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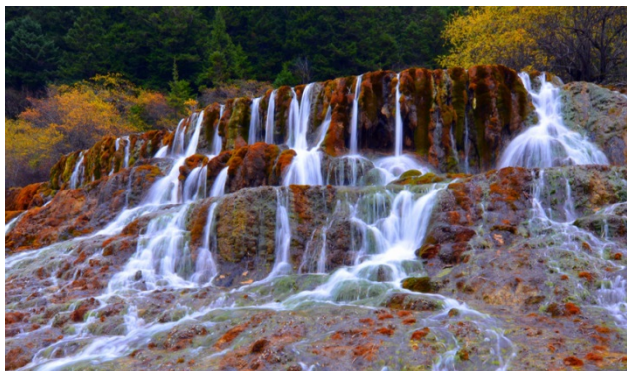
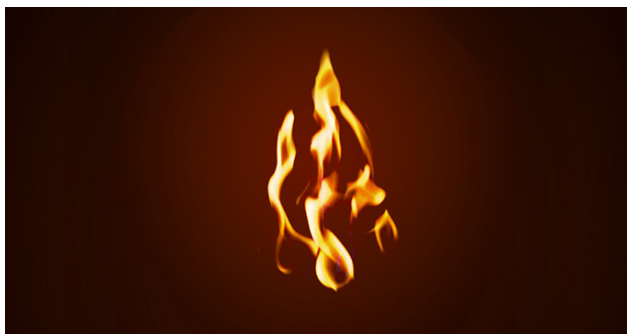
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31st May 2020

Pentecost Sunday

The Revd Will Newman



*1st Reading from the Acts of the Apostles
chapter 2, verses 1-11.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles 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.'

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according to John, chapter 7, verses 37-39.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

PRAY for the Church throughout the world; for the worldwide Anglican Communion of Churches; and in the Anglican Church of Hong Kong, (the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui), for Holy Spirit Church, Shatin, and the Revd Billy Ip and Chan Hin Cheung.

For the world, and for all those suffering from the coronavirus.

For the sick, especially Lo Yuk Wah, Karen Flores, Sin-Toon Phua, Tang Ying Tai, Wong Yuk Lin, Donna Willis, Rita Farmer, and James Green.

For the departed, especially Jeanette Skelton, Stephen Farmer, and all those we have known and loved.