will of God.**

## The Story of Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21

*All members of the congregation are invited to join in the reading, by choosing one of the languages in bold and reading along with the words of the Crowd.*

Reader 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.

*[The Congregation is invited to make the sound of wind.]*

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

*[The Congregation is invited to make a gesture for Fire.]*

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 the native language of each.

*[The Congregation is invited to look bewildered.]*

Amazed and astonished, the people asked one another:

*The Crowd, speaking all together:*

English: **Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?**

French: **Ne sont pas tous ces gens qui parlent des Galiléens? Et comment est-il que nous entendons, chacun de nous, dans notre langue maternelle?**

Spanish: **¿No son todos estos que están hablando galileos? Y ¿cómo es que se oye, cada uno de nosotros, en nuestra lengua nativa?**

German: **Sind das nicht alles Galiläer, die hier reden? Und wie kommt es, dass wir hören, jeder von uns, in unsere eigene Muttersprache?**

Italian: **Non tutti questi che parlano Galilei? E com'è che li sentiamo ciascuno di noi, nella nostra lingua nativa?**

Latin: **Nonne ecce omnes isti, qui loquuntur, Galilæi sunt? Et quomodo nos audivimus unusquisque nostrum linguam nostram in qua nati?**

Swahili: **Je, hawa wote wanaozungumza si Wagalilaya? Imekuwaje basi kila mmoja wetu anawasikia wakinena kwa lugha yake ya kuzaliwa?**

*Reader*

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—

*The Crowd, speaking all together:*

English: **In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.**

French: **Dans nos propres langues et nous les entendons parler des actes de Dieu de pouvoir.**

Spanish: **En nuestras propias lenguas las oimos hablar de Dios, actos de poder.**

German: **In enserer eigenen Sprachen wir hören sie über Gottes Taten der Macht.**

Italian: **Nelle nostre lingue li sentiamo parlare di opere di Dio di potere.**

Latin: **Audivimus eos loquentes nostris linguis virtutes Dei.**

Swahili: **Sisi sote tunasikia wakisema kwa lugha zetu wenyewe mambo makuu ya Mungu.**

*Reader* All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

*The Crowd, speaking all together:*

English: **What does this mean?**

French: **Qu'est-ce que ça signifie?**

Spanish: **¿Qué significa esto?**

German: **Was soll das heißen?**

Italian: **Che cosa significa?**

Latin: **Quid hoc sibi vult?**

Swahili: **Hii ina maana gani?**

*Reader*

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 ones shall see visions, and your old ones 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.'" The Word of the Lord.

*The People respond together:*

English: **Thanks be to God!**

Italian: **Grazie a Dio!**

French: **Grâce à Dieu!**

Latin: **Deo gratias!**

Spanish: **Gracias a Dios!**

Swahili: **Shukrani kwa Mungu!**

German: **Dank sei Gott!**

Some of the Adventures of Saint Symeon the Fool

*A drama prepared by some of the kids and youth of St. Dunstan's*

Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

The Prayers

*Celebrant* We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

Our loving God in heaven,

Your name is **HOLY! HOLY!**

May your Kingdom **COME! COME!**

May your will be **DONE! DONE!**

With the bread we need for today, **FEED US. FEED US.**

From all that binds and burdens us, **FREE US. FREE US.**

In times of temptation and test, **STRENGTHEN US. STRENGTHEN US.**

From trails to sharp to endure, **SPARE US. SPARE US.**

From the grip of all that is evil, **SAVE US. SAVE US.**

For you rule the universe in **LOVE! LOVE!**

Amen! **AMEN!**

The Prayers of the People

*Send prayer requests to to [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).*

*Officiant* Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all those in authority. We pray especially for all public officials, for those working to alleviate the pandemic, for all those working for justice and equity, and for those you now name.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities. We pray for all essential workers and healthcare workers. This week I invite your prayers for .... , and those whom you now name.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: ....

You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

*The people may offer additional names.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn. We hold before you all those who have lost their lives to the pandemic, and all the bereaved.

*The people may offer additional names.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in your great mercy, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Sharing of Blessings

### The Pentecost Commissioning

*Celebrant* Friends in Christ, with Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Tell out your words, fellow saints; the young receive visions, the old dream dreams. With the new wine of the Spirit we proclaim God's reign of love. As part of God's Church here in Madison, Wisconsin, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting God to be your guide?

*All* **We will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All **We will.**

Will you dare to share all things with one another, be faithful in mutual prayer, and minister to each other in need?

All **We will.**

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

All **We will.**

*Celebrant*

O Christ our Savior, so dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes and the fire of inspiration on our lips, your word on our tongues and your love in our hearts. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator God, Redeeming Christ, and Sanctifying Spirit, be among us and remain with us always! **Amen!**

Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Sending Hymn: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

**Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray;  
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

**1. Up on the mountain, my Lord spoke,  
2. out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me, looked so fine,  
asked my Lord if all was mine.**

**2. Jordan River chilly and cold,  
chills the body but not the soul.  
There ain't but one train runs this track,  
it runs to heaven and runs right back.**