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**Durham Street
Methodist Church**

Order of Service

4 June 2017



A COMBINED SERVICE FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
AND HOLY COMMUNION
4 June 2017 Pentecost A

GATHERING

Music: "Trio Sonata in D Minor: Movement 3" BWV 527 J.S. Bach

Welcome

Notices

Birthdays

Other Celebrations

Centring Silence

Entry into the Celebration

Lighting of the (red) Pentecost candle

The spirit of faithfulness is the gift of the earth.

**The spirit of imagination and variety
comes to us from many countries.**

The spirit of hope breathes
in the poor and homeless in this city.

**The spirit of freedom
was announced by those who went before us
and we proclaim it again today.**

The spirit of love is a gift to the church in every age.

We see the flame of the Spirit of God.

The Pentecost Candle is lit.

The spirit is dancing, moving, struggling, rising
and calling to the ends of the earth.

We have seen the flame of the spirit in our midst.

Thanks be to God. (*Dorothy McRae-McMahon adapt.*)

HYMN "Praise to the Living God"

Words from the Jewish Yigdal c. 13th cent Tune:

Tune: LEONI, WOV 7

1. Praise to the living God,
all praised be The Name,
which was, and is, and is to be,
for aye the same.
The one eternal God
ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought
or timeless years!

2. Unformed, all lovely forms
declare God's loveliness,
no holiness on earth
can e'er The Name express
whose love enfolds us all;
whose laud the earth displays,
Yea, everywhere, above, below,
is perfect praise.

3. The spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will,
in prophet's word did speak of old,
and speaketh still.
The Torah rest secure,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea and land.

4. Eternal life hath God
implanted in the soul;
such love shall be our strength
and stay while ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be The Name
which was, and is, and is to be,
for aye the same! *(From the Jewish Yigdal c. 13th cent.)*

Opening Sentences

It is time!

**Spirit, move in the belly of God,
come, warm into the rock of our beginnings,
alive with original blessings.**
Spirit, run in the streets of the city.

Flow to the deep brown roots of our belonging.

Spirit, invade the air.

**Stretch widely with whispering wings,
and cover us with your healing.**

Spirit, soar in the high towers and shop fronts.

Carry the seed, call the song of the dance in the heart of God.

Wake us to hope and freedom. *(Dorothy McRae-McMahon)*

Prayer of awareness

The Jesus Prayer

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Anthem

Reading

John 7:37-39

HYMN "Come Down, O Love Divine

**Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) Trans: Richard Frederick Littledale Tune:
Down Ampney Ralph Vaughan Williams WOV 310**

1. Come down, O love divine, seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

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

3. Let holy charity my 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.

4. 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, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Sermon Rev Dr Matthew Jack

Litany: We Give Thanks...

We give thanks for the life that pulsates within us,
breath and heartbeat, joy and sorrow, dance and stillness.

We give thanks for the life that ebbs and flows between us,
loving, understanding, creating, embracing and letting go.

We give thanks for the web of life that surrounds and sustains us,
feeding, protecting, teaching, inspiring mutual care.

We give thanks for the source of all life,
**this living universe, of which our lives
are an expression.** *(Ian Lawton.C3Exchange)*

Sharing 'The Peace'

Let us take some time to celebrate each other.

May a heart of peace rest with you. *(David Galston/q)*

And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours

HYMN "Make Spaces for Spirit!"

Words Shirley Erena Murray Tune: KREMSER, WOV 25

1. Make spaces for Spirit! For energy rising.
for Pentecost presence, the wind and the fire,
a new kind of language, a vice and a vision
to shift and uplift us, to rouse and inspire.
2. Make spaces for action by spirited people:
the leader, the teacher, the healer of ill,
the builder, the artist, the bringer of laughter,
the melding and welding of spirit and will.
3. Make spaces for graces, the gifts of the Spirit,
the fruit of the garden where love is the spring,
the water of blessing, the incense of worship,
the wine poured for sharing, the hope that will sing.
4. Make spaces for Spirit by changing of systems,
by opening prisons, by debtors' release,
the flaming of courage, the firing of justice,
the Spirit of Jesus, the coming of peace. *(Shirley Erena Murray)*

Prayers of Thankfulness and Intercession

God of life,
our spring and source,
the river in which we journey through life,
the sea at journey's end,
we praise and thank you
for the rich tapestry of humanity,
and we rejoice in one another,
in our strength, wisdom and beauty.

**Yet we are tender also to our weakness,
to our unknowing and to our woundedness.**

Challenge us to live with a love for people,
and for humanity in all its vitality and diversity,
**may we each do what only we can do alone,
may we each take our part in what we can only do together**

May our care extend from humanity to the whole creation, let us nurture all life and
care for the earth.

