

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

*I have a great need for Christ; I have a great Christ for my need.
—Charles Spurgeon*

A Norwegian company is developing a new system to generate electricity from wind power. *Fast Company* magazine reports that when it becomes operational next year, “it could deliver five times the annual energy of the world’s largest single turbine. That’s because the system is three times taller than the average turbine, exposing the blades to higher wind speeds.” The structure will be big, as tall as the Eiffel Tower. And wide, stretching the length of some of the world’s largest cruise ships.

Built as an enormous metal grid, it will contain 126 wind turbines. It will float on a platform, anchored to the ocean floor using the same technology employed by the oil and gas industry. Put these elements together, and you have a single structure that will generate enough electricity to run 80,000 European homes.

They will call it “Windcatcher.”

“Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting” (2:2). This wind was as fast as the air that rushes at high altitudes, and as strong as the breeze that blows over deep waters. But this was not a hurricane or freak storm. No, this power came from God. “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them” (v. 4).

The apostles became Windcatchers, powered by the Holy Spirit.

Today is Pentecost Sunday. We observe this Sunday as the traditional moment that the Church came into being — that moment when the apostles began to catch the wind of the Spirit, and began to share the love and power of God with the world.

The wind of God is blowing. Let’s catch it. And share God’s power with the world.

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Prayer: O God, help me to capture the wind of the Holy Spirit in my sails, that I might be able to help others draw closer to you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Luke 22-24
- Monday:** 2 Samuel 9-12
- Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 13-15
- Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 16-18
- Thursday:** 2 Samuel 19-21
- Friday:** 2 Samuel 22-24
- Saturday:** Psalms 49-51

Word Jumble

Directions: Cross out the answer to each definition. Using the numbers, write the remaining words on the lines below. Some numbers may have more than one word.

For the answer, see Psalm 23:6.

10 Dusk	T W I L I G H T D W E L L
13 Running beside each other	P A R A L L E L O F T H E
5 First book of the New Testament	M A T T H E W F O L L O W
8 Ocean that means peaceful	M Y L I F E P A C I F I C
15 Good News	F O R E V E R G O S P E L
6 He betrayed Jesus	M E A L L T H E J U D A S
1 He wrote many proverbs	S U R E L Y S O L O M O N
12 Where to find Boardwalk	H O U S E M O N O P O L Y
9 A noun is a person, place or this	A N D I W I L L T H I N G
3 He wrote many psalms	A N D M E R C Y D A V I D
11 Part of an atom	E L E C T R O N I N T H E
7 This doctor will operate on you	S U R G E O N D A Y S O F
2 The capital of Oregon	S A L E M G O O D N E S S
14 Medieval church	L O R D C A T H E D R A L
4 Where our laws are made	C O N G R E S S S H A L L

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