

Easter 8

28th May 2023
10.45 am service

PENTECOST

Prelude 3 Duos in the Old Style for Two Violins, Mvmt. 1

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Introit Pinesalme from 'Peer Gynt' Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

O Que Bueno Trad. Puerto Rican folk hymn, harm. Dale Grotenhius (1987)

O Morgenstunde, da Zungen des Geistes
wie Schwerter herniedergeflammt.
Aus Enkelmunde den Geist nun preistes
in Liedern, dem Himmel entstammt.

O que bueno es Jesus,
Que por mi murio en la cruz
Mis pecados perdono
A su nombre gloria
En tres dias recuscito
A su nombre gloria.

*O morning hour, when tongues of spirit
Blazed down like swords.
From our descendants' mouths, the spirit is praised
in songs, which come from heaven.*

*Oh how good is Jesus
On the cross he died for me
He has pardoned all my sins
Glorious is his name.
In three days he rose again,
Glorious is his name.*

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and call to worship

Hymn: O breath of life, come sweeping through us

TiS 409

Acknowledgement of Country

Safe place statement

Opening prayer

Assurance

Forgive us loving God of new beginnings.

**Re-ignite our passion for your presence,
our excitement in knowing your Spirit is alive and active,
our calling to love the world as you do**
through Christ, whose sole purpose
is to give us and all humanity and creation
life in all its fullness.

Amen.

The message of Pentecost is as true today
as it was all those years ago.

You are loved, forgiven and free to make a new start.

Thanks be to God for life, and love and Spirit.

Amen.

The Peace

Hymn: God sends us his Spirit TiS 412

Scripture:
John 20:19-23 (Page 883 of the pew Bibles)
Acts 2:1-21 (Page 885 of the pew Bibles)
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (Page 933 of the pew Bibles)

Anthem Come Holy Ghost

Mark Liversidge, words by John Cosin from Veni Creator Spiritus

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, light, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far from foes, give peace at home, where thou art guide no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee of both, to be but One,
that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Message **Rev. Ian Diamond**

Affirmation of faith

Offering Hymn: **There's a spirit in the air** (vs. 1, 3, 5, 6) **TiS 414**

Offering Prayer

Life of the church (Announcements)

Prayers of the People

Spirit, Wind, Breath

God beyond our description and understanding,
you have come to be with us in many amazing,
wonderful, sometimes incomprehensible ways.

You challenge us, comfort us, provoke us,

yes some- times even anger and confuse us
yet you always love us, forgive us,
and call us to be your people.

We thank you, and we come before you in prayer.

Spirit, Wind, Breath

Your love is a gift for all people.

We pray for those who do not know they are loved by you,
or who have forgotten,

or whose hearts have grown weary and tired – even hardened –
living unsure they are loved at all.

Infuse them with a new awareness of your spirit.

Guide us to share the good news

in ways that invite all

to find their lives renewed and made whole.

Spirit, Wind, Breath

Offer comfort to those who are lost and alone.

Offer wisdom to those who are in leadership over others,
in communities, churches, and nations.

Offer a spirit of renewal for a tired world.

Spirit, Wind, Breath

We pray to you, O God, in a sense of wonder and hope,
knowing that your compassion for all Creation
is deep, never-ending, and always unfolding.

Spirit, Wind, Breath come,

Holy Spirit come.

Amen.

From Seasons of the Spirit, 28th May 2023

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Sending out

Go as people of peace,
stewards and healers of creation,
consolers of the afflicted,
and midwives of justice.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: Great God, your Spirit, like the wind TiS 416

Postlude J S Bach, Fugue in G major, BWV 577

Please join us for morning tea after the service.

Worship team:

Colin Milner, Rev Ian Diamond, Jade McFaul (Music Coordinator),

Mary Anne Neilson (Organist),

Anika Chan and Brad Tham (Scholars),

Garth Mansfield (Reader), Donna Davey (Flower Arranger)

With thanks to our scholars, choristers, A/V and steward teams