

VIRTUAL CHOIR

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music..... Let the sea resound..... let the rivers clap their hands..... let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord.” (from Psalm 98)

For those who are missing the communal singing during worship, we are giving you the opportunity to join a ‘virtual choir’ which will enable you to sing your heart out in the safety of your own home.

The congregation have been sending in their favourite hymns and songs, with a short comment, and I invite you to do the same (email timdutton29@gmail.com).

We are using the original service time of 6.30 pm on Sunday evenings.

Attached is an electronic order of service for **SUNDAY 31st MAY**.

This has also been sent with all the words in the post to those who have not got access to a computer.

Tonight is a bit different. We have run a bit short of people submitting favourite hymns, so tonight we have a **Pentecost Praise**, as we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples.

Please take this act of worship at your own pace and involve as many people as possible in your household.

The suggested format is to pray for the person(s) who made the hymn or song choice, then sing the song. This could be using your own accompaniment, or even a capella!

I have included the numbers if you have hymn or songbooks (STF = Singing the Faith; HP = Hymns and Psalms; SF = Songs of Fellowship).

Or you can follow the words and music on You Tube. Just click on the blue links or copy and paste into your browser (you may have to click past the ads first).

Then adjust the volume and sing along with the rest of our congregation.

Let me know how you get on.

Happy singing and worshipping !

Tim Dutton

ASHBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY 31st MAY 2020 @ 6.30 pm

PENTECOST PRAISE

- Introit **O breath of life, come sweeping through us** **STF 391/HP 777**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QHZB_v0ZaY
- Opening *Today is Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit came and filled the people with the living breath of God, encouraging them and empowering them to speak his truth in every tongue. God broke down the barriers of language, of race, of status, of gender, of background, even religion. Let us celebrate the excitement of Pentecost - wind and fire, water and dove – and learn more of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.*
- Hymn **Let every Christian pray** **STF 388/HP 305**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hz9uzZldDTg>
- NB Sorry, no words on the screen, so you will need a book.***
- Hymn **O thou who camest from above (chosen by Tim Morris)** **STF 564/HP 745**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wFUk3Q_bPk
- Reading Acts 2 : 1 – 21
- Hymn **We'll walk the land (chosen by Elizabeth Spencer)** **SF 583**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P65vHEu2fZw>
- Hymn **There must be more than this (Consuming fire)** **HP 1547**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XOBBUu_23M
- Prayer *Gracious God,
We thank you for those extraordinary moments we occasionally experience which change our lives, giving us joy and fulfilment we never imagined possible.
We thank you especially for the great gift of your Holy Spirit – an experience which transformed the lives of the apostles, which changed the lives of countless believers across the centuries, and which has the power to reshape our lives here and now.
Open our hearts, our minds and our souls to your living presence so that we shall know your life-changing power for ourselves.
Amen.*
- Hymn **Come down, O love divine** **STF 372/HP 281**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLQu6_Tjk9M&list=PLDcNxsEvjauqebdYwhZACXmwom3cUfv6N&index=2

Intercessions *Now let us wait upon God and pray whatever the Holy Spirit brings to your mind.*

Holy Spirit, come as fire, and burn away the sins that cling to our church

Holy Spirit, come as wind, and blow away the bureaucracy that tries to put you in a box.....

Holy Spirit, come as a floodtide, and water the dry ground that we call our spirituality.....

Holy Spirit, come as life-giver, and put again to us that basic choice – life or death, blessing and curse.....

Refrain

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

STF 395/HP 295

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2t3TfhoNE8>

NB Excuse the American spelling !

Reflection

The disciples were transformed on that first day of Pentecost.

They felt the force of fire and wind, the blazing glory of God.

The Holy Spirit filled them and was set loose into the world.

Their eyes saw with clarity the extraordinary beauty in the world,

minds that had been bewildered were opened and filled with conviction,

bodies in turmoil from the past became wondrous and complete and vibrant,

souls that were weary were lit with the passion and the wonder of love.

And Peter said: “ This is our empowering.....now we are the people God wants to be.”

And suddenly he heard in the wind the laughter of Christ, felt his touch upon his face, and he could wait no more.

So he called to the other disciples: “ My friends, the world is waiting.”

And with deep faith, deep joy, he ran to the open door.

Response

(whilst you listen to the music of Breathe on Me by Hillsong United)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ukuAyR2J2Y&list=PLDcNxsEvjaugebdYwhZACXmwom3cUfv6N>

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Holy Spirit, living breath of God (chosen by Liz Mawdsley)

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

Blessing

Spirit unseen, burn strong within my soul.

Spirit unseen, let me breathe you deep within.

Spirit unseen, awaken me to realise that God is at the very heart of my existence, so the ordinary happening is wondrously filled with God-light.

*And the blessing of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and evermore.
Amen.*

Benediction

May the Lord bless you (Matt Redman)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEqclQGD7rs>