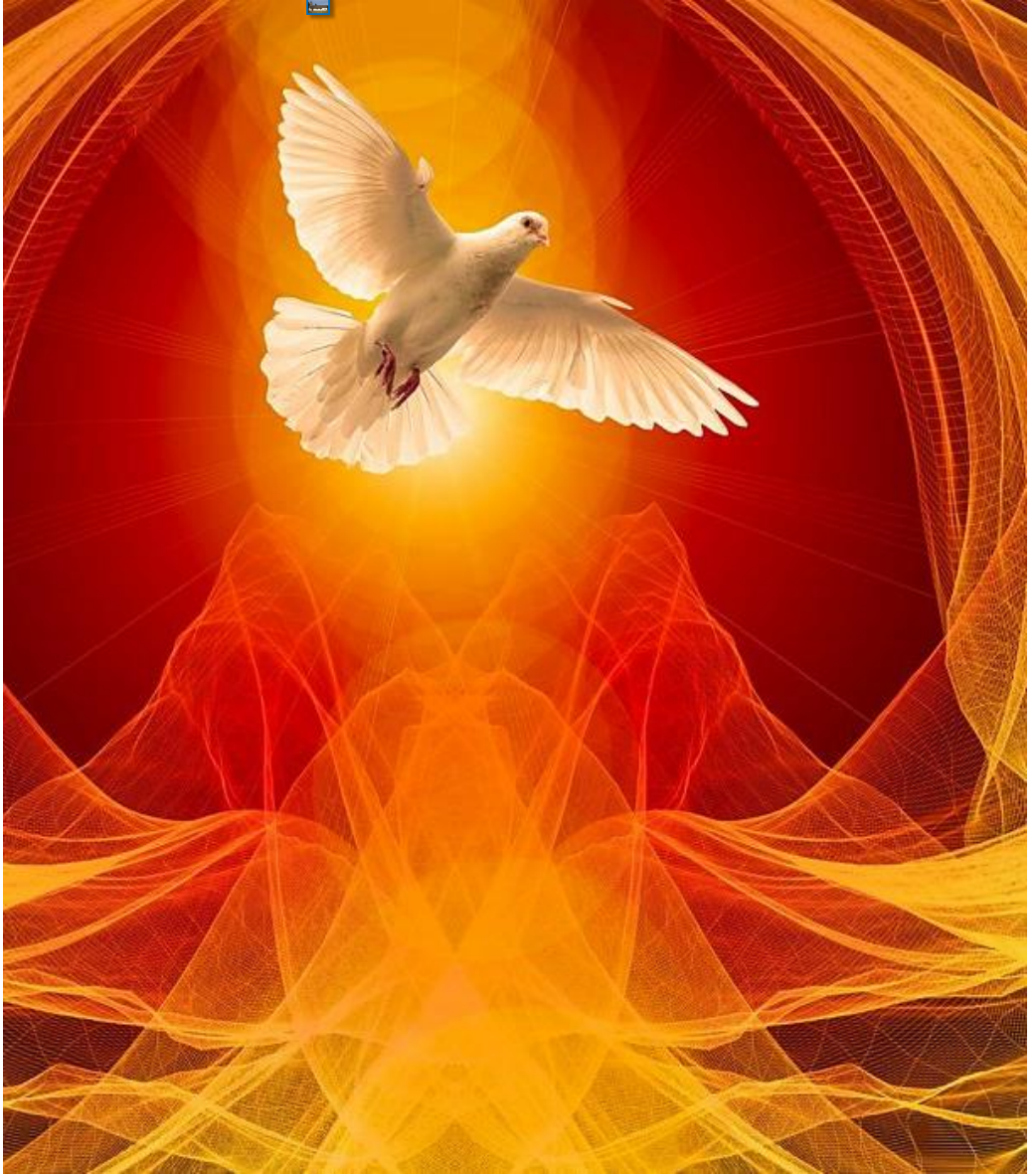




Chet Valley Churches



Pentecost
Holy Communion
5th June 2022

Welcome

Welcome to you all from wherever you are watching, to this service of Holy Communion for Pentecost. We remember today how the Holy Spirit came with power upon the disciples of Jesus.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**
Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

🎵 **Hymn:** *Lord the Light of Your Light is Shining*

**Lord, the light of your love is shining;
In the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.**



🙏 **Prayers of Penitence**

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peruvian Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
To him be glory for ever. **To him be glory for ever.**
Alleluia amen. Alleluia amen. [x2]

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
To him be glory for ever. **To him be glory for ever.**
Alleluia amen. Alleluia amen. [x2]

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.
To him be glory for ever. **To him be glory for ever.**
Alleluia amen. Alleluia amen. [x2]

Collect for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the

parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Hymn: *Come, Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire***

**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, life, 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 our 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.

📖 The Gospel: *John 14: 8-17*

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon [Rev Ros]

Pentecost, or Whitsun as it used to be called, is the third great festival of the church, after Christmas and Easter. I would say that it is also the least well known outside of church circles. You can't avoid Christmas. From about August cards will appear in shops, and the closer we get to December, the more the decorations go up, the more carols are sung and the more shopping is done. And there's a holiday too. At the heart of it all is a baby called Jesus.

