# **Southside Worship**

31 May 2020 Day of Pentecost

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Please go to <a href="https://livestream.com/ggservices/ssuc">https://livestream.com/ggservices/ssuc</a> to access our worship service.

Families with children are encouraged to use family faith materials Ps Richard Moors has made available.

#### **Gathering with God**

Today we remember with joy the coming of the Spirit from the risen, ascended Christ at Pentecost, upon all those gathered: dispelling their fears, clearing their vision, uniting them as one, equipping them for mission.



## **Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

Mighty and gracious God, It is with gladness that we gather now in your presence, bringing to you the worship of humble, grateful hearts. We adore you, creator and sustainer of all things, giver of every good and perfect gift, for the numberless blessings we have experienced in our lives, for your goodness and mercy that have followed us all our days. God of overflowing generosity, we praise You for the supreme gift of your love in the coming of your Son, our Saviour, the Lord Jesus

Christ, and for the God you have shown us to be in him.

Forgive us when, in fear and folly, we bar our minds and hearts to your Spirit at work.

Forgive us when we refuse to

acknowledge the Spirit's action in others and in situations beyond our comfort zones.

Forgive us when we quench the Spirit, choosing darkness over light, and stunt the growth of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

Forgive us when we block the Spirit's constant promptings

to share the good news of Jesus with others, by word and loving action.

Forgive us when we choose safe and comfortable paths in place of the sometimes risky – even dangerous – routes of service and mission to which the Spirit directs us.

Cleanse our hearts by Your Spirit, Lord, to be your dwelling place. Fill us anew, that we may be bold and humble bearers to a world in crying need of the sovereign, just and gentle rule of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

Song

Holy Spirit

## Offering

Please take a moment to set aside your monetary offering, or to recall your EFT payment and say a prayer of blessing over your and other's gifts.

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Prayer concerns can be shared with the congregation by emailing to <u>prayer@ssuc.org.au</u> or using the prayer request feature on the church website or app.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Where there is oppression and abuse of others, bring

Your justice.

Where there is anxiety and fear, bring Your peace.

Where there is hatred and division, bring Your love.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Breathe into your church new life and zeal and delight in

the gospel.

Set our hearts on fire with Your love.

Come, Holy Spirit,

to all who need Your presence today.

Be near to all who are sad and lonely.

Give Your strength to those who carry heavy burdens

and are weary on life's journey.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Speak calm to troubled hearts and minds.

Lift from despair those for whom daily life has lost

interest, meaning and hope.

Shine the Christ-light into their darkness.

Come Holy Spirit,

Guide the rulers of the world in ways of justice and

integrity, of truth and peace.

Give wisdom to medical researchers. Protect essential

workers and the health of all people.

Come, Holy Spirit,

May we act ever more closely together,

in the rich diversity of the one body of Christ.

So may glory be given to You,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God,

for ever and ever.

Amen

#### **Bible Reading**

Acts 2:1-13, 37-41

#### Sermon

#### Song

Filled with the Spirit's power

### **Blessing**

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit.

Let love guide your actions.

Listen for the Spirit of Truth.

Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God.

Amen.