

The Church at Carrs Lane

Pentecost Sunday

9 June 2019



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Worship is led by Rev Dr Neil Johnson

We are an inclusive and affirming Church.
You are welcome just as you are.

Today's hymnbook is Singing The Faith

Opening Music

Welcome & Notices

Introductory Verse:

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:4 NRSV)

Hymn 152: This is the day

Prayer of Praise & Confession - *Donald praying in German:*

Most loving God,
We gather as your people in the name of
Jesus to offer our worship to you.
On this Day of Pentecost, we rejoice in the
power of your Spirit,
which breaks down the barriers between us
and unites us as one family.
We are sorry when we are not open your free-
flowing presence,
when we restrict our expectations of you by
our own limitations,
when we put you in a box labelled 'religion'.
So, free us up to expect the unexpected,
free us up to realise your free-flowing presence
all around us,
free us up to be the channels of your life-giving
Spirit.

We pray this prayer as the family of Jesus Christ,
and we offer it to you in his name. Amen

Hymn 564: O thou who camest from above

Address: 'Many Happy Returns!'

Gospel – read by Jan in Welsh:

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. 11 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 forever. 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. (John 14:8-17 NRSV)

Hymn 391: O breath of life, come sweeping through us

New Testament - Adanna will read in Igbo, followed by Mikyoung reading in Korean:

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."* (Acts 32:1-21 NRSV)

Sermon: 'Divine Movement'

Offering

An opportunity to give financially to the church. There is no obligation to give, it is just as you decide or are able.

Hymn 398: There's a spirit in the air

Prayers of Intercession – Orla praying in Spanish:

Gracious God,
You have called us together to serve you in
this place and time,
so, we pray for the needs of our neighbours
across the world today:
where there is hatred, prejudice and
discrimination,
may your Spirit of love bring respect;
where there is war, conflict and violence,

may your Spirit of peace bring reconciliation;
where there is poverty, hunger and
deprivation,

may your Spirit of justice bring liberty;
where there is sorrow, anguish and despair,
may your Spirit of hope bring assurance;
where there is suffering, pain and disquiet,
may your Spirit of calm bring comfort.

Shatter that which divides humanity
through the free-flowing of your life-giving
Spirit,

so that all your children may be free to live and
love in peace and joy.

Let us, the Church of Jesus Christ,
continue to be your movement for change in
the world,

empowered by your Spirit, proclaiming the
unity of Pentecost.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer – we pray in our own languages

(English versions can be found
in the back of the hymnbook)

Hymn 364: O for a thousand tongues to sing

Final Blessing:

**May our Creator bless us,
Jesus affirm us,
and the Spirit set us free. Amen.**

Closing Music

You are welcome to go through to the foyer for a cuppa. If you are visiting or it's your first time here, please introduce yourself to a steward.

With thanks to:
Moses, Jan, Adanna, Mikyoung
and Orla for their readings

and to Phil Parkin for the musical accompaniment

Flowers in church today are by Julie Grove
on behalf of A Dow



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