Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Pentecost Sunday greetings to you all. It was said that on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit came down and the disciples went out, and that's how church took its birth. So, on this Sunday, as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us reflect on the life and witness of our church, discerning the way the Spirit wants us to move forward as a church today.

This week, me and Linda went on a pastoral visit, and it was once again a moving experience to share the communion in people's homes now. If you are interested in a pastoral visit, kindly let us know and we can arrange it for you. As restrictions are easing out, we are beginning to meet as staff team at our church building, and it was a good occasion for each of us to share our mission and ministerial concerns.

Thanks to Graham and Sheryl for leading Super Sunday this week at our church premises, first time after the lock down. We appreciate all their efforts even during lockdown, running it on zoom and for creating and sustaining that inter-generational worship space for all. On this Pentecost Sunday, we will be having Holy Communion at church, many thanks to all the communion stewards for making the necessary arrangements.

There are changes to the marriage registrations from May 2021, for the government has proposed improvements with new electronic systems to modernise the way marriages are registered. So, this week we had to submit our marriage registers at our local registrar's office.

Herewith I am sending you the reflection for this week and the worship resources for your kind perusal. Thanks to all those who are following our services on YouTube and also for those people joining on the circuit zoom services on Sunday. On Tuesday, the 25th May 2021 will be the first anniversary of George Floyd's death, and there is a special service organised by CTBI and details are enclosed. The Churches Together in England is inviting Churches to light a candle at noon on that day for racial justice, and can I kindly request you to say a prayer.

We will continue to pray for peace in Palestine Israel as the leaders have agreed for a ceasefire. Please also pray for people in India as they are reeling from the deadly covid wave. Thank you to all who have donated on the Circuit's Just Giving Page for India. Thank you to all who have donated generously for the Christian Aid Week and for the great efforts of Jean James towards it.

Last year for Pentecost, I have shared Jaiho's drawing of his vision of a church, which continues to offer an insight for us as a church. You can view his drawing on this link: https://thepattas.blogspot.com/2020/05/drawing-faith-my-vision-of-church.html

May you all have a blessed week ahead. May the Spirit embrace each of us to be channels of God's love to all people around us.

Thanking you,

With warm regards, Raj 21st May 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

What a week! Thank you to everyone who has sent kind messages regarding the service on Sunday, it was a great service and I was happy to be a very small part of it. Have any of you been using the Prayer Journal provided by Thy Kingdom Come? In what has been another busy week this has been a great tool for me to sit and be reflective.

My working week began with a fantastic webinar on how you can use craftivism to gain a political voice. We heard from Katy Styles, the founder of the We Care Campaign (http://wecarecampaign.tilda.ws/)-WOW my mind was buzzing with lots of different ideas for the future.

On my day of I went to IKEA to pick up some recycling bins for Church - we have been overwhelmed with recycling offerings and over the coming weeks I will be sharing details of what we are doing with the items. Firstly, the crisp packets will be going to a charity who make them into mats for the homeless. We need to prepare the packets before I send them so if anybody would like to volunteer to wash crisp packets, please let me know!

The rest of my week has been filled with planning our toddler group activities, risk assessing the Earth day activities, delivering meals for Space At The Table and discussing Unity and Diversity at Stockport Interfaith group.

I'm off from Friday afternoon for a weekend in London with my mum and daughter, but the rest of the team are available.

As always if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Monday 10 - 2

Tuesday 10 - 2

Wednesday 10 - 2

Thursday Closed

Friday 9-1



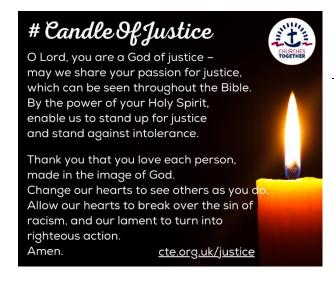
My Shopping List

Jars of pasta sauce
Tinned vegetables (peas, carrots)
Tinned tomato
Tinned kidney beans
Tinned chick peas
Baked beans
Custard / Rice pudding
Tinned fruit
Jam / peanut butter
Dried red lentils
Crisps and child friendly goodies

School Pantry

THANK YOU to everybody who brought donations at our last car park collection. We will be running our next school pantry at Mersey Vale School on 27th May – if you would like to make a donation before then they can be brought to Church during our opening hours (see above) or on Sunday morning

If you would like further information, please contact JoAnne on community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk or 07340 269 354



Candle of Justice: a moment of action on 25 May

Join Churches Together in England on 25 May 2021 for **#CandleOfJustice: a moment of action** – commemorating the first anniversary of George Floyd's murder.

