

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, welcome to another celebration of the Lord's resurrection. A warm welcome to those who may be visiting us for the first time may you have a blessed and meaningful time worshipping with us.

If you would like to be part of the team preparing for orientation for both UTech and UWI campuses in August this year, or, if you wish to make a contribution towards covering the cost please speak with Maydene immediately following the service.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for the students. Kindly take these on Sundays. Thanks to those who continue to give donations. Please speak with Professor James Robertson if you plan to make a contribution.

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church. Over two thousand years ago the Church came into being following the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and disciples gathered in Jerusalem. This is the birthday of the Church; happy birthday to us and to all who celebrate their birthday today, especially as we contend with other spirits competing for our attention.

The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, was present at the beginning of creation (Gen 1) moving over the chaos to bring about order. Since then the Spirit has been very active throughout the evolution of the created order. Some examples include speaking through the prophets of Israel (Ezk. 11:5; Micah 3: 8 and Zechariah 7: 12). In the New Testament the Holy Spirit is present at the conception of our Lord (Lk. 1:35), his baptism and start of his ministry (Matt 3; Lk. 3), at the height of his ministry (Lk.4) and at his resurrection (Jn. 20:21-23).

In the book of Acts the early Church testifies to the out pouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-11).

Following the birth of the Church numerous testimonies have been recorded about the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. One example is St Paul's discussion on the work of the Holy Spirit in Romans chapter 8. Here St Paul goes into much detail concerning the freedom enjoyed by those who are united with Christ in Holy Baptism. This sacrament by which the new Israel is united with her Lord, Baptism is a sign of the new covenant or relationship between Christians and God. Specially endowed with this divine Spirit, Christians are empowered to contend with the competing spirits existing in the world.

At the recent synod of the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands as well as the Provincial synod, discussions focused on the new movement towards accepting persons who are baptized to Holy Communion without the need for Confirmation. In this thrust the understanding is that in the early Church the practice of Baptism, laying on of hands with anointing (for the gift of the Holy Spirit) and Holy Communion was one continuous action.

With the expansion of the Church and the challenge of the bishops to get to distant lands to baptize and administer first Communion, there was a shift in practice with the introduction of Confirmation. It not only represented a mature commitment to Christ but also provided an opportunity for adults, baptized as babies, to make a mature commitment to Christ.

Every blessing, Garth

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## *UNIVERSITY CHAPEL, MONA*



## *Feast of Pentecost*

*June 9<sup>th</sup> 2019*

*Celebrant: Canon Garth Minott*

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# Life in the Power of the Holy Spirit

**THE OPENING RITE BCP p. 101**

**Entrance Hymn #840**

Collect: BCP p.166

*The Ministry of the Word*

**First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21**

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

The glory of the mighty Lord  
continue shall it be:  
The Lord Jehovah shall rejoice  
in all his works will see.

Of him my meditation shall  
sweet thoughts to me afford;  
And as for me, I will rejoice  
in God, my only Lord.

Earth, as affrighted, trembleth all,  
if he on it but look;  
And if the mountains he but touch,  
they presently do smoke.

From earth let sinners be consumed,  
let ill men no more be.  
O thou my soul, bless thou the Lord.  
Praise to the Lord give ye.

I will sing to the Lord most high,  
so long as I shall live;  
And while I be-ing have I shall  
to my God praises give.

All glory to the Father, Son  
And Spirit equally  
As from the first, it was is now  
And evermore shall be

**Second Reading: Romans 8: 14-17**

**Gradual Hymn #205**

Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord God Almighty reigns...

**Gospel Reading: St. John 14: 8-17, 25-27**

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**The Sermon**

The Creed BCP p. 104

**The Prayers of the People**

Act of Penitence & Absolution BCP p.123-124

The Greeting of Peace BCP p. 124-125

**Offertory Hymn # 206**

*Offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice*

**The Communion**

Prayer over the Gifts BCP p. 126

**Hymn During Communion #359**

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 147-149

Prayer for those with Birthdays and Anniversaries

**The Blessing**

Notices

**Recessional Hymn #355**

**Dismissal**