

## OAKSHAW ORACLE

A warm welcome to all visitors who are reading this online version of our worship. Today's Worship video can be found on the church Web site and Facebook page.

The Anthem and Music for meditation have been chosen by our Choir Master David Murray. The anthem today is taken from a recording made of David Murray and Oakshaw Trinity Choir in 2000 and the Music for Meditation is 'Adagio' from Piano Concerto in A minor by Grieg.

The video is available on the website <http://www.oakshawtrinity.org.uk/music> (Music menu) and on the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity](http://www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity).

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### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Hymn: No. 550**

As the deer pants for the water,

### PRAYER

**Chosen Hymn: No. 517**

Fight the good fight with all your might;

**READING: Psalm 104:24-30**

*Reader: Jessie Cross*

### ANTHEM

O God of Bethel

**READING: John 15:26,27, 16:4b-15**

*Reader: Hazel Stevenson*

**Hymn: No. 549**

How deep the Father's love for us,

### SERMON

### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Hymn: 615**

Holy Spirit, ever living

### THE BENEDICTION & DRESDEN AMEN

## SERMON NOTES

### *That's The Spirit*

*The New Testament writers are unanimous in affirming that the Holy Spirit is God at work in the world – in the lives of men and women and in the community of faith and love which is the Church. A study of the relevant chapters of John's Gospel suggests a threefold answer to the question, "Who or what is the Holy Spirit."*

*1. The Spirit is the champion – the 'Advocate Helper' as seen in John 14:16. The Holy Spirit brings God into any situation just as Jesus did.*

*2. The Spirit is the instructor. John 15:26 says that the: "Spirit of truth goes out from the Father..."*

*3. The third answer is that the Spirit is the witness: The Spirit "...will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning." A witness is the person who can honestly say "this is true and I know it."*

*The Spirit is the force that makes us want to run all the way with the flame of our torch still lit for God...*

**PRAYER:** *Holy Spirit, help all of us to forgive people who have hurt us. Heal our emotions that have been wounded and teach us how to love unconditionally and continue to extend your love and mercy toward us as we press toward the mark of our higher calling in Christ Jesus...*



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### **TODAY:**

11a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Gordon Armstrong and our Student Mr. Steven Henderson.



### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

Due to Government restrictions on Public Gatherings, Sunday Services have been restricted. You will require to book each week in advance via the Booking email address:

[booking.oakshawtrinity@thewynd.org.uk](mailto:booking.oakshawtrinity@thewynd.org.uk)

**Please do not turn up without booking in advance.**



Hymn 517 was chosen by Ian Waddell because in this strange world of ours we have to hang onto what we believe to see us through. The words in the verses of this hymn confirms Jesus is the Way.

### **WEEKLY CHURCH OPENING:**

Rev. Gordon Armstrong and Rev. George Lind will be available in the Church on Tuesdays from 11am – 3pm. Prayers will be said on the hour.



### **SATURDAY CLUB:**

The Saturday Club now hold a time of 'Saturday Club From The Sofa.' This takes place on Facetime at 3pm on Saturdays. Please feel free to join in and keep us up to date with how you have been coping.



### **ORGANISATIONS:**

Our organisations are now finishing for this session which has mainly been facilitated online. We do hope that when we resume, we can meet back in our halls.



### **MISSION FUND—Return of Boxes:**



Boxes can be handed into the Church on Tuesdays between 11 and 3p.m. or any Sunday Service.

### **EIGHT O'CLOCK CLUB—Zoom 31st May**

Members are invited to join the zoom meeting at 7.30 for a 'catch up' and to discuss the way forward. Please speak to any committee member for details or to [oakshawchurch@gmail.com](mailto:oakshawchurch@gmail.com)



### **STAMP APPEAL:**



Barbara Copleton is still collecting used stamps for the Church of Scotland Appeal. Please help by saving your used stamps and passing them on to Barbara.

### **WORLD REFILL DAY: 16th June:**

As the pandemic is still curtailing how we shop, this is an ideal opportunity to consider your use of single use plastic. Please check our website for swaps you could do.



visit our website!

