

WAC Eucharistic Liturgy

29th May 2021

Feast of Pentecost – Birth of the Christian Community

Opening Song: Holy Spirit Come to us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zasyz-tJkOg> (1.50 mins)

Commentator: Today is the feast of the Holy Trinity. This liturgy was prepared for Pentecost. There is a close relationship between the two. From the beginning of time the Spirit of God has hovered over creation and has given life to every thing that is alive. God Spirit dwells in every living being. Jesus made the presence of the Spirit real for us.

Reading: Genesis 1:1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Commentator: In the Old Testament the Spirit of God became synonymous with the gifts of the Spirit, most important being the gift of Wisdom, also known as Sophia. Norman Haebel identifies three dimensions of Wisdom in God's creation.

Reading: (Wisdom Trinity by Norman Haebel, ATF Press)

There are three basic dimensions to wisdom – Cosmic Wisdom which is the blue print used in the design and creation of the Universe.

Innate Wisdom – is like the driving force in all the realms and forces of nature that govern those laws.

Incarnate Wisdom is the compass that governs those laws. The compass that is set deep inside everything that is living that determines its character and its life on the planet.

In exploring these three domains of wisdom, I have developed a Wisdom consciousness or a Spiritual consciousness, a consciousness that deep in the entire universe and in all the forces of life is a consciousness that is deep within me which I call a wisdom consciousness.

Commentator: Today we celebrate The Trinity and Pentecost – the coming of God's Spirit on the Community of Jesus' Disciples. This is an additional outpouring of God's Spirit, let us listen – why?

Reading: John 20:19, 21 -22. When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you, As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Reading: Vatican II Document "Church in the Modern World" – 1, 3 & 4

The joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way are the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts. For there is a community composed of people united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, who press onwards towards the Reign of God. That is why Christians cherish a feeling of deep solidarity with the human race and its history.

The Church is interested in one thing only - to carry out the work of Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

At all time the Church carries the responsibility of reading the signs of the time and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel if it is to carry out its task.

Commentator: Let us pause for a short while and share our thoughts on the readings. Or our experience of the work of God's Spirit in our life experience.

Prayers of Intercession:

R 1) Loving God, you have gathered us from around the world in communion with each other and Jesus, with all the angels and saints, and all who have gone before us and those whom we now remember....(say names of people you remember in prayer, who have departed this life due to Covid)

R 2) Let us pray for the healing of our earth, disturbed by human greed and selfishness

R 3) Let us pray for the restoration of the balance in the universe, May your healing spirit transform the hearts of humans to restore, equity, equality, and concern for every human person, for if every person is not safe from the virus, none of us will be safe.

R 4) Let us pray for the transformation of all patriarchal institutions that have been responsible for the damage being done to the earth, and to human life.

Response Song: Oh! Lord hear my prayer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZ9ycGq1pW4> (1.17 minute)

The Community Meal:

Commentator: Gathered as a community of believers, we bring our food and drink to share in a (virtual) meal, which Jesus did frequently with his friends and disciples. Every Eucharist is a memorial of our God who forever seeks to nourish us through the fruitful gifts of God's earth, which we receive each day in the food we eat. Our primary Eucharist is that of the daily food we eat with family, community, and friends. Jesus was always happy to share meals with friends. Eating together transforms strangers into community. Sharing meals is one of the most intimate and common things people do.

Prayer 1. With grateful hearts we share what we have received, The bread and the wine of the harvest from nature's own fields, nourished by the earth, life-giving rain and sunshine, by the Spirit of God that hovers over the earth and gives life. God's gifts are poured out abundantly in kind.

Prayer 2. We gather here in the power of the Holy Spirit, source and well-spring of all that energizes and enriches creation. United in the that One Spirit we give thanks for all that nourishes and sustains us. We pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit, to awaken within and among us, the transformative power of holy energy; may our hearts be renewed and our spirits reawakened.

Prayer 3. In communion with all present at this celebration, and all the followers of Jesus on earth and those who have passed from this life, we share in the life of the Spirit of God that transforms all things. May the Spirit move us to live our mission in the world more earnestly and intently to make the reign of God come among us. Amen.

(Commentator) Sign of Peace: Let us offer to each other a sign of peace and send to all our friends and family not present here positive thoughts of peace and love.

The Lords Prayer:

Loving and Caring God, we celebrate your love that binds us as a human family. Your care that satisfies our every need, and motivates us to love and care for those in need around us. To Live as a family may we be aware of the need to constantly understand and forgive each other to preserve our bonds of unity.

Sharing our Meal: We will now eat our bread and drink together .

Welcome Hoy Spirit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ch-b1VkttgQ> (2.40 mins)

Concluding Prayer.

Loving God, we thank you for the opportunity of gathering together for this Eucharistic meal; united by our faith and mission as disciples to spread your reign of love, justice and truth to bring healing to our world. Gathering as a community strengthens our faith commitment to be good news to our world riddled with inequality, injustice and suffering. May the Spirit guide us to be like you, standing firm trusting and assured that as long as we do God's will all will be well. Amen.

Blessing: (We bless ourselves) Let us be blessed in the name of our Creator, with whom we share divinity, In the name of Jesus, Son of Mary, with whom we share humanity and in the name of the Spirit who lives and breathes divine life into us. Amen!

Prayer for Mission:

Caring God, you have entrusted us with this pledge of your love, the Spirit, to strengthen us on our journey through life.

May your Spirit transform us that we may be refreshed in our inner being and be empowered to bring mercy, love and healing to those whose lives we touch.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Final Song: Spirit of God in the Clear Running Water <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qf8oNfYT-bM>