



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year A — 31st May 2020

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

*Embracing
Villa Maria Centre
and
St Patrick's
Fortitude Valley*



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

Readings for today: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

Dear friends,

Pentecost is the celebration of that great feast when the church exploded beyond its closed doors and, with intent, purpose and energy, began to proclaim the Good News with the greatest fervour. We have been behind closed doors for this Easter season. Gradually, we are emerging from this time of isolation and little by little, our restrictions are being lifted. The doors are opening. It is appropriate that the feast of Pentecost should imbue us with renewed energy and hope.

As has been the case throughout the last couple of months, things can change quickly so I dare not make too many predictions about what the next couple of weeks might look like. We can be certain of this: that the requirements of physical distancing and caps on crowd numbers will remain for the foreseeable future. So things will not suddenly jump back to "normal" next week, or even next month. Perhaps not even next year, but who knows. We can also be hopeful that sooner rather than later, the caps on crowd numbers will rise.

We are currently exploring the contingencies needed to cater for larger crowd numbers. This will require:

- A process of registration for Mass attendance;
- The collection of names and contact details to allow authorities to trace attendees should the need arise;
- Observing physical distancing whilst inside our churches;
- Your co-operation and understanding in the implementation of these procedures.

As a society, we can be proud of what we have achieved in limiting the impact of Covid-19. While there remains no vaccine, our vigilance is our safety net. God gives us the use of reason in order to understand our world. God gives us the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds, to strengthen us through the seven-fold gifts and to bind us together in a community of faith, hope and love. Lord, send out your Spirit to heal and renew the face of the earth. *Fr. Anthony*



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St. Stephen
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane*



*St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley*



*Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill*

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday: 8.00am & 12.30pm (*live-streamed*)
Saturday 11.30am – Marian Devotions (*live-streamed*)

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen

Saturday: *Suspended until further notice*
Sunday: 8.00am; 10.00am (*live-streamed*)

St Patrick's *Suspended until further notice*
Villa Maria *Suspended until further notice*

Reconciliation: **Monday to Friday** 10.00am-11.0am (in the Hanly Room)
Saturday 10.00am-11.0am (in the Hanly Room)

Exposition/Reflection/Vespers/Benediction: Wednesday 5.00pm (*live-streamed*)

MUSIC for PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR A)

Processional Hymn

1. Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come
from thy bright heav'nly throne,
come, take possession of our souls
and make them all thine own.

2. Thou, who art called the Paraclete,
best gift of God above,
the living spring, the living fire,
sweet unction and true love.

3. Thou who art sev'n-fold in thy grace,
finger of God's right hand,
his promise teaching little ones
to speak and understand.

4. O guide our minds with thy blest light,
with love our hearts inflame,
and with thy strength, which ne'er decays,
confirm our mortal frame.

5. Far from us drive our deadly foe;
true peace unto us bring;
and through all perils lead us safe
beneath thy sacred wing.

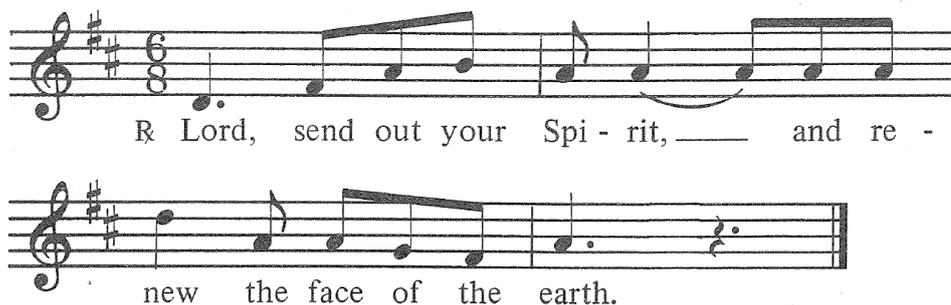
6. Through thee may we the Father know,
through thee th'eternal Son,
and thee the Spirit of them both,
thrice blessed Three in One.

7. All glory to the Father be,
with his co-equal Son,
the same to thee, great Paraclete,
while endless ages run.

Psalm

Ps 103:1-2, 24. 27-30.35

Percy Jones



R Lord, send out your Spi - rit, and re -
new the face of the earth.

Pentecost Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord divine

1. Holy Spirit, Lord divine, come,
from heights of heav'n and shine,
come with blessed radiance bright!

2. Come, O Father of the poor, come,
whose treasured gifts endure,
come, our heart's unfailing light!

3. Of consolers, wisest, best,
and our soul's most welcome guest,
sweet refreshment, sweet repose.

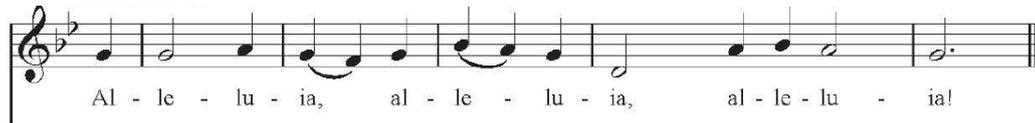
4. In our labour rest most sweet,
pleasant coolness in the heat,
consolation in our woes.

5. Light most blessed,
shine with grace in our heart's most secret
place,
fill your faithful through and through.

6. Left without your presence here,
life itself would disappear,
nothing thrives apart from you!

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Gospel Acclamation



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Communion Reflection

O breathe on me, O breath of God

1. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love all that you love,
And do what you would do.
2. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with you I have one will,
To do and to endure.
3. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
And all my life refine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with your fire divine.
4. O breathe on me, O breath of God;
So shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
Of your eternity.

Recessional Hymn

Filled with the Spirit's power

1. Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.
2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire:
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.
3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of ev'ry race:
like wind and fire with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

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Pentecost



Send me no more messages
or messengers,
even if they come from heaven.
You come. Please.
I'm begging.
Come.

Help me not to feel so poor;
shed some light in my heart;
bring what no-one else can give,
dearest house-guest of my heart.

You are sweet refreshment,
rest from this toil,
cool in this heat,
relief for this pain.
Help me to believe again.

Make some glimmer in this deep.
Shine on wealth where I see naught.

Wash over all this grime;
water this dry parched earth;
heal these tired old wounds.
See me taut and bend me;
feel me cold and warm me;
find me lost and bring me back.

I can count your seven gifts,
make me know then that I need them.
Give me reward, too, for small dear efforts,
salvation at the end,
joy that lasts.

After *Veni sancte spiritus*, 13th cent.