At Easter we have cards, but not so many are sent. There are eggs and chocolate bunnies and a holiday. There may be Easter bonnet competitions and egg rolling, hot cross buns, although these turn up in shops just after Christmas! It's a time to remember Jesus on a cross and an empty tomb.

Fifty days later, we have Pentecost, when the church remembers how the Holy Spirit came powerfully upon the first believers. But we don't send Pentecost cards or wish each other happy Pentecost, and when the Whitsun holiday got moved to the last week in May, and called Spring Bank Holiday, the connection with something special was lost.

Just before Jesus left the disciples to return to heaven, he told them to wait in Jerusalem where they would be baptised with the Holy Spirit. So obediently they gathered in the upper room and waited. They didn't just sit about wondering what was going to happen, they prayed. They also appointed Matthias to take Judas' place. There were, all told, 120 people, including Jesus' mother Mary and his brothers, in the upper room.

Pentecost is a Jewish festival celebrating harvest and the giving of the Law and so many Jews from all over the then known world had gathered in Jerusalem. That's when it happened, what Jesus had told them to wait for and this momentous happening is described in just four verses. It was sudden, it was violent and it was game changing. The sound of a mighty, rushing wind filled the room, and tongues of flame danced on each person's head. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages. There was so much noise that a crowd gathered to find out what was going on. People were amazed that they could understand what was being said although there were a few detractors who said they were drunk.

Peter stood up and addressed the crowd. This was the same Peter who, only a few weeks ago, with all the others, fled when Jesus was arrested and denied ever knowing him. This was the same Peter who with the others, locked himself behind closed doors, for fear of the Jews.

Now he's standing boldly and visibly addressing the crowd and explaining what is happening. He testifies that they are not drunk but that this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel. God will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men dream dreams. God's Spirit will be poured out even on male and female slaves.

This isn't condoning slavery but the point is that the Holy Spirit is not just for the elite but for all members of society, even those who were not highly regarded. The disciples were now able to do what Jesus commanded, to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem.

Why is the Holy Spirit represented by such potentially violent and destructive elements as wind and fire? In other places the Spirit comes as a dove. Wind and fire are powerful. We've used both throughout human history to power ships and engines, to cook and heat and to mould metal. We've seen the destructive force in hurricanes and wild fires. The sound of wind when you're safe inside can be frightening and to see the effects of both wind and wildfire is terrifying and humbling. Yet, new life can spring up from the ravaged earth. After the earth has cooled, seeds grow and when trees are blown over, plants appear that have not been seen for many years.

Important as that outpouring was, the Spirit's mighty acts are not confined to the first century of the common era but are continuing right now. Where there is love, joy, peace, self-control, inspiration, justice and healing, there the Spirit is working. Maybe we need a mighty wind to blow away our prejudices, to blow the cobwebs away from our minds to open us to new ideas. Maybe we need the fire of the Spirit to refine us. The Spirit guides and strengthens us, he reveals God's love for us and he produces fruit in us, fruit that will last.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**



The Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord, we look for you; we long for you:
come fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, may your presence be revealed through your church. May we never be satisfied with words without content, with actions without love, with buildings that do not convey your presence.

Lord, fill us and make us a holy people. Bless the Church, that it may grow in outreach, in holiness and in number.

Lord, we look for you: **come fill us with your Spirit.**

You have given us a wonderful world. Let us not spoil it through greed or lack of respect. We remember all who suffer from hunger or thirst. We pray for all who do not have proper water supplies or who have to walk miles to get water. We pray for all in the consumer society who try to fill their lives with things and are never satisfied.

Lord, we look for you: **come fill us with your Spirit.**

We ask a blessing upon our family and friends. We hold before you all who are lonely, those who are ill and those who care for them, those whose health and strength are failing and all who are fearful for the future.

Lord, we look for you: **come fill us with your Spirit.**

We pray for peace and justice throughout the world; for an end to persecution and violence. Guide with your Spirit all those who hold positions of authority that right decisions will be made.

On this jubilee weekend, we ask your blessing upon Queen Elizabeth and thank you for her seventy years of service and her love for you.

Lord, we look for you: **come fill us with your Spirit.**

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

♪ **Hymn: Come Down O Love Divine**

**Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, 'til earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing:
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, 'til he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks that, after he had ascended far above the heavens, and was seated at the right hand of your majesty, he sent forth upon the universal church your holy and life-giving Spirit; that through his glorious power and joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the



world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of you Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying; Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread

Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup
will have eternal life, says the Lord.

**You are the bread of life, Lord Jesus,
and you will raise us up at the last day.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.**



**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

♪ Hymn: *There's a Spirit in the Air*

**There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,
Living, working in our world."**

**Lose your shyness, find your tongue;
Tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay, we can see his power today.**

**When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.**

**Still his Spirit leads the fight, seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay, we can see his power today.**

**When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home,
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.**

**May the Spirit fill our praise,
Guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay, we can see his power today.**

**There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.**

The Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim
the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God the Father, Son
and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

