

Family Service – 24th May 2026

Pentecost Praise

Welcome and Notices: *(Lindsey)*

Introduction to Pentecost: *Lindsey*

Happy Birthday to the Church *(Tammy)*

Opening Sentence of scripture

If you love me you will obey what I command.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Counsellor to be with you forever.

(John 14: 15-17)

Praise

The fire of God is coming! Sing praises

Sing praises to God.

The wind of God is blowing! Sing praises

Sing praises to God

The joy of the Spirit is here! Sing praises

Sing praises to God

Sing praises to God all the earth! Sing praises

Sing praises! Sing praises! Sing praises!

Opening song: Give Me Joy

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

Give me joy in my heart, I pray

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

Keep me praising till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna

Sing hosanna to the King of kings

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna

Sing hosanna, to the King

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting

Give me peace in my heart, I pray

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting

Keep me resting till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna, to the King

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna, to the King

Give me fire in my heart, keep me praising.
Give me fire in my heart, I pray.
Give me fire in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna, to the King

Traditional

Saying sorry to God

(Time of silence)

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your spirit.

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

We receive God's forgiveness

May the Father forgive us by the death of His Son
and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days.

Amen

Collect for Pentecost Sunday

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

**Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love'
and renew us in power and action.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Song: I've got that joy, joy of the Holy Spirit.

**I've got that joy, joy of the Holy Spirit
I've got that joy, joy of the Holy Spirit
I've got that joy come from the Lord
Gonna sing it round the world
I've got that joy, joy of the Holy Spirit**

**and I've got that love, love of the Holy Spirit
I've got that love, love of the Holy Spirit
I've got that love come from the Lord
Gonna sing it round the world
I've got that love, love of the Holy Spirit**

**and I've got that peace, peace of the Holy Spirit
I've got that peace, peace of the Holy Spirit
I've got that peace come from the Lord
Gonna sing it around the world
I've got that peace, peace of the Holy Spirit**

*and it makes me wonder and it makes me praise
Just how wonderful are your ways, O Lord
I've got that peace, it's resting deep down in my soul
I've got that joy, love, peace of the Holy Spirit*

**I've got that joy, joy of the Holy Spirit
I've got that joy, joy of the Holy Spirit
I've got that joy come from the Lord
Gonna sing it round the world
I've got that joy, joy of the Holy Spirit**

**and I've got that love, love of the Holy Spirit
I've got that love, love of the Holy Spirit
I've got that love come from the Lord
Gonna sing it round the world
I've got that love, love of the Holy Spirit**

*and it makes me wonder and it makes me praise
Just how wonderful are your ways, O Lord
I've got that peace, it's resting deep down in my soul
I've got that joy, love, peace of the Holy Spirit*

**and I've got that joy, that makes me want to dance
I've got that love, for all the world to see
and I've got that peace, it's resting deep down in my soul
I've got that joy, love, peace of the Holy Spirit
and I've got that peace, it's resting deep down in my soul
I've got that joy, love, peace of the Holy Spirit.**

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All age Focus: Waiting *(Tammy)*

Interactive reading based on Acts 2: 1 – 21

(Congregation in bold – Charlotte Voice 1 – Violet Voice 2)

Listen, listen, listen, listen, listen, listen *(getting louder)*

1: It was the day of Pentecost

2: and all the followers of Jesus were in one place

1: Suddenly...

2: Suddenly... there was the sound of a rushing wind

woosh, woosh, woosh, woosh, woosh, woosh *(getting louder)*

1: a violent rushing wind from heaven

woosh, woosh, woosh, woosh, (*even louder*)

2: (*shouting*) and flames of fire appeared on everyone's head

pshwwh, pshwwh, pshwwh

1 and 2 together : and everyone began to talk in other languages -

mutter, mutter, mutter, mutter

1: and everyone

2: could understand each other

Bonjour!!