The #CandleOfJustice will be a moment to light a candle, pray for racial justice and commit to taking personal and institutional action to tackle racial injustice in our society and our churches.

"Marking a year since George Floyd's tragic murder, the #CandleOfJustice initiative provides a timely moment for us to come together in prayer and reflection, with a determination to each do all we can to stand for racial justice," says Rev Dr Lurliene Miller, co-chair of the Churches Together in England (CTE) Racial Justice Working Group and vice-chair of CTE's Trustees.

Join in

Follow these **five simple steps** for how you and your church can get involved in the national #CandleOfJustice campaign on 25 May:

- 1. At noon, pause for one minute to remember George Floyd and all those who experience racism
- 2. **Light your candle** (or alternatively shine a light from your phone)
- 3. **Pray** using the Candle of Justice prayer
- 4. Pause, reflect and make a personal commitment to tackling racial injustice
- 5. **Share on social media** upload your candle photo or share the Candle of Justice prayer graphic. Remember to use the hashtag #CandleOfJustice and tag in @ChurchesEnglan

Thursday Prayer

We lift up our voices

Merciful God,

We place into your care all the refugees and migrants, especially the Rohingya.

God who hurts with humanity, we lift up our voices and pour out our hearts to you,

in sadness and grief, for those who don't have anyone to hear their suffering and pain,

for those who don't have anyone to love and care,

for those who don't have anyone to tell their stories

and especially for those who have been suffering due to this pandemic

and struggling with coronavirus to see another day in their life.

We pray for their courage of heart and strength of mind and body.

Keep them safe from harm.

Amen.

Prayer: Inmanuel Chayan Biswas, who works for Caritas Bangladesh in Cox's Bazaar refugee camp

Prayer for India

United Stockport Circuit has set up a JustGiving page to support the work of The Christian Service Agency in India.

The Christian Service Agency is the Service Arm of the National Council of Churches in India. More information about the work they did during the first wave of the pandemic and what they are aiming to do during this second wave can be found on the JustGiving page.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stockportcircuit

Thank you to all who have donated, to date £580 has been raised.



Even in the darkest moments, love gives nope.

Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.

As we pray in our individual homes – around the nation and around the world – we are united as one family.

So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer.

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13th May - 23rd May 2021

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

By dedicating the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray "Come Holy Spirit" it is hoped that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically each and every Christian across the globe is invited to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their "Yes" to God's call.

Cheeky Pandas

Thy Kingdom Come and Cheeky Pandas have partnered together to provide a variety of free resources that seek to get children excited about Jesus, the Bible and prayer, and ultimately help each child build a beautiful and life-long relationship with Him . . . with some panda fun along the way!

The resources can be found here:

https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas

They also have a YouTube channel which has some really fun videos on https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=cheeky+pandas

Attached with these notices is a prayer mat from the Pray activity pack. This is a great sheet that can be coloured, used as a discussion around the table or even for adults to use for some quiet reflection.

