

Pentecost Sunday (b) 19th May 2024

Introduction

*leader: Greet the people and name the Sunday of the Year (see above)
 Acknowledge visitors and welcome them.
 Remind everyone about refreshments at the end of Mass ???
 Announce the theme of the liturgy (see next)*

Theme – **THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH**

*leader: This, the “fiftieth day,” concludes the season of Easter,
 the continuous single festival of the risen Christ.
 Pentecost, the Jewish feast of harvest,
 which also commemorates the giving of the Law of Moses,
 was the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles;
 the event has been celebrated on this day
 at least since the third century.
 The joy of Pentecost is that the risen Christ
 breathes upon the Church and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit”!
 (Announce the opening hymn:)*

Greeting

*presider: Ki te ingoa o te Matua, ✠ o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu:
 The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God
 and the Unity of the holy Spirit, be with us all:
 all: **And with your spirit.***

Penitential Rite *Invitation to Repentance*

*leader: We gather to celebrate Pentecost. In many of our modern gatherings,
 the number of countries of origin of those gathered,
 more than matches the diversity represented by the “devout”
 we will hear about in the first reading from the Acts.*

*We sometimes forget we are a community
 that claims to have received the Spirit: - (pause) - Lord, have mercy:*

*all: **Lord, have mercy:***

*leader: The holy Spirit brings unity amid divisions.
 Our tiredness and our lack of communication,
 make us less willing to praise God: - (pause) - Christ, have mercy:*

*all: **CHRIST, have mercy:***

*leader: Sometimes, the people who make no claim
 to be members of our community, do better
 at working together; than we, who claim to belong
 to the family of God: - (pause) - Lord, have mercy:*

*all: **Lord, have mercy:***

*leader: May almighty God, cleanse us of our sins and through the celebration
 of this Eucharist make us worthy to sit at the table of the kingdom.*

*all: **Amen***

GLORIA *invitation*

leader: With all the voices of heaven, let us sing praise, honour and glory to God.

Opening Prayer

leader: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) Almighty and ever-living God, whose will it was to encompass the paschal mystery within a season of fifty days, grant that the people once scattered over the face of the Earth and divided by many tongues may be gathered together by Your heavenly Spirit to confess Your name with a single voice. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ:

*all: **Amen.***

Introduction to the first reading: (*Acts 2: 1 – 11*)

leader: The Christian community, from its very beginning, claimed to have within it, the ability to reconcile the tensions between pluralism and equity and to be impressively empowered: a unity-in-diversity! The reading from Acts shows just such a reconciliation of diversity:

Introduction to the second reading: (*1 Corinthians 12: 3 – 7, 12 – 13*)

leader: Paul points out, that once the "power-for-life-in-the-Spirit" has been given, it remains with the Spirit-led person, in the form of a new direction of heart and mind, to do deeds of witness!

Sequence

*all: **Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
from the clear celestial height,
Your pure beaming radiance give.
Come, O Father of the poor,
come with treasures which endure;
come, O light of all that live!
You, of all consolers best;
You the soul's delightful guest,
does refreshing peace bestow.
You in toil are comfort sweet,
pleasant coolness in the heat;
solace in the midst of woe.***

***Light immortal, light divine,
visit You these hearts of Yours,
and our inmost being fill:
if You take Your grace away,
nothing pure in us will stay.
All our good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew
on our dryness pour Your dew;
wash the stains of guilt away.***

***Bend the stubborn heart and will;
melt the frozen, warm the chill;
guide the steps that go astray.***

***You on us who evermore
we confess and we adore,
with Your sevenfold gifts descend.
Give us comfort when we die,
give us life with You on high.
Give us joys that never end.***

Gospel Acclamation:

*all: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love: Alleluia!*

Introduction to the gospel reading: (*John 20: 19 – 23*)

leader: The gospel author stresses the continuity between the risen Jesus and the emerging church.

Homily Notes (*presider*)

- *In the moment of worship, we host the living transforming Spirit of God! In place of the dominant idols, we sense truth, justice and equity. We can come into genuine covenanted personhood rather than stay as regimented automatons or rootless, defenceless, self-sufficient, individuals.*
- *We can engage in the practice of justice – over against all the cover-ups of fear and the denials of uncritical order. We can watch the powerful emergence of a special new community that is purposefully missioned - in the face of a humanity which is nearly voiceless and passionless in despair!*
- *The tradition found in the Scriptures and the Sacraments of the church, stresses the Holy Spirit's task is to build unity amid the disruptive division, tiredness and lack of communication that exist in the world at large – and in the church in particular.*
- *The role of the Spirit is to get us to face our real divisions and differences and to forge some unity out of them. Our social, educational, racial and economic differences make us less inclined to spontaneously praise God.*
- *These divisions and differences are the arena of the Holy Spirit. Sometime it seems that those who struggle for unity-with-diversity - among employers and unionists, among landlords and tenants, among indigenous and settler/immigrant people, among religionists and secularists, among old and young – are the real heroes and heroines of the Holy Spirit. They tell us in some obscure, eucharistic utterance that we are one body! Let their struggles be added to the praise of the Holy Spirit that we speak this week.*

