RUACH: A VIDEO CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST

Title screen: detail from artwork by Francesca Rallo

OPENING CLIPS

From the Gospel for Sunday, May 9, 2021:
I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not
know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends,
because I have made known to you everything that I have heard
from my Father. (John 15:15)

Images: Outdoor church on the lawn at St. John’s, North Haven

Thoughts on the Holy Spirit, from Dan Kovner

THE PENTECOST STORY: ACTS 2:1-4, 17

GREEK

Read by Gretchen Pritchard

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together in one place. (Acts 2:1)

Image: Beulah Land feltboard figures by Gretchen Pritchard

HEBREW

Read by the Rev. Bob Bergner

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YORUBA

Read by Sotonye Otunba-Payne

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FRENCH

Read by Mark Mahaffy

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ENGLISH

Read by Bernadette Jackson

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Images: Beulah Land feltboard figures; Grace & St Peter’s Easter Vigil Zoom screenshot; Dinner for a Dollar, Black Lives Matter march at Hamden City Hall, June 2020

MUSIC

“Holy Spirit Moving” by Dan Kovner and Bob Bergner

Holy Spirit, moving like a mighty wind

Dan Kovner, Bob Bergner, Mike Brown, Andy Dodd, John Anderson, and Mike Scialla, Neighborhood Music School, 2019

Images: Pentecost mural created by Sunday school children, May 2021

ENGLISH

Read by Arnie Pritchard

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. . . . (Acts 2:2-4)

Image: Pentecost, by Duccio di Buoninsegna (c. 1255-1318), Wikimedia Commons

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CHINESE

Read by Nyah Parkinson

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind (Acts 2:2)

Image: “We are all made of stars” by Francesca Rallo

LATIN

Read by Gretchen Pritchard

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ARABIC

Read by Nyah Parkinson

And it filled the entire house where they were sitting. (Acts 2:2)
And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind (Acts 2:2)

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. (Acts 2:3)

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:4)
“Ubi Caritas” (Jacques Berthier) mix of multiple tracks by Bob Bergner
Where there is charity and love, there is God.

Read by Arnie Pritchard
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. (Acts 2:17)

Read by Janie Sun
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. (Acts 2:17)

Read by Will Hart
… and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. (Acts 2:17)

Audio source: graveside service for George Meinsen
Images: Daily Morning Prayer led on Facebook by Aldon Hynes; parish social justice and Bible study offerings “Kingship of Kinship” and Faith Study Group; Bishop Jim Curry and Swords into Plowshares; nature photo by Sotonye Otunba-Payne; mosaic of the Risen Christ

Sharon Kovner
IN MEMORIAM

Exsultet chant from the Zoom Easter Vigil, sung by Marion Pritchard

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King … For he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam’s sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people. …

Images: Zoom coffee hour, Zoom Easter Vigil; funerals of George Meinsen and Rick Iglio; photos of Barbara Sablitz, Richard Beck, Christy Czekaj, Bob Behler, and Josh Kovner

PROCLAMATION

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Images: stained glass window and icon, Grace & St Peter’s
Malayalam: Prakash Thomas
Spanish: Robin Zenobi
Yoruba: Sotonye Otunba-Payne
Spanish: Tonia McGowan

THE STORY OF THE DRY BONES: EZEKIEL 37:12-14

Read by Cindy Turner with sound effects by John Anderson; recorded for use in the Zoom Easter Vigil

Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. … I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Images of return and renewal from our families’ lives

(Above: Susan Stanley’s daughter-in-law Maureen awaiting the birth of the Stanleys’ first grandchild)

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