If you do use the sheet it would be great to see a photo! You can upload to our social media sites and tag #hmuc or email it to community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Jean and the rest of her volunteers would like to thank everybody for their support during Christian Aid week. There are a few more collections to

count but it's looking like this will be a very successful year. To date the amount raised, with giftaid, is £2172 broken down as follows;

e-envelopes £922.50 sponsor a wobbly to walk £742.50 cream teas £507

Dates for your diary

24th - 28th May Stream in the Wilderness

Presented by URC Spirituality the week offers short standalone session exploring spirituality in different times. To register please visit www.sitw.eventbrite.co.uk

25th May Doing Justice: A service of reflection on the Anniversary of the murder of George Floyd

The service will be broadcast at 7pm via YouTube and other social media platforms. For more information please visit https://ctbi.org.uk/service-marks-anniversary-of-george-floyd-killing/

6th June – Earth Day Service

Zoom service at 3pm led by the circuit Eco Task Group

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212246881?pwd=VXpyMzRYV21UZ1ZoYlkvc2R4dmV1QT09

WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 7PM - VIA ZOOM



Just as Alice fell down the rabbit hole chasing the white rabbit have we fallen down our own hole chasing something?

FOR THE ZOOM ID PLEASE CONTACT JO-ANNE 07340 269 354 COMMUNITY@HEATONMOORUNITEDCHURCH.ORG.UK



Prayers from Línda



God of Grace, be with the people of India who are suffering from this Covid-19 disaster help all who are being affected in any way, be with the our brothers and sister of India let them know that we are praying for them and sending help

that is needed, at this bad time people will be searching for your healing. Lord God you are a lamp that shines, to a world that is suffering, you are food that sustains, you are the hope they need, to a world that's broken you are one who restores, to a world full of sickness, you are the love that we need, our friends are crying out for you our Lord. To you we bring our worries and all our need, God of wholeness, God of Grace. Amen.



When our faith is weak you strengthen us,
when we lose our way you rescue us,
when we fall into sin you forgive us.
Gracious Father, please remind us as we forget,
that your love is unconditional, always moulding
us into what we could be,
always blessing us that we might glorify you. For
love, grace and forgiveness,
we thank you.

If anyone would like to share a Prayer with the church family, please call Linda on 07564839380 or

E-mail <u>lindawfleming625@gmail.com</u>.



No names required because God Knows.

CHEEKY PANDAS Activity Pack PRAY - Sheet 5

Bible Chat Mat Explore the Bible with the Bible Chat Mat

Bible Chat Mat allows people of all ages to read the Bible and have conversation together, whether around a meal table, sitting on the sofa or wherever works best. This activity can be done as a household, friends together, home group, Sunday group or even in a school club. The sheet can be coloured and doodled on, allowing you to respond to the Bible story in your own unique way.



The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37: 1-10): A Reading in the Context of Revitalisation

Prophet Ezekiel pens down this narrative of bringing life to the valley of dry bones, in the context of assuring hope and life to the Israelites, who have been looking for a revitalisation of their aspirations for a new life. The present narrative helps us to draw the parameters for revitalisation as it provides hope to the situations of uncertainties and under-vitalities. This passage can be read out and understood in the following complimentary vertices drawn out from the given text.

a. The Placement for Revitalisation (1-2v)

It was the hand of the Lord, by the Spirit of the Lord that has brought out the prophet from his cosy arm-chaired positions into the middle of a valley, which was full of dry bones. An unusual site for the prophet himself, as by his office he was called to courts of the kings, courts of the law and other socially respectable places. The Spirit of the Lord led the prophet around the low-lying valley filled with dry bones for an exposure to read through the context. The prophet's assessment of the valley of bones was that the bones were very dry.

How can a valley, full of dry bones be caused? It was not a single bone or a collection of few bones, but a valley full of dry bones. This valley would have been a place where a sizable community of people are thrown as they were dead or killed. Dry bones projects that, these people are beyond recognition. If it were dead bodies, there are chances for the prophet to recognise who they would have been or which community they would have been, but these bones of people are also 'very dry' there by saying that they were not thrown there recently, but some years ago, only to erase the memories of who they would have been. It would have been an 'unknown community', a community of people who did not have a decent burial at the end of their life. No one would have come forward to bury these 'unknown' and 'unrecognised' community, for they would have thought burying them would have been more polluting, and therefore would have thrown them into that valley. Probably all these people would have been massacred at one go, so that they are wiped away from existence. The valley would have been an 'unknown', 'un-named' 'unrecognised', 'forgotten', 'massacred', and a 'polluted' community, who are now drying under the sun as 'dry bones.' To that valley, the Spirit of the Lord led the prophet to pray for revitalisation of life.

