

Sunday 11th April 2021

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Welcome everyone.

Today our talk is brought to us by Torquil Allen of Frampton Park Baptist Church. The title is "The Fruit of the Spirit/Self-control" and he uses Luke 4:1-13 'Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness'. Prayers for the World have been prepared by Ngwasen.

Before we start our service, let us remember HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh who died at the age of 99 years on Friday. We also pray for the Queen and the Royal Family.

Heavenly Father,

We pray for our Queen today who has lost her husband, the person she described as 'her strength and stay'.

We know she has always looked to God for guidance and we pray now that you will be her comfort, support and peace through this time of sadness.

May she know your close presence and continue to draw on your strength as she has done throughout her life.

Lord, please bless her. Amen

Thanks to Hilary for our service last week, it leads us towards the Day of Pentecost, the day on which the Spirit was given to each one of us who believes.

First let us spend some time reflecting on the death and resurrection.

God so loved that he gave his son, to lay down his life for the sake of us.

Christ the Lord, overcame the darkness.

He's alive!

Death has been defeated.

[Thank you for saving me - YouTube](#)

First he saved us, then he poured out his Spirit upon us.

Without the Spirit, we cannot do God's will on earth. Without the Spirit, we cannot be "Salt and Light" to all we meet. Without the Spirit, we are striving in our own strength and not His. So let us pray together.

Father, Son and Spirit we pray that you would lead this time by the power that you left us on the day of Pentecost.

The same power now as it was then.

That we would listen to you speaking to us and not any other voice or influence.

We pray that we would each have an expectation of being touched and experiencing your power this morning.

We pray for your forgiveness for the things we have done against your will and for the things we have left undone.

We pray also for an openness of heart, mind and spirit.

We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen!

Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me, says the Lord.

[Lift Up Your Head To The Coming King - YouTube](#)

Acts 2 - The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

1 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 as the Spirit enabled them.

There is a short introduction to the next song where Graham Kendrick speaks of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

[Graham Kendrick - Meekness & Majesty \(Coventry Cathedral 2007\) - YouTube](#)

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated in the Jewish calendar on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, "fiftieth"). ... **Pentecost** is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world and we in this country, traditionally celebrate it 40 days after Easter Sunday.

This year Pentecost Sunday falls on the 23rd of May and so we can look forward to celebrating that day but reflect and remind ourselves, between now and then, of what it means to us individually and the Church.

In Psalm 73: 23 -26, we hear God say

**²³ Yet I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.
²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.**

John 14 - Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[c] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you

Song: Holy Spirit living breath of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nbMfLQd2P4>

Notices:

Last week we opened our annual Thank Offering. We are aiming to raise £5,000 to help with

our roof replacement project. At the moment we have £190, so still a way to go.

What is it that you are thankful for?

Is there something you are praising God for?

Please pray about how much you should give

The Thank Offering is in addition to our normal weekly offering.

As part of your worship, if you would normally give a cash offering, please consider putting this amount to one side until we meet in person.

Prayers for the world. Prayers for the world

The reading:

Luke 4 - Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted^[a] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'^[b]"

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'^[c]"

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'^[d]"

¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'^[e]"

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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<https://youtu.be/Aaj5rCWMxJ4>

And again, from Psalm 73

²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

[Hillsong United - "Oceans" \(Live show at Caesarea\) - YouTube](#)

Final prayer. Say out loud if you would like to.

**May the presence, glory and power of the Lord be with me
and in me, now and evermore.**

May the Spirit fill me to overflowing every day.

Amen.