

Sunday 8th June, 2025

The Day of Pentecost - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 608 Spirit of truth and grace,

1 Spirit of truth and grace,
come to us in this place
as now in Jesus' name God's people gather.
Open our eyes to see
truths that will ever be,
and in communion draw us close together.

2 Spirit of joy and peace,
make all anxieties cease
with knowledge of the Father's perfect caring.
Then may God's children know
love that won't let us go
and joy that fills each day, beyond comparing.

3 Spirit of life and power,
revive us in this hour
and stir our hearts to praise with true devotion.
Fill us with heavenly fire,
and every heart inspire,
that we may serve the world with your compassion.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 204 I am the church!

I am the church! (With your thumb, point to yourself)
You are the church! (Point to you partner)
We are the church together! (Shake hands)
All who follow Jesus, (Reach out with both hands)
All around the world, (Circle arms over head)
Yes, we're the church together. (Link arms)

- 1 The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple.
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people!
Chorus
- 2 We're many kinds of people with many kinds of faces:
All colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.
Chorus
- 3 And when the people gather there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:
Chorus
- 4 At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
And told the good news through all the world to all who would hear it.
Chorus
- 5 I count if I am ninety, or nine, or just a baby;
There's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe:
Chorus

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The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 632 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,

- 1 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,
we now devote to you;
let them your covenant mercies share,
and your salvation true.
- 2 Such children you did once embrace,
while dwelling here below;
to us and ours, O God of grace,
the same compassion show.
- 3 Dear Lord, your infant feet were found
within your Father's shrine;
your years, with changeless virtue crowned,
were all alike divine.
- 4 Dependent on your bounteous breath,
we seek your grace alone,
in every stage of life and death,
to keep us still your own.

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

Hymn 584 Like fireworks in the night

- 1 Like fireworks in the night
the Holy Spirit came;
disciple's fears took flight
when touched by fronds of flame-
and suddenly the world was young
as hope embraced a Saviour's claim.

- 2 For Jesus bade them dare
to venture, come what would,
his love taught them to share
their homes, possessions, food,
the mind of Jesus gave them speech
all tribes and peoples understood.

- 3 Thus God our spirits lifts
fresh daring to inspire
as common folk get gifts
to change the world entire
the tongues of flame at Pentecost
ran through the world like forest fire.

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Benediction

Choral Amen