b. The Possibility of Revitalisation (3v)

In verse 3, we see the Spirit asking prophet, "Mortal, can these bones live?" It was a placement of impossibilities, with an aroma of death and dryness spreading every nook and corer. For one can attempt in providing life to a dying person, how can one even attempt of taking the dry bones to an emergency ICU in giving life? The immortal Spirit of God invites the mortal man to join her, in granting life to an impossible situation. This question would have made the prophet realise that his life is also temporal and one day his life will end up on seeing the valley. To such a question, the prophet answers, that "O Lord God you know." Here is the theological acknowledgement of the prophet that God is omniscient, for life exists in God, the spring of life. The spirituality of such a theological affirmation is that God knows everything, we as mortals are in the process of knowing God and knowing life. In a valley of death, revitalisation of life is a possibility only by the spirituality of theology, that with God of life, life is a possibility and revitalisation is a reality.

c. The Pre-requisites for Revitalisation (4v)

On hearing the spirituality from the prophet, the Spirit says prophesy and bring out life to these dry bones, and make this valley of death into a terrain of life. In this process of giving revitalisation of life, we see some pre-requisites that come on the way towards revitalisation.

- i. **Prophecy life:** In situations of death and dryness, the instruction given to the prophet is to prophesy life. Prophesy here is not again telling the future as it has been understood, but to speak life in the context of death. Therein lies an active spirituality, a spirituality not exercised for his own self, but to speak life for the sake of the 'unknown community' with a goal of adding dignity, identity and life to those life-less bones.
- ii. **Proclaim the Word of the Lord:** As part of the prophecy, the command was to make the bones hear the Word of God, which means to announce and proclaim life as based on the life of the Word. Imagine the prophet proclaiming the gospel to the valley of dead and dry bones, who can neither hear nor understand for they are life-less. But affirming in the 'spirituality of the text' as much as we believe in the 'textuality of the spirit' is part of the revitalisation process.

d. The Programming for Revitalisation (5-6v)

Then the programming for revitalisation begins, with a theology of revitalisation of life. In v5 we see the prophet recording that "thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live." The very idea of God of life emerges here, for God is the one who causes breath and makes it to enter each life so that life is continued and sustained. Such a theological affirmation lays a strong foundation for any revitalisation process, for only through God life is given. Then the prophecy goes on to say that the flesh shall add on to the bones and then a covering of the skin takes place, and God shall put breath into that dead body to bring life. The purpose of such a revitalisation is to affirm and know that "it is God who knows and who gives life." Knowing God is part of revitalisation of our spiritualities.

e. The Progress of Revitalisation (7-10v)

So, the prophet prophesised accordingly and he could see the rattling of the bones coming together making them skeletons, flesh & skin being added to make them dead bodies but there was no breath again. Imagine if the prophet left this valley thinking that his job is done, transforming dry bones to dead bodies. The prophet would have been glad that at least he could see the faces of these people though they are dead. It would have been no better than leaving them as dry bones, if he left that revitalisation over there.

Here comes the role of praxis, which is to see to it that the revitalisation is complete, in this case granting life. Prophecy is in a progression and one has to see to it that life is attained and won at the end. When there was no breath in 9 v, the Spirit encourages the prophet to prophecy to the breath, to come from the four directions of winds, and when they all came, we see that the valley became a living valley, who stood on their feet and who were vast in multitude.

The signs of our times in this our generation, especially the threats to life, challenge the churches to be life-centered, and to be grounded in people's struggles for justice, in every here and now. Such an understanding involves new theological understanding and new ecclesial self-awareness so that the church may be an instrument of change, an open and responsible community, witnessing to the promise and possibility of the interconnectedness and interdependence of life that God has intended for the whole creation. God of life, revitalise our spiritualities, our theologies, and our praxis' so that we get engaged in the mission of God to accompany all those that are denied life towards life and liberation, for only by doing that we can add meaning to life of ours and to our communities.

