

Many thanks to all who have read a portion of the Lesson in their native language this morning. This has become a custom at St. George's, and is one way for us to reflect on the question asked by those who were attending the Jewish Festival of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Church. They asked, "How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ... We hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." (Acts 2. 8,11)

St. George's Outbound is set to make its first excursion of the year next Sunday, **May 30th**. A light lunch will follow the 10am Service and then we will leave for Irishtown Nature Park. Then, we are invited to **Nick and Christine Stam's house**. If you plan to come, **please call the Church office** so that we can arrange for enough food.

The **Monday evening Bible Study** will resume its reading of St. Luke's Gospel next Monday night (May 31st) at 7:00pm. You are welcome to **attend in person or by ZOOM**. Looking forward to seeing you!

We are planning to recognize our **High School, University and College graduates** on Sunday, June 20th. If you know of a graduate connected to St. George's, please call the Office at 855-5209 by **Friday June 4th**.

For your calendar: **St. George's Parish Picnic – Sunday, June 20th** following the 10am Service.

Many thanks to all who assisted in the first step in the 'Heavenly Greens' project. Special thanks to our **Mike Beers** and to our **Scouts and Scouting leaders Allen Urquhart, Jason Goodwin and Catherine Peacock** for their work on constructing seven 'raised beds'. Thanks also to **Linus, Bernice and Grace** for their work in moving and transplanting hostas and day lilies. Things are looking up! May all our efforts be to the glory of God.

You may be interested to know that the **Envelope Treasurer's torch** has been passed to **Cliff Reid** A very big 'THANK YOU' to **Judy Kendall** for her faithful service in this position for the past three years. A 'handover' has been completed and Cliff is now 'on the job'. As we all know, the Envelope Treasurer bears a lot of responsibilities, so please **remember Cliff in your prayers**.



St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.



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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Pentecost - Whitsunday

May 23, 2021



Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. please the Office. After Office Hours, please contact Cathie @ 855-7969 or cdingwell@gmail.com

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Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday – May 23, 2021

8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 122	p. 498
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9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 145	p. 516
First Lesson: Joel 2: 28-end	(Pew Bible page 737)
Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-17	(Pew Bible page 913)

10:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: *The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole world, alleluia; and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Glory be...*

Dear friends in Christ, today is the 50th day after Easter, commonly called the Day of Pentecost. It was on this glorious day that God descended upon the Church with the sound of a rushing, mighty wind and in cloven tongues like as of fire, through the Person of His Holy and Eternal Spirit. In this Visitation, the Lord came to fill His bride with divine life, and to abide with her for ever. With glad and grateful hearts, then, for the comfort, peace and joy which are ours through the Holy Ghost, *let us pray:*

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon thy disciples in Jerusalem:

Grant that we who celebrate before Thee the Feast of the Pentecost may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until we come to thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V/ Let us go forth in peace.

R/ In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

Hymn: 180 (Winchester Old)

Children's Talk

Station at the Chancel Steps

V/ The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world;

R/ And that which holds all things together hath knowledge of the Voice. Alleluia. *Let us pray*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light; look favourably upon the whole church, that wonderful and sacred

mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence carry out the work of men's salvation; that the things that were cast down may be raised up, and that all things may return into unity through Him by whom all things were made, even thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Collect & Lesson for the day:	p. 205
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Hymn: 181 (Melcombe)	
The Homily	
Offertory Hymn: 485 (Trentham)	
The Intercession:	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
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Hymns during Communion: "He" Elaine Jessop 783 (Invocation); 503 (Vox Dilecti);	
The Lord's Prayer	
The Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86
Recessional Hymn: 487 (Down Ampney)	

5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 48 & 104 Part 2	pp 390, 463
First Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-9	(Pew Bible page 573)
Second Lesson: Romans 8: 18-end	(Pew Bible page 158)

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Frank Pierce, Richard Miller, Gertrude Awanda Stockall

"Let us remember before God the faithful departed."
Nicholas Evers, Hampton Ross, Rhonda Beers

"Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!
Break me, melt me, Mould me, fill me!
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me." Amen! Hymn 783 [BCP]

The Rector's Corner



'Breathe on me, Breath of God' is a little hymn which many of us have sung since we were children. Here is the back-story. It was written in 1876 by Edwin Hatch a Priest in the Church of England. At the time, he was 42 years old and serving as Vice-Principal of St. Mary's Hall in Oxford. He did not grow up in the Anglican Church, but joined when he was 18 years old through the influences of his friends and one of his teachers.

He sensed a call to be ordained, and was made a Deacon in 1858 and a Priest in 1859. Three years later he came to Trinity College in Toronto and lectured as a professor of Classics. His new office forced him to study classical literature and the writings of the Greek philosophers closely. During this time, he began to draw conclusions about the origins of the episcopacy (the Office of a Bishop) that challenged the teaching of the Bible and the practice of the Church. In 1862, he moved to Quebec City and served as the Rector of the high school of Quebec and Professor of Classics at Morrin College. While in Canada, Hatch and his wife, Evelyn had two children: Arthur and Beatrice. After returning to England in 1867, they were blessed with two more: Ethel and Evelyn.

Edwin Hatch passed through some early struggles in his life which apparently contributed to his "strong mental independence". He was also known for his "extreme study habits". Given those characteristics, along with his focus on the Greek philosophers, it is interesting -- if not surprising -- that he wrote "Breathe on Me, Breath of God".

As one commentator says, "The text is a prayer for renewal by God's Spirit (like Ps. 51:10-12), a renewal that is to be expressed in a life of love, in purity of heart and will, and in an intimacy with God that heralds the perfection of eternal life. In both Hebrew and Greek the Word for "spirit" is the same as "wind/air/breath"; thus in this text the Spirit of God is referred to as "Breath of God." The lyrics seem amazingly simple and sensitive for a man who was so intensely educated and driven. The gentle tune swells and falls gracefully, almost like it is breathing itself. As the first two stanzas express, this hymn encapsulates a deep desire to be renewed in Christ, and purified by the Holy Spirit" (from Hymnary. Org):

*Breathe on me, Breath of God/ Fill me with life anew/
That I may love what Thou dost love/ And do what Thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God/ Until my heart is pure/
Until my will is one with thine/ To do and to endure.*

Today, we remember how the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was accompanied with a rushing, mighty wind and with tongues of fire. With Edwin Hatch, let us pray for this same Almighty and Eternal Breath to fill us and renew us that we may love God and glorify His holy Name.

Daily Bible Readings

A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons

Sunday	Proverbs 1:20-end	I Corinthians 8
Monday	Proverbs 2	I Corinthians 9
Tuesday	Proverbs 3:1-26	I Corinthians 10:1-11:1
Wednesday	Proverbs 3:17-4:19	I Corinthians 11:2-end
Thursday	Proverbs 4:20-5:14	I Corinthians 12:1-27
Friday	Proverbs 6:1-19	I Corinthians 12:27-13-end
Saturday	Proverbs: 8	I Corinthians 14:1-19

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively.

Monday	Office Closed	
Tuesday	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
	Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Marathon Reading of the Psalms	12:30 p.m.
	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
	Cubs & Beavers	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

If you are **admitted to the hospital** and would like to have a pastoral visit, please **let the Rector know**. He would be glad to come and see you.

You may be interested to know that, for the past eight months, **the YMCA Reconnect Staff** meets people from the community on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in St. George's Church Hall**. For the past 2 months, **Bill Lane**, a member of our Congregation, has also been present at these times, **doing Income Tax returns**. To date, he has done 40 returns and has 20 more to go – in some cases the refund received will assist people in paying a damage deposit, and obtaining housing. **Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!**