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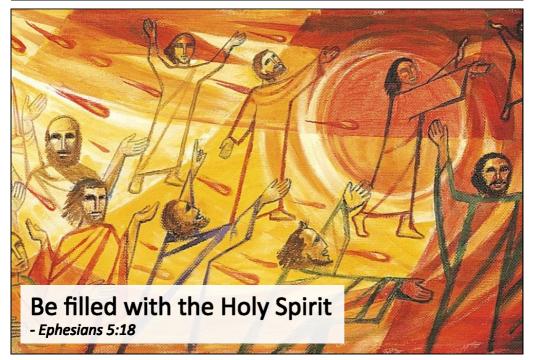
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Pentecost - 19 May 2024

A Prayer for Today

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent Your Holy Spirit to Your disciples with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filing them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to Your truth and to draw all men to the fire of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



English Worship Service is **live-streamed**, **9:30 a.m.**: - YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> @christchurchlikas/streams

Welcome to a gathering of God's people. We gather to worship the risen Lord Jesus and to encourage one another to obey Him.

1. PENTECOST SUNDAY

Praise God for His Spirit - the Holy Spirit. Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit came upon His first disciples, as He had promised. That event changed the course of history. The 120 disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, went about as Jesus' 'witnesses', testifying to the reality of the risen Lord.

As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, we seek to be 'continually filled with the Holy Spirit', *Ephesians 5:18*.

2. WELCOME

A special welcome to Dr. Suardin, Medan, Indonesia. He will minister at our BM Service; and at our Prayer-Worship Service tonight, 7:30 pm. Bring your friends.

We also welcome some lecturers and students from the Sabah Theological Seminary (STS) to our BM Service. This visit is part of their learning experience of worship and ministry in different churches.

3. BLESSED TEACHERS' DAY

"Jesus went about ... teaching", Mark 6:6. Wishing all our teachers - in school, colleges and universities - every God's blessing. We appreciate their love and dedication in shaping a generation of young people to love God and to serve the community.

4. HARVEST THANKSGIVING

26 May, next Sun, Pavilion, 1:00 pm - we celebrate the goodness of God in providing us our 'daily bread' (food). Come for lunch (ethnic dishes); followed by various cultural and community dances. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

5. MANGGATAL CHURCH BAZAAR

3 June, 8:00 am-4:00 pm - to raise funds for a new fence. Visit the many stalls food, plants, gadgets, deco, etc. Coupons are on sale. Buy for yourself and your friends. Or you may wish to operate a stall. Enquire at our Welcome Desk.





6. GROWING AS JESUS' DISCIPLES

Join a cell-group. One of the most effective ways to grow in our Christian faith is in the context of a small group of believers. Some of our cell-groups:

- Luyang gp for ladies; every Thurs; contact: Agnes Lee
- Maya gp for men; every Wed; contact: Kwong CT
- Saujana gp open; every Wed; contact: Jeffrey Chen
- Ria gp open; details to follow; contact: Robert Cheng
- Kim Leng gp open; details to follow; contact: FenFen, Perry
- Kolam gp family; every Fri; contact: Eva, Pan KC
- Damai gp young families; monthly; contact: Dr. Aaron
- Likas bible study gp open; fortnightly; contact: Dr. Sandy, Lorraine
- Young adults gp open; fortnightly; contact: Rachel, Noah

Please enquire details at the Welcome Desk. There are also groups that speak in Chinese and in BM.

7. OTHER MINISTRIES

- 23 May, this Thurs, Home Communion. 8:00 am Holy Communion in the church. 9:00 am - Home visits.
- 25 May, Sat, 9:30 am Evergreens' gathering, Omega Hall. Transport provided for those who need it. Please enquire.
- The **flowers** for today are donated by Justin & Chong Han San.
- St. Agnes' School registration for Primary 1 intake, 2025, is now open. Please register at the school.
- Our Rector has been granted the licence to serve as Assistant Registrar of Marriages; meaning marriages may be registered at Christ Church Likas, and not necessarily at JPN. Couples intending to be married at our church, please contact our Rector.

8. FOR PRAYERS & PARTICIPATION

- 28-30 May CH & EN Youth Conference, Tawau
- 18-20 June BM Men's Retreat, Telupid
- 8-10 July CH & EN Senior Citizens Retreat, Sandakan

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Pentecost Sunday When the Holy Spirit Comes

"When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8.

For reflection and discussion:

- 1. What comes to your mind when the word 'power' is mentioned? Powerful car? Powerful woman? Powerful forces of nature? What does power achieve in some of these examples?
- "You will receive power" 'do what you can'. Share about an opportunity you believe is given by God, for you to serve Him. What are the challenges? Do you expect 'signs and wonders' today? Why, or why not?
- 3. "You will be my witnesses" 'say what you know'. What is a 'witness'? Read also 1 John 1:1, Acts 4:19-20. Share, in words (verbalise it), a blessing you have received from God. Try.
- 4. "In Jerusalem ..." 'start where you are'. Where is <u>your</u> 'Jerusalem'? How may you start being a witness there? Where is your 'Judea and Samaria'? 'The ends of the world'? What plans you might have for these places? Share.
- 5. What does it mean to be 'filled with the Holy Spirit', Ephesians 5:18. Continue to read vv19-21 (and following verses too!!) to see some examples of being 'filled with the Holy Spirit'.
- 6. Pray for yourself. Seek to obey and glorify Jesus John 16:14. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Pray for others in your cell group to desire and experience the same.

FOR PRAYER

Our beloved Teachers

- that all our teachers be blessed with love and patience to raise the next generation

[pray for all the teachers in our church; name them]

Our beloved Students

- that all our students may learn with open hearts [pray too for theological students preparing to serve in various Christian ministries]

Ourselves

- that we yield ourselves more and more to the Holy Spirit
- [pray for opportunities to witness for Jesus]
- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.