"Thus says the Lord God to the bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live" Ezekiel 37:5

Raj Bharat Patta, Pentecost 2021



Sunday 23rd May - Pentecost

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use whilst we are unable to use Methodist Church premises. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, on this day of Pentecost, may we connect with others through this act of worship. May your Spirit move among us.

Hymn: StF 385: Holy Spirit, we welcome you Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5rHa epc7w

Holy Spirit, we welcome You. (x2)
Move among us with holy fire,
As we lay aside all earthly desires,
Hands reach out and our hearts aspire.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You. (x2) Let the breeze of Your presence blow, That Your children here might truly know How to move in the Spirit's flow. Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You. (x2)
Please accomplish in me today
Some new work of loving grace, I pray;
Unreservedly have Your way.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

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Let us pray together

Gracious God, we give thanks today for every work of loving grace we have seen in our lives this week.

We bring them to mind in thanksgiving.

Loving God, we give thanks today for every glimpse of your Spirit at work in the world around us.

We bring them to mind in adoration. Merciful God, we acknowledge there have been times in our lives this week where we have not allowed you to work in our lives without reservation.

We bring them to mind in humility.

Jesus, who promised the Spirit, promised too that we could be people who forgive one another and receive forgiveness from God.

We give thanks for that forgiveness now to our gracious, loving and merciful God. Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading and Epistle:

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Acts 2:1-21

Time to Reflect

I don't know about you, but I often find the anticipation of something is very different to what actually happens. That difficult conversation you build up in your mind and worry about that goes really well. The quick and easy piece of work that takes quite a few hours. The panic at finding a new place when, in the end, the journey is straight forward.

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus tries to give a sense of what it will mean for the Spirit of Truth to come to the disciples. I wonder if, when it came to Pentecost, what actually happened was very different from what they anticipated? After all, Jesus didn't exactly say that there would be tongues of fire and miracles of communication involved!

We've definitely needed some miracles of communication over the past year. Different ways have worked for different people and, if we are honest, we haven't always been able to anticipate what will work best straight away or get it right all the time. Yet, one of the things that strikes me about the story of Pentecost, is the way in which the Spirit breaks down barriers of communication. When that happens, people experience God in ways that are meaningful to them.

I wonder what barriers of communication we have seen broken down in ways that need to continue? What are the barriers that we still need to work on breaking down? How will we respond when what happens is different to what we anticipated? What will we learn from our experiences both over the past year and into the future?

This Pentecost, my prayer for everyone is that you may experience the Spirit of God at work in your life today. Oh, and don't be surprised if it happens in ways you didn't anticipate!

Take a time to sit quietly.

A time of prayer

Prayers for others

I am sure there are many people and places on your mind right now. To give you a focus for thinking about them you might like to light a candle or battery tea light.

As you bring each person and situation to mind, you may find it helpful to use the words of the hymn below to help you reflect.

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, Pour out Your Spirit we pray. Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, Pour out Your Spirit on us today.

Noel Richards & Gerald Coates © 1992 Kingsway's Thankyou Music. (Singing the Faith 405)

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father

Hymn: StF 397: The Spirit live to set us freeSing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen
to it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDcbYk-9C-Y

or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind

The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light, walk in the light, Walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all, walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call, walk, walk in the light.

He died in pain on Calvary, walk, walk in the light.

To save the lost like you and me, walk, walk in the light.

We know his death was not the end, walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend, walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me, walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see, walk, walk in the light.

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A prayer of blessing

This Pentecost Sunday may we go from this space to walk in the light, be guided by the Spirit, and proclaim Christ Jesus. Amen.

We think of all who shared this Pentecost service today. We bring to mind the faces of those we have gathered in worship with over the years and pray that the blessing of God, Spirit, Son and Father remain with them and with us, now and forever. Amen.

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We are grateful to all the Ministers and Local Preachers from around the Connexion who have contributed to Worship at Home. This resource is administrated by Ministries: Vocations and Worship in the Connexional Team. We aim to continue to provide these resources until the end of August 2021.

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

The Work of the Spirit

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Acts 2:1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."