(*pause*)

1: There were lots of visitors in Jerusalem
from all over the known world

2: They were amazed at what was happening and
rushed up to find out more

(*chanted*)

There were Parthians, Medeans, Mesopotamians;

Judeans Cappadocians, Pontians;

Asians, Phrygians;

Pamphylians, Egyptians;

Libyans, Romans;

Cretans, Arabians and Elamites..

But none from England!

1: and everyone could hear their own language being spoken

2: it was very confusing..

1: so some said they must be drunk

(*pause*)

1: So Peter stepped forward to speak to the crowd

2: it's only 9 in the morning! He said, we're not drunk

1: no – all this is happening just as the prophet Joel said

2: he said there will come a day when there will be

Visions and prophecy

1: not just for a few

but for men and women, sons and daughters, boys and girls

2: Even on slaves

even on slaves!

1: and there will be signs of fire and mist and darkness and noise

2: for it is the great and glorious day of the Lord

(loudly) **And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved!**

Song: Oh God of burning cleansing flame (Send The Fire)

**O God of burning cleansing flame, Send the FIRE!
Your blood bought gift today we claim,
Send the fire today!
Look down and see this waiting host,
And send the promised Holy Ghost
We need another Pentecost!,
Send the fire today! Send the fire today!**

**God of Elijah, hear our cry. Send the FIRE!
And make us fit to live or die,
Send the fire today!
To burn up every trace of sin,
To bring the light and glory in,
The revolution now begin!,
Send the fire today! Send the fire today!**

**It's fire we want, for fire we plead, Send the FIRE!
The fire will meet our every need,
Send the fire today!
For strength to always do what's right,
And grace to conquer in the fight,
For power to walk the world in the white,
Send the fire today! Send the fire today!**

**To make our weak heart strong and brave, Send the FIRE!
To live, a dying world to save,
Send the FIRE Today!
Oh, see us on Your alter lay,
We give our lives to you today
So crown the offering now we pray;
Send the fire today! Send the fire today!
Send the fire today!!!!**

William Booth (1829-1912)

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. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Message: *(Richard)*

Intercessions *(Andrew)*

Responses:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Tammy to introduce video of Lords Prayer)*

Video: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as is 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 forever. Amen.

Declaration of Faith *(from Acts 2:22-39)*

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
shown to be from God by his signs and power,
handed over to us in the plan of God,
crucified by our sinful hands.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
raised by God from the dead,
freeing him from death's power:
it was impossible for death to hold him.**

**We believe in Jesus the Exalted,
ascended to the right hand of God,
who received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit,
and has poured this Spirit on his people.**

**We believe, we repent,
we receive God's forgiveness.
We believe, we rejoice,
we receive God's Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Offertory song: The Spirit Of The Lord Is On Me Now

**The Spirit of the Lord, is on me now,
Poured out like oil over me.
For the Lord has called and anointed me
To preach good news to the poor,**

**To bind the broken heart, to free the captive soul,
Open blind eyes, make broken people whole.
And I know this is the hour of his favour and his power.
and his Spirit is upon me now. *(repeat from the start)***

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Offertory Prayer:

Holy Spirit, we thank you for coming upon the church
and inhabiting the lives of Christian disciples.
We offer you these financial gifts in gratitude and to express our desire
for all your gifts to us to bear fruit in our lives.
Amen

The Peace

Peace to you from God, who is our Father,
Peace from Jesus Christ, who is our peace,
Peace from the Holy Spirit, who gives us life.

The Peace of the triune God be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

Sharing time

Final Song: The River Of God.

*The river of God sets our feet to dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here*

**Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here**

*The river of God sets our feet to dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here*

**The river of God is teeming with life
And all who touch it can be revived
And all who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord**

*The river of God sets our feet to dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here*

**Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord**

**Along the banks of the river we run
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.**

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Blessing: *(Lindsey)*

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

Amen

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin 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 almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Dismissal:

Filled with the Spirit's power
be in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!