

# Morning Prayer

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Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

**St Mary's Cathedral**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ*

## Greeting

¶ *The Minister welcomes the people to the online service.*

## Hymn: Come Thou Fount Of Ev'ry Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my Lord's unchanging love!

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee;  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it;  
seal it for Thy courts above.

Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither by Thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.

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## The Apostles' Creed

*All*      **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Prayer of Confession**

*Minister* The Scriptures urge us repeatedly to acknowledge and confess our many sins and evil ways and that we should not try to hide them from Almighty God our heavenly Father. We are to confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart so that we may receive forgiveness through God's infinite goodness and mercy.

Let us then with a pure heart and humble voice approach our Father's throne of grace, and pray together:

*All* **Almighty God, our Heavenly Father  
We have sinned against you and against our neighbours  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past,  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen**

*Minister* Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who desires not the death of a sinner,  
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live;  
He pardons and absolves all them that truly repent and believe his holy Gospel.  
For this reason, let us ask him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit,  
that our lives may be pure and holy;  
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

## Hymn: Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labours of my hands  
Can fulfil Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to the cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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## Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 36:22-32

<sup>22</sup> “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup> And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. <sup>30</sup> I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves

for your iniquities and your abominations. <sup>32</sup> It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 104:1-24**

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
O Lord my God, you are very great!  
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
- <sup>2</sup> covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent.
- <sup>3</sup> He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;  
he makes the clouds his chariot;  
he rides on the wings of the wind;
- <sup>4</sup> he makes his messengers winds,  
his ministers a flaming fire.
- <sup>5</sup> He set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it should never be moved.
- <sup>6</sup> You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.
- <sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they fled;  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.
- <sup>8</sup> The mountains rose, the valleys sank down  
to the place that you appointed for them.
- <sup>9</sup> You set a boundary that they may not pass,  
so that they might not again cover the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills;
- <sup>11</sup> they give drink to every beast of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- <sup>12</sup> Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;  
they sing among the branches.
- <sup>13</sup> From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

- <sup>14</sup> You cause the grass to grow for the livestock  
and plants for man to cultivate,  
that he may bring forth food from the earth  
<sup>15</sup> and wine to gladden the heart of man,  
oil to make his face shine  
and bread to strengthen man's heart.
- <sup>16</sup> The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.  
<sup>17</sup> In them the birds build their nests;  
the stork has her home in the fir trees.  
<sup>18</sup> The high mountains are for the wild goats;  
the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.
- <sup>19</sup> He made the moon to mark the seasons;  
the sun knows its time for setting.  
<sup>20</sup> You make darkness, and it is night,  
when all the beasts of the forest creep about.  
<sup>21</sup> The young lions roar for their prey,  
seeking their food from God.  
<sup>22</sup> When the sun rises, they steal away  
and lie down in their dens.  
<sup>23</sup> Man goes out to his work  
and to his labor until the evening.
- <sup>24</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

*Reader*      Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
*All*            **as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each

of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “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.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon: The Spirit and the Christian Life

## 1. Introduction

Colossians 2:6-7:

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

## 2. 'You received Christ Jesus the Lord ...'

(1 Corinthians 12:3; John 3:5-8)

## 3. '...so walk in him'

(Romans 8:13-14; Galatians 5:16-26; Ezekiel 36:24-27)

## 4. How?

### a. The Spirit and the Word

(2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 3:7, 4:7)

### b. The Spirit and the Cross

(Roman 5:1-8)

## 5. Conclusion

## Song: The Spirit Has Come

We worship You in Spirit and in truth  
This day has dawned at last  
The new age of soft hearts that turn to You  
It all has come to pass

*The Spirit has come we're not alone  
Cast away fear Jesus is here  
Jesus our King to You we sing  
By Your command straight from Your hand  
The Spirit has come*

And just at the right time You saved the lost  
Now from the Father's side  
The love of God is poured into our hearts  
The floodgates open wide

Our comforter, our advocate, our guide  
In prayers and trials and pain  
Your seal in us until the end of time  
Until You come again

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## Prayers of Intercession

¶ *The prayer leader leads the church in prayers*

## Collects

¶ *The collect for the day of Pentecost*

*All*      **God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**¶ Collect for Thanksgiving**

**All**            **Gracious God, our heavenly Father,  
we humbly thank you  
for all your gifts so freely given:  
for life and health and safety,  
for work and rest and friendship,  
and for the wonder of creation.  
We thank you for preserving throughout history  
a people for yourself.  
Above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
for his death and resurrection,  
for your life-giving Spirit  
and the hope of sharing in your glory.  
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**¶ The Lord's Prayer**

**All**            **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.**

## **Announcements**

## Song: As You Go

As you go, may you know the love of Christ  
How deep and long, how high and wide  
As you leave, may you seek to win the prize  
And find His death to be your life

*May you go in the love of your Father God  
May you go in the grace of Christ  
May you go in the power of the Spirit now  
To bring Him glory with your life*

As you go, may you know the pow'r of grace  
His very strength for what's to come  
As you leave, may you feel His mighty hand  
Guiding your steps in the race you run

As you go, may you show His heart to bless  
The ones with less, the blind and lost  
As you leave, may you be the light of Christ  
And show our hope is in the cross

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## Closing and Grace

*All*            **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*Minister*    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*            **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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