

Worship Resource for the parish of St Luke

Pentecost

May 31, 2020

This week's readings: Numb 11:24-30
Ps 104:24-34,35b
Acts 2:1-21
John 7:37-39

Sentence:

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

John 7:38

**COLLECT: Father, you have filled your people with the Spirit who rested first on your Son and united us in your Church; open the channels for your Spirit that we may freely work together, and your kingdom and your rule increase; for the glory of your holy name. Amen
Amen**



Reflection for the Day of Pentecost, May 24, 2020.

When Jesus taught the crowds, he used broad, general principles and avoided laying down rules like the Scribes and Pharisees. The Beatitudes are a good example of Jesus' method – Blessed are the poor in spirit – Blessed are the peacemakers. But how exactly are we to be peacemakers? We have the Holy Spirit to guide us. Christian ethics are seldom black and white. How are we to interpret the injunction to be angry and sin not (Eph 4.26). We need the Spirit's guidance to decide when our anger becomes sinful. This guidance does not usually come in a vision or in some ecstatic experience. The Spirit works in and through our mental processes and we may have to work hard to reach an understanding of the way ahead. Romans 8 is Paul's statement about the work of the Holy Spirit. He makes two very important observations. First, we must dwell in Christ, always aware of His presence in the Spirit and listening. Second, Paul speaks of our mindset, our values, our assumptions, our desires. We need to develop a sense of a life lived in the Spirit and in dependence on His presence.

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Let us pray...

Spirit of the Living God,
breathe new life into us,
Inspire our work and our decisions,
guide and mould us.

Spirit of the Living God,
we ask you to hold those who are sick...
and to comfort those who mourn...

Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on us, renew us,
open our eyes to your world.
Enable us to be God's holy people
that we might shine as lights in the world
to the glory of God.
AMEN

Parish Morning Prayer by Zoom: Rev Anne will lead a service for St Luke's on Wednesday 20 May at 10 am. Join by this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84059373956>

Note: Charmaine provided helpful instructions for connecting to Zoom in an email on 13 May. Do try – invite a friend to join you!

NO mid-week Wednesday Communion services until you are notified.

Readings for this week:

Monday 1 June 2020 - Ps 85;150 1 Sam 2:1-10 Mark 3:31-35

Tuesday 2 June 2020 - Ps 132,(133) Josh 2 Luke 9:28-36

Wednesday 3 June 2020 - Ps 119:153-end Josh 3 Luke 9:37-50

Thursday 4 June 2020 - Ps 143,(146) Josh 4:1–5:1 Luke 9:51-end

Friday 5 June 2020 - Ps (142),144 Josh 5:2-end Luke 10:1-16

Saturday 6 June 2020 - Ps 147 Josh 6:1-20 Luke 10:17-24

Sunday 7 June 2020 - Ps 86:8-13 Exod 3:1-6,13-15 John 17:1-11