May we live out our stewardship in good choices as consumers and citizens.

You are invited, in a moment of quiet to pray your concerns ...

For ourselves, for those named or remembered, and in solidarity with those who have not the freedom to express their concern or celebration for fear of discrimination or condemnation.

Amen.

Offerings

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(Rex Hunt)*

Welcome to the Table

At this table we give thanks for
justice, love, peace and freedom.

At this table we give thanks for friends and strangers
together in community in this safe place.

At this table we welcome old and young.

A place at the table. And all are invited.

Thanksgiving

We give thanks for the unfolding of matter,
mind, intelligence, and life
that has brought us to this moment in time.

We celebrate our common origin with everything that exists.

We celebrate the mystery we experience and address as 'God',
ground and sustainer of everything that exists,
in whom we live and move and have our being.

And we acknowledge this mystery embodied in every human person,
aware that each one of us gives God unique and personal expression.

God is everywhere present.

In grace-filled moments of sharing.

In carefully created communities of loving solidarity.

We are one with everything, living and nonliving, on this planet.

Connected.

Interrelated.

Interdependent.

The Story

We remember the stories from our tradition...

How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with friends.

Bread and wine shared in community.

For everyone born, a place at the table...

How the bread would be taken,
a blessing offered, and then shared between them.
And all of them ate.

How some wine would be poured out,
a blessing offered, and then passed between them.
And all of them drank.

May the passion for life as seen in Jesus,
and in the lives and struggles of many other
committed and faithful people then and now,
enable us to dare and to dream and to risk...

Together may we re-imagine the world.

Together may we work to make all things new.

**Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope
we each have and are called to share.**

For everyone born, a place at the table...

Bread and Wine

We break the bread for the broken earth,
ravaged and plundered for greed.

May there be healing of our beautiful blue and green planet.

We break this bread for our broken humanity,
for the powerful and the powerless
trapped by exploitation and oppression.

May there be the healing of humanity.

We break this bread for those who follow other paths:
for those who follow the noble path of the Buddha,
the yogic path of the Hindus;
the way of the Eternal Guru of the Sikhs;
and for the children of Abraham and Sarah,
the Jews, and the Muslims.

May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

We break this bread for the unhealed hurts
and wounds that lie within us all.

May we be healed.

This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.

A sign of love for the community of hope.

**A reminder of the call to live fully,
to love wastefully, and
to be all that we can be.**

Communion

To eat and drink together reminds us
of the deeper aspects of human fellowship,
for from time immemorial
the sharing of bread and wine
has been the most universal of all symbols of community.
The bread and wine will be served

After Communion

Divine Presence in all of life,
we give thanks that we have gathered together
in this sacred place.

We rejoice in the giftedness of each person here.

We are grateful for who we are for each other.

**May we continue to be truly thankful
in all we do and in all we become.**

Parting Words

As we prepare to leave this sacred space
where we have worshipped together,
let us return to our work enlivened and renewed...

Now may our wisdom show itself
in deeds of compassion and in acts of understanding.

**May the fruits of the spirit
be apparent in our lives. (Adapted/Philip R Giles)**

HYMN “O thou who camest from above”

Words: Charles Wesley Tune WILTON, WOV 486(i)

1. O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,

kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me,

4. ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Words of Blessing

May God's breath stream within you.

May God's breath renew you.

May God's breath invigorate you.

Walk with confidence into this day. (*Traditional Jewish blessing*)

Amen.

Postlude

Fellowship

Morning tea is now served.

You are invited to share in a time of fellowship

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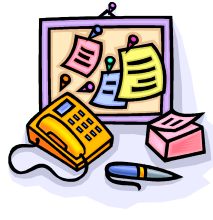
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NOTICES

This Week: **4 June 2017 – 10 June 2017**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study in Committee Room

Next Week: **11 June 2017 – 17 June 2017**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study in Committee Room

Knox Singers Trip to Cheviot – Sunday 11 June. We are giving a concert at 2.30pm in the Knox Presbyterian Church at Cheviot. If anyone would like to come along, please feel free. See Daniel or Bronwyn.

Congregational meeting - A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 18 June, immediately after the morning service, in order to approve the budget for 2017-2018. Copies of the budget are available for perusal.

Faith Film and Fiction – Sunday 18 June, 11.15am in the Lounge. Presentation of book – The light between Oceans.

Desert Evening for new people – Sunday 18 June, 7 – 9pm in the Lounge.

Soup Makers!! – A vital part of each Forum is the soup and bread midway during the session. It would be great if we could spread the soup making for the next 3 Forum Sundays (last Sundays of May, June and July). If you can help, please see Jennifer McKinnon or Janet Wilson.

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