

# Pentecost - May 31, 2020

Gathering music Hi, Church! Video

#### Welcome - Jen

Hi, Church! It is so good to be with you today, or whenever it is you are worshipping with us! You just saw the very first video of what has been named Project: Hi, Church! If you are interested in sending in a video, let us know in the virtual guestbook. You can find it on the mainpage of prairiechurch.ca

Today is the 50th day after Easter Sunday - that day when the stone was rolled away from the tomb, and Jesus walked with his followers again. Last Sunday we celebrated Ascension - when Jesus took his seat next to the Father and came into his full power, into full glory! And today, we celebrate Pentecost...

### Call to Worship - Jen

The Day of Pentecost is here:

the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.

the day when compassion is seared into our souls.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

let the people of God rejoice!

Song: Praise Your Name (maybe cut?)

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness Hymn Book 399

All is Made Well

Before we pray, let us acknowledge and lament the death of George Floyd, and lament the lost lives of so many before him that have been victims of brutality that should never be. We cry out against racism. It must stop. It is wrong. It betrays the truth that all people are created in the image of God. All people are God's children. Now is the time for lamenting. We long for a time when the Holy Spirit will make all things well. We lament that we are not in that time. We cry out "how long, O Lord"

## **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God,

You are so full of love, a love that you put on display in Jesus - in him suffering with us, and dying for us. The way we live and love falls short of your way. We are in a time of confusion, but your call to love others, to love all, is still completely clear. Yet we sometimes act out of something far less than love. We stand by as others mock, accuse, kill, and destroy. We do not always know what to do or say - in those times we often fail to seek you, to ask for your strength and wisdom. We speak when we ought to listen, and we remain silent when we ought to speak out. We feel trapped in systems that are unjust, yet we barely take steps to confront those injustices. We are tired and need your renewal, we are overwhelmed with grief and distress. We cannot do this without you. O Lord have mercy upon us. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness - Matt** 

Passing the Peace - Matt

#### Announcements - God at Work in Life and the Church - Jen & Matt

- Gatherings Continuing online for June
- Session meeting June 8. Discussing possible plans.
- no worship services in July

Community Prayer - Jen

Insert here.

### Psalm 104:31-34 (responsive) - Jen (one) & Matt (all)

One: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; All: may the Lord rejoice in all these works -

One: who looks on the earth and it trembles, All: who touches the mountains and they smoke.

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to

my God while I have being.

All: May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord, in

whom I rejoice.

### VIDEO - Acts 2:1-8,12 - Emmanuel (video)

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.

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

Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?'

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

## Prayer for Preacher - Jen

Message: Pentecost - Matt Brough

Solo: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God - Ashley Boychuk (video)

### Offering - Jen

Worship is dynamic, it is something God calls us to do with our lives. And worship includes action. Not only are we sent out to proclaim the Good News of the risen Lord, God invites us to give something back, acknowledging that everything comes from God in the first place.

I encourage you to consider what you can offer in your life, what has God gifted you with that you can give back? Scripture also invites us to give of our finances, to tithe. You can support the ministry of Prairie, and if you are worshiping with us but are connected with another church, please support them. prairiechurch.ca/give is where you can go and choose how you would like to support Prairie.

(Prayer for the Offering - Jen)

God, you take what we offer and you multiply it for your good works.

And so we give you these gifts to use as you see fit.

Bless many through these gifts, in Jesus' name! Amen.

Songs: O Breath of life, Come Sweeping Through Us Hymn Book 384

Lord, Listen to Your

Benediction - Matt