### **Pentecost Prayer**

**Come Holy Spirit and make us your own. Let your wisdom and judgment guide our decisions and understanding. Let knowledge increase our empathy and compassion. Let reverence fill us with gratitude and respect for all of creation. Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed. Through and with and in Christ we pray.**

**Amen.**



Details and lots of extra information about Church events can be found on the web Oakshaw Trinity Church: [www.oakshawtrinity.org](http://www.oakshawtrinity.org)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity](http://www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity)

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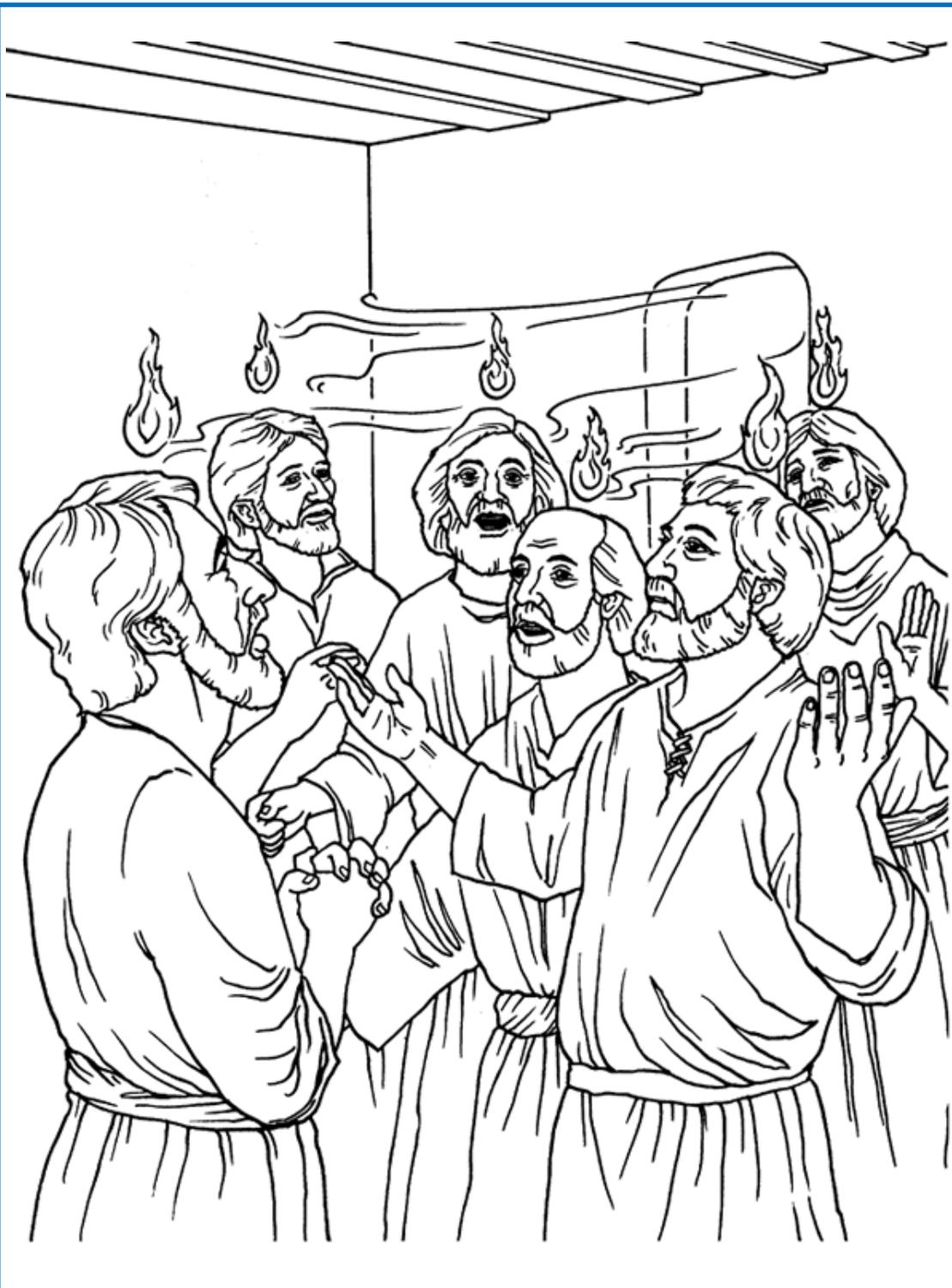
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No one can see the wind, but we know the wind is there because, for example: it can make a kite fly.

But just because we can't see the wind, that doesn't mean it's not important. The wind helps us cool off when we get hot; it cleans the air from smog; and it can even be used to power our homes. Can you think of anything else the wind does?

God's Spirit is kind of like the wind. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit is very important and always with us.

When God sent His Holy Spirit to be with His people for the first time, it was like a mighty, rushing wind. Making a loud whooshing sound. Many churches still celebrate that special day. It's called the day of Pentecost.

The disciples and other believers were all gathered together. When the loud wind came, they saw what looked like tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them, and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. How would you feel if you saw fire coming down on your head? Would you be scared?

The Holy Spirit helped them share God's message of love with everyone around by speaking other languages!

This marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

When we believe, God puts His Holy Spirit in us, too.

**Dear God,** we thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to comfort us, guide us, and live within us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

