

# **The Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway Stavanger Congregation**

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*Pentecost*

*Menighetshus Rektor*

*Steens gata 7: 1030*

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Acts 2.1-21**

**1 Corinthians 12.3b-13**

**John 20.19-23**

## Reflection

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost — the day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples like a mighty wind and tongues of fire. The frightened disciples became courageous witnesses. Closed doors were opened. Fear turned into mission. Silence became proclamation.



In the Gospel, Jesus comes to the disciples while they are hiding behind locked doors. They are afraid, confused, uncertain about the future. But Jesus stands among them and says, “Peace be with you.” Then He breathes on them and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

The Spirit of God changes everything.

Pentecost reminds us that God never abandons His people. He sends His Spirit to strengthen, guide, heal, and renew us. There is a simple story that helps us understand today’s message. Normally when it rains, the rain falls everywhere. Roofs become wet.

Roads become wet. Fields become wet. The rain does not choose one place and reject another. It falls on all.

But after the rain, we notice something interesting.

In some places, the grass becomes green and beautiful because the soil is good and the conditions are right. The water enters deeply into the earth and gives life.



In other places, it looks almost as if no rain fell at all. The ground remains dry, hard, and unchanged. Yet the same rain had fallen there too.

The difference is not the rain.

The difference is how the ground receives it.

The Holy Spirit is like that rain.

On Pentecost, the Spirit was poured out upon all people. God continues to pour His grace upon the world today. The Spirit comes to every heart, every family, every community.

But the question is: how do we receive the Spirit?

Some hearts are open like fertile soil. The Spirit enters and produces love, joy, peace, forgiveness, kindness, courage, and faith. Lives become green with hope.

Other hearts remain closed by anger, pride, fear, bitterness, or indifference.

The Spirit is given, but little seems to change.

The disciples themselves show us this difference. Before Pentecost, they were locked in fear. After receiving the Spirit, they opened the doors and went out to proclaim Christ boldly to the nations.

The Spirit did not simply comfort them. The Spirit transformed them.

Today the Church asks each one of us:

Are we open to the Holy Spirit?

Are our hearts ready like good soil?

Or have fear and hardness closed us off from God's grace?

Pentecost is not only an event from long ago. It is a living reality. The Spirit still blows where He wills. The Spirit still renews the earth. The Spirit still heals wounded hearts and creates unity among divided people.

In a world filled with conflict, loneliness, and confusion, we need Pentecost more than ever. We need the Spirit to teach us how to forgive.

We need the Spirit to help families heal.

We need the Spirit to give courage to the weak and hope to the discouraged.

We need the Spirit to help us witness to Christ not only with words but with our lives.

May the Holy Spirit renew our hearts, renew our families, and renew the Church.

Amen.



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-Register as a member, membership forms are available at Church.

-Donating in the Sunday collection basket. Vipps #667359 Stavanger Anglicans.

-Giving tax efficiently by donating directly to the main chaplaincy account (account number 7029 05 14973)

If you complete your personal number on the form and donate annually 500 - 25000 NOK, you will receive a tax rebate.

-Giving directly through your bank to Stavanger Congregation (account number: 3201 08 90631)

Donation of time and skill.

-For more information Contact Rumi +4796837193

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An opportunity to come together in unity  
across diversity in Christ to celebrate Pentecost  
with people from many backgrounds and  
churches in Rogaland!

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(Norges kristne råd) and KIA Stavanger

# Pentecost Festival

Monday  
25/05/2026

St. Petri  
church  
Stavanger,  
Norway



Monday  
25/05/2026



11:00 AM



St. Petri church  
(Nytorget, Stavanger)

*Fellowship after the service.*

*International – intercultural - interdenominational*

*«Together as the family of God»*



Norges  
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**SAMMEN SOM GUDS FAMILIE**

# **PINSEFESTIVAL 2026**

**25.MAI 2026**

**Flerkulturell, felleskristelig og internasjonal gudstjeneste**  
meddeltagereframangeulike menigheter og kulturer i Rogaland.

**Mandag 2. Pinedag, kl. 11:00** i St. Petri kirke (Nytorget, Stavanger)

Kirkekaffe & fellesskap. Arrangementet støttes av Norges kristne råd.

## 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





We are back at Menighetshus and we pay rentals. Our finances are not looking good may you please help by donating through VIPPS or Bank Account Number 3201 08 90631

# Tea/Coffee

After our Holy Communion service, everyone is warmly invited to stay behind for tea/coffee and fellowship. This is a lovely opportunity to share time together and strengthen our life as a church family