Creed / Statement of Faith

Intercessions – 7th Week of Ordinary Time [Sun 19th – Sat 25th May 2024]*invitation to pray:*

leader: Friends in Christ, united in one heart and mind, let us pray in our different languages to God-with-us, for peace in the world:

*1 x 6: God of goodness, You send Your holy Spirit to bring peace. May our actions show Your mercy and goodness, towards our sisters and brothers:
- (pause) - Holy Spirit of God, hear us:*

*all: **Holy Spirit of God, hear us, hear us.***

7: For the sick:

*Mangawhai: **Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Petronella Brom, Lorna Bocock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Margaret Rissman, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Richard Henry, Bob Walters,***

*Maungaturoto: **Trevor Brljevich, Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Bob & Julia Bland, Peter McHugh, Adolph Layec, Jeremy McCroskerey, . . .***

*Wellsford: **Dallas Colville, Alec Colville, Lucille Jenneker, Rita McCurran, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Iris Barrow, Lagi Sands, Tim Emberson, . . .***

Bless them for they share in Christ's passion through their suffering:

- (pause) - Holy Spirit of God, hear us:

*all: **Holy Spirit of God, hear us.***

6: For those who have died in Gaza and the Ukraine:

*For **Zoila Crisostomo** (Nanette Matheson's mother), **Di Carter** (David Walter's Aunt), who died recently; And those whose anniversaries occur about now: **Victoria Knowsley, Fr Peter Penny, Virginia Tayler, Harry Korewha, Val Klay,** Number them among your saints:*

- (pause) - Holy Spirit of God, hear us:

*all: **Holy Spirit of God, hear us.***

Concluding Prayer:

leader: O God, our refuge and our strength and source of all goodness, Your paths are love and truth. Help us to understand our inner lives and keep us vigilant in love on the path which leads to you:

*all: **Amen***

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) Remember, O God,
the promise of Christ Your Son:
in Your mercy send the Holy Spirit
to reveal more completely the mystery of this sacrifice
and to disclose to our hearts the full light of truth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord:*

*all: **Amen***

Preface

presider: The Lord be with you.

*all: **And also with you.***

presider: Lift up your hearts.

*all: **We lift them up to the Lord.***

presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*all: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*presider: It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
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our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
To bring the paschal mystery to completion,
You bestowed the Holy Spirit this day
on those You made Your adopted children
by uniting them to Your only-begotten Son.
At the Church's beginning
Your Spirit imparted to all peoples
the knowledge of the living God
and gathered the many languages of the earth
into one voice to profess a single faith.
Therefore, the universe resounds with Easter joy,
and the choirs of angels sing the endless hymn of Your glory:*

*all: **Holy holy holy!***

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**Memorial Acclamation**

(the Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great 'AMEN')

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

either

*leader: With trust in God, who nourishes us in the hour of need,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

or

leader: Let us pray for the coming of God's realm as Jesus taught us.

or

*leader: The Father has forgiven us, let us forgive our neighbour from the heart
as we say:*

*all: **Our Father, . . .***

*presider: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil;
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of Your mercy,
we may be always freed from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*all: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

Sign of Peace

*presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you'.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church
and grant us the peace and unity of your Realm,
where you live, now and always:*

*all: **Amen.***

presider: The peace of the Lord be with you:

*all: **And with your spirit.***

leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace:

Lamb of God

*all: **Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us (x2)
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.***

*presider: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your death gave life to the world;
free us by this your most holy Body and Blood
from all our sins and from every evil:
keep us always faithful to your commandments
and never let us be parted from you.*

*all: **Amen***

either

presider: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

or

*presider: This is the bread come down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will never die.
This is the cup of eternal life;
whoever drinks of it will live forever:*

*all: **Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof,
but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed.***

Holy Communion

*presider: Ko te Tinana o te Karaiti:
(Ko nga Toto o te Karaiti:)*

Prayer after Communion

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) O God,
You bestow on Your Church gifts from heaven.
Preserve the grace You have given us,
that the breath of Pentecost may quicken our hearts
and that this meal, made holy by Your Spirit,
may advance the great work of redemption.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord:*

*all: **Amen.***

(an opportunity for announcements/notices etc. . . .)

Dismissal

*leader: We are sent in the name of God, Creator;
we are sent in the name of Jesus, God in our history;
we are sent in the name of the Holy Spirit, God in revelation today;
to live in God's Spirit and Truth,
until we gather again:*

*all: **Amen***

The Blessing

*presider: May God, the Father of lights,
who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds,
by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete;
grant us gladness by his blessing
and make us always abound
with the gifts of the same Spirit:*

*all: **Amen***

*presider: May the wondrous flame
that appeared above the disciples,
powerfully cleanse our hearts from every evil
and pervade them with its purifying light:*

*all: **Amen***

*presider: And may God, who has been pleased
to unite many tongues
in the profession of one faith,
give us perserverance in that same faith
and by believing, may we journey
from hope to clear vision:*

*all: **Amen***

*presider: Kia whakapaingia koutou e te Atua kaha rawa,
e te Matua, e te Tamaiti ̄ e te Wairua Tapu.*

*all: **Amene***

leader: The Mass has ended, go in peace.

*all: **Thanks be to God.***