

# PARISHES OF TETBURY, BEVERSTON, SHIPTON MOYNE AND LONG NEWNTON

## Readings and hymns for Sunday 23rd May – Pentecost

### First Reading

John 16: 12-15

Jesus said 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **O thou who camest from above** *Accompanied by Jonathan on the piano*

O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

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### Second Reading

Acts 2.1-21

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.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **The Spirit lives to set us free**

*recorded remotely by a soloist from St Martin’s Voices in their own home, and edited together.*

- 1     The Spirit lives to set us free,  
      walk, walk in the light.  
      He binds us all in unity,  
      walk, walk in the light.  
      *Walk in the light, walk in the light,  
      walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord*
- 2     Jesus promised life to all,  
      walk, walk in the light.  
      The dead were wakened by his call,  
      walk, walk in the light.  
      *Chorus*
- 3     By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
      walk, walk in the light.  
      The Father's kindness is revealed,  
      walk, walk in the light.  
      *Chorus*
- 4     The Spirit lives in you and me,  
      walk, walk in the light.  
      His light will shine for all to see,  
      walk, walk in the light.  
      *Chorus*