

Weekly Fellowship  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

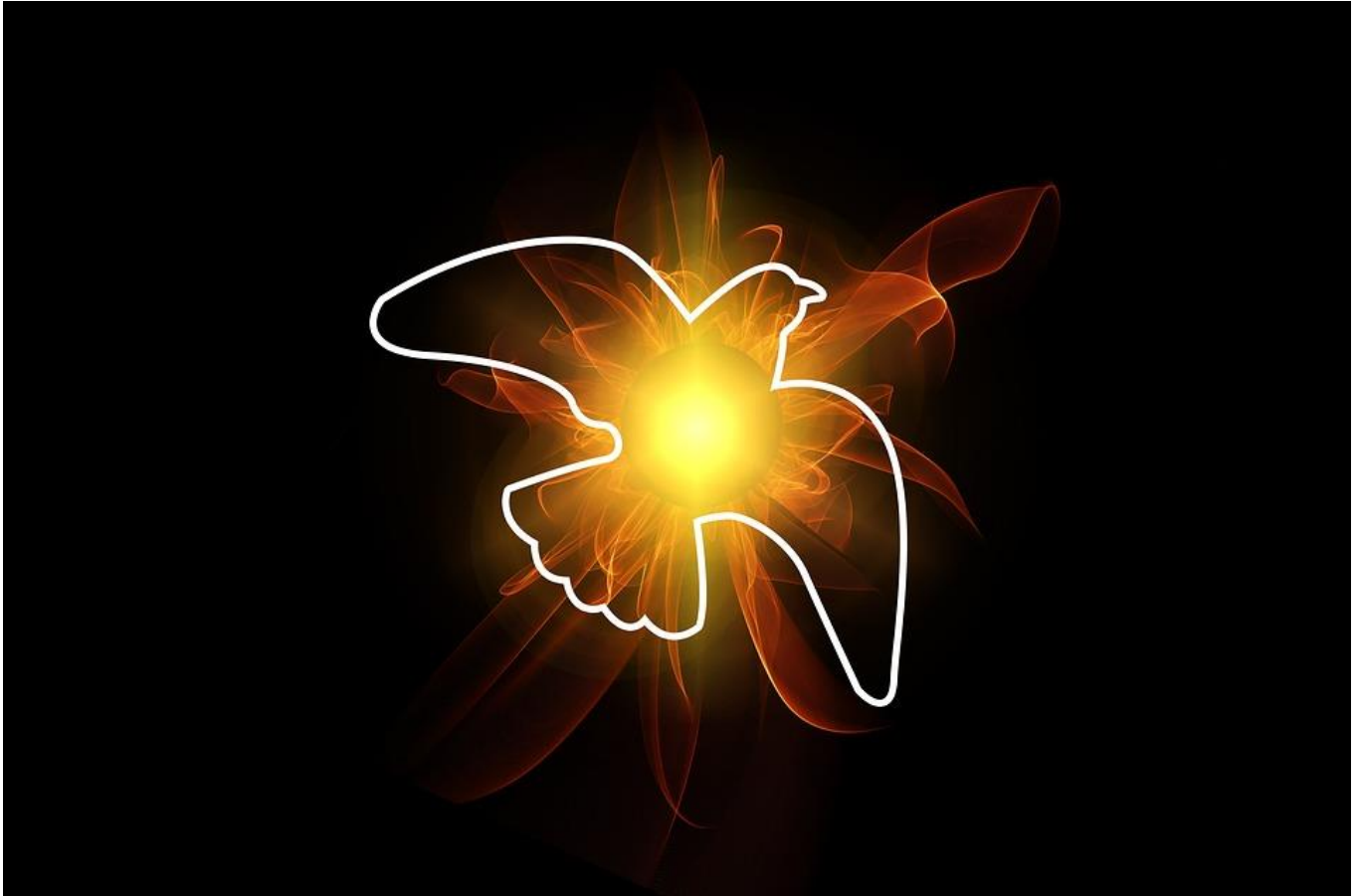


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**Join us for weekly fellowship, reflection and prayer**

**Wednesdays 10am-11am**

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## Opening Prayer

In the name of the Blessed Trinity  
of Life and Light and Love.

**Amen.**

## Psalm 104.26-35

26 *There the ships go to and fro,*

*and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.*

27 *All creatures look to you*

*to give them their food at the proper time.*

28 *When you give it to them, they gather it up;*

*when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.*

29 *When you hide your face, they are terrified;*

*when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.*

30 *When you send your Spirit,*

*they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.*

31 *May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;*

*may the Lord rejoice in his works –*

32 *he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,*

*who touches the mountains, and they smoke.*

33 *I will sing to the Lord all my life;*

*I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*

34 *May my meditation be pleasing to him,*

*as I rejoice in the Lord.*

35 *But may sinners vanish from the earth*

*and the wicked be no more.*

*Praise the Lord, my soul.*

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## New Testament Acts 2.1-21

### **The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost**

2 *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.*

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

### **Peter addresses the crowd**

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days, God says,

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*

*Your sons and daughters will prophesy,*

*your young men will see visions,*

*your old men will dream dreams.*

18 *Even on my servants, both men and women,*

*I will pour out my Spirit in those days,*

*and they will prophesy.*

19 *I will show wonders in the heavens above*

*and signs on the earth below,*

*blood and fire and billows of smoke.*

20 *The sun will be turned to darkness*

*and the moon to blood*

*before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.*

21 *And everyone who calls*

*on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

### **Reflection**

We look back over the Bible readings

and explore any thoughts or questions that come to mind.

### **Prayer**

We take our reading and reflection into prayer,

praying especially for those on our hearts or minds today.

We close our time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer,  
and a blessing for all for whom we pray,  
for one another and for ourselves.

### **Prayer 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**

### **The Lord's 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.  
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.**

Come, O Christ.

**Open our minds to your presence,  
our hearts to your love.  
And bless us in waking us  
to love, joy and peace,**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen**

**patience, kindness and generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

Let us bless God.

**Amen.**

If there is anything you would like to talk through any time,  
just send me a message.

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