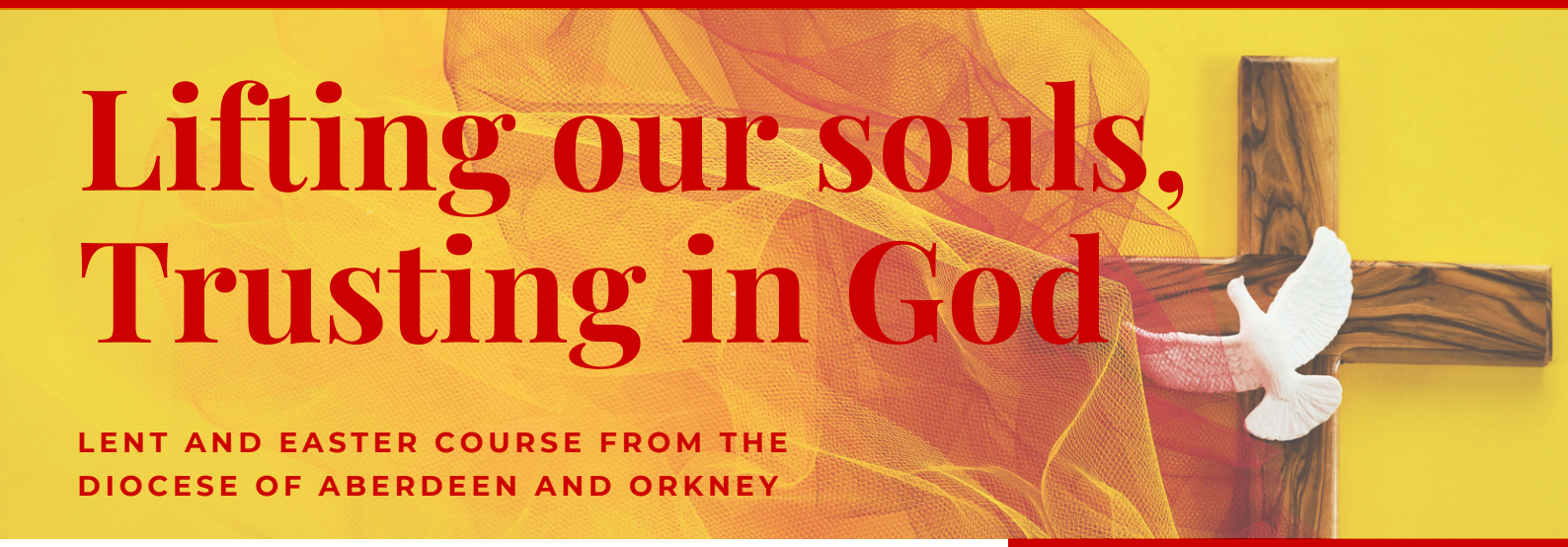
Lifting our souls, Trusting in God



LENT AND EASTER COURSE FROM THE DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN AND ORKNEY

Acts 2:16-21
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 me 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.' "

12 Disciples, Tongues of flame. Table View Methodist Church in Cape Town, South Africa, designed by Rev. Angus Kelly in 2018 and installed by Anika Van de Merwe of Silverstain Stained Glass Studios in Advent 2019.

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Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

"When wisdom comes, transformation comes. Wisdom makes the difference between the succeeding man and the failing man."
— Patience Johnson

"The Spirit did everything on the Day of Pentecost and afterwards. It was the Spirit who gave the boldness, the wisdom, the message, and the converting power."
— Andrew Murray

Without Pentecost the Christ-event – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.
— Henri Nouwen

In the second part of the Acts Pentecost reading we hear Peter quote from the prophet Joel (2:28): '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.'

What are your hopes and dreams for you and your faith community as we move towards Trinity Sunday and into Ordinary Time.

Today you're invited to spend some time in prayer and reflection, what are your dreams for this coming season? What might you be called to be and do, supported, strengthened, sanctified, sustained and inspired by the Holy Spirit?

To Listen:

Breathe on Me, Breath of God by Edwin Hatch
Holy Spirit by Bryan and Katie Torwalt

A playlist of music suggestions for the course can be found at https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3pJcG5xA1xzhL2Aolau0Q4?si=582cd1f921ae4fb1

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