

EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH  
Pentecost Sunday - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

## Creating Community with God

### Call to Worship

[sung]

WA WA WA - EMIMIMO	Come, O Holy Spirit, come.
WA WA WA - ALAGBARA	Come, Almighty Spirit, come.
WA-O WA-O WA-O [Emimimo]	Come, come, come. (O Spirit, come.)

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[spoken]

Come, Spirit!

**Come Spirit, Come!**

Storm at Creation, life-breath in Eden

blaze in desert, rage of prophets, song of the exiles

**Come Spirit!**

Come Spirit!

Stirring in May, dove over Jordan, doubt in the desert

upstart in synagogue, upset in temple, oil of anointing, agent of healing

**Come Spirit!**

Come Spirit!

servant at supper, sigh in suffering, gasp at Golgotha

glimpse at the tomb, seed in the doubting, song in the rising

**Come Spirit!**

Come Spirit!

chorus at Pentecost, call to apostles, healer of nations, hope for eternity

We celebrate you - who are both gift and call to your church and your world

**Come Holy Spirit! Come!**

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### Acknowledgement - God's Land

Warami Mittigar! [*Darug: Warm Welcome*]

We listen to the breath of the earth. May we hear the groaning of creation.

We listen to the sighing of the wind. May we hear the songs from the skies.

We listen to the movement of the oceans and waters.

May we hear the shared waters of life in our being.

We open our ears to the wisdom of the Land and her peoples.

May we listen, both to the silence and the speaking.

We honour and pay our respects to those on whose Land we meet,

especially the Wallamattagal clan of the Darug-speaking people.

We pause and we listen.

*A silence is kept.*

Those who have ears – Hear!

May we hear the voice of the Spirit in Creation, Now and to the end of time.

## **Song of Praise – Spirit of Dreaming** (Alison Campbell-Rate)

1. Spirit of truth, come to us now,  
breathe your word into us.  
Plant in our hearts your wisdom and love,  
speak your kindness through us.  
Spirit of dreaming come, make of your people one.  
Spirit of truth, enter our dreaming now.
2. Spirit of grace, come to us now,  
break into our silence.  
Nourish our hearts with healing and joy,  
sing your love song through us.  
Spirit of dreaming come, make of your people one.  
Spirit of grace, enter our dreaming now.

*Spirit of hope restore us,  
go before us,  
lead us through famine and feast.  
Spirit of faith uplift us,  
take and gift us for  
loving the last and the least.*

3. Spirit of light, come to us now,  
shine into our darkness.  
Bring to our hearts your longing for life,  
kindle peace between us.  
Spirit of dreaming come, make of your people one.  
Spirit of light, enter our dreaming now.

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## **Greeting from St Kevin's**

### **Confession and Assurance of Grace**

You are loved, found and forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## **Human and Divine – encountering Jesus Christ**

### **A Time for Everyone – AKB** (write the prayers for the world)

#### **Sacred Readings from Scripture**

Act 2:1-13 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.”

For the words about the Spirit of Jesus:

**Thanks be to God!**

*A Word from Life - Sandra Batey*

*Message Rev Tennyson Chan "Birthday of the church"*

## **Empowering the Community’s Spirit**

*Offering and Announcements*

*Prayers of the People – we sing Pentecost Prayer ATN 99 while the prayers go up like incense*

1 When the earth was created,  
it was God who spoke the word,  
and it was done;  
gave his warmth to the cold earth;  
all was new and all was young,  
Time had begun.

*Chorus: Make me warm, when I am cold;  
make me young, when I am old;  
move me, touch me inside;  
let your love burn in me now.*

2 If I’m rough, make me gentle;  
if my words are hard and sharp,  
soften this heart.  
If I’m weak, make me stronger,  
let me look to you for strength  
to make a new start.

*Chorus*

3 If I’m deaf, break the silence;  
if I’m blinded by the dark,  
give me your light.  
If I’m lame and I stumble,  
let me take your hand again,  
and hold it so tight.

*Chorus*

4 If you speak, let me hear you;  
help me recognise your voice  
everywhere.  
If you pass, let me see you;  
help me know the face is yours,  
help me to care.

*Chorus*

## **Song– Hymn TiS 421**

*Where the Spirit is there's freedom  
Where the Spirit is, there is life!*

- 1 Not by the world can our freedom be nourished,  
not by our things, only by Spirit.  
Practise, my children, to live by the Spirit,  
drop all your masks,  
take freedom's clothing!

*Where the Spirit is there's freedom  
Where the Spirit is, there is life!*

- 2 Heaven on earth, here we live,  
free to love and to share, carried by joy.  
Practise, my children, to live by the Spirit,  
daring today to taste God's future.

*Where the Spirit is there's freedom  
Where the Spirit is, there is life!*

- 3 Wounds will be healed, eyes will be opened,  
Imaging God, reflecting Jesus.  
Practise, my children, to live by the Spirit,  
heaven is here, time made eternal.

*Where the Spirit is there's freedom  
Where the Spirit is, there is life!*

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## **Commissioning**

Go with the strength you have.  
Go simply, lightly, gently, in search of love,  
and the Spirit go with you.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord -  
**In the name of Christ – AMEN**

And may God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer  
Bless you now and always – **AMEN**