

Chester Cycle 1572/2010**Play 20 Pentecost**

Cast: PETER, MATTHEW, ANDREW, JAMES THE GREAT, JOHN, THOMAS, JAMES THE LESS, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATHIAS, SIMON, TADEUS, GOD THE SON, GOD THE FATHER, FIRST ANGEL, SECOND ANGEL, FIRST FOREIGNER, SECOND FOREIGNER.

And first, standing among the apostles, Peter shall speak.

PETER (*to his fellow disciples*)

5	My dear brethren every one, you know well, both all and one, how our Lord is from us gone to bliss that lasteth ay. Comfort now may we have none save his promise to trust upon. Therefore we who believe in this won not one of us wend away.	<i>everyone of you for ever dwelling go</i>
10	Remain we steadfast in our prayer, for well I know, without were, he will send us a counsellor, his Spirit, as he behight. Therefore remain we right here, this faithful fellowship together,	<i>doubt promised</i>
15	till our Lord, as he can us lere, send us from Heaven light.	<i>taught enlightenment</i>

Then Peter, standing up in the midst of the brotherhood, shall speak.

20	My dear brethren, fine and free, Holy Scripture, believe ye me, fully must fulfill-ed be that David said before. All from the Holy Ghost had he touching Judas, understand ye, that sold our master for money and now is clean forlorn,	<i>noble lost</i>
25	Among us numbered that wretch was, the faith to preach in each place; and now his reward fully he has, for hanged himself has he. His body burst open for his trespass, his soul damned as a man without grace. Therefore, as the Psalter mind mase, fulfilled it now must be;	<i>sin recalls</i>
35	Therefore, men that now are here and fellows that always with us were while Jesus Christ, our master dear, in Earth living was, so that ye who have seen his power, his miracles many in good manner – dying, rising, both together	
40	may best now bear witness: Matthias, I advise, should be one, and Joseph, that always with us hath gone,	

45 for whom we cast two lots at once
and make haste us all to pray
which of them it is God's will
this same office to fulfill.

Then all shall speak together.

CHORUS We agree us there-till *to that*
for this is the best way.

Then all the apostles shall kneel and Peter shall speak.

PETER 50 Thou, Lord, that knowest every thing,
each heart and will of every man living,
show us here by some tokening *sign*
whom that we shall take;
and which of these is thy liking *desire*
in Judas' place that he should be standing,
55 thy name to preach to old and young;
and which that thou will make. *appoint*

Then Peter shall cast lots, and the lot shall fall upon Matthias; and Peter shall speak.

PETER The lot is fallen, brethren free,
on Matthias – all men may see.
To us therefore I take thee
60 and apostle I thee make.

MATTHIAS Yea, honoured by God in Trinity,
though I unworthy for that office be,
for which you have chosen me.
Die will I for his sake.

ANDREW 66 Now, Peter, brother, go we and pray,
for evermore remember I may
my Sovereign, how I heard him say
here in your company –

JAMES THE GREAT 71 he would not leave us, by no way, *no means*
fatherless children, truly,
but prepare us soon in better way
with his Spirit graciously.

JOHN 75 Yea, brethren, also, verament, *truly*
to us he said in good intent
on Earth here while he was present
and with us could lend – *stay*

THOMAS 80 but unless it was he away went,
his Spirit to us should not be sent;
and if he went, where we were lent
it he would to us send. *staying*

JAMES THE LESS Yea, sweet and pleasant was his lore,
and well ye know that there were,
but just a little while before,
before he to Heaven steigh -- *rose-up*

PHILIP 86 he bade we should not go away
from Jerusalem to no country
but there to await, truth to say,
his command from on high.

BARTHOLOMEW 90	Also he said to us each one that his forgoer, St. John, with water baptised many one while that he was here –	
MATTHEW 95	but we shall baptise, without boast, truly with the Holy Ghost through help of him that is most, soon after, without were:	<i>certainly</i>
SIMON 100	We all remember that, less and more, Yet some were standing him before asked whether he should restore that time all Israel.	
TADDEUS	And he answered anon right: That time know ye not might that in his father's will was pight -- for that he must conceal.	<i>straight away</i> <i>set</i>
MATTHIAS 106	Yea, brethren, that time he us behight the Holy Spirit should in us light, that we might tell to each wight his works all bedene in Jerusalem and Judea –	<i>promised</i> <i>person</i> <i>immediately</i>
110	where in the world so ever walked we – and Samaria, that men should see, as in later times may be seen.	
PETER 115	Kneel we down upon our knee and to that Lord now pray we. Soon I think that he will see to his disciples all.	<i>have regard</i>
ANDREW 120	Yea, while he was alive so taught he: ask, and have with heart free; righteous request shall granted be when men will on him call.	<i>gladsome heart</i>
<i>Then all the apostles, kneeling, shall sing "Veni Creator Spiritus." Then James the Great shall speak.</i>		
JAMES THE GREAT	Come, Holy Spirit! Come, Creator! Enter our thoughts in this stour -- thou art Man's conqueror -- and grant us, Lord, thy grace!	<i>time</i> <i>champion</i>
JOHN 126	Thou, that art call-ed "Counsellor" are sent from Heaven as saviour, Well of Life, heal our langour that pray in this place.	<i>sorrow</i>
THOMAS 130	Ye that in seven forms would counsel that grace from thy Ghost about to deal, as thou promised for Man's heal, appear now, since I pray.	<i>distribute</i> <i>well-being</i>
JAMES THE LESS 135	Illumine our minds with thy weal; put life in our thoughts faithful; strengthen thy friends that are frail with virtues lasting ay.	<i>joy</i> <i>everlasting</i>

PHILIP 140	Remove our enemies far away and grant us peace, Lord, for our pay, for while thou art our leader ay we may escape annoy.	<i>delight for ever distress</i>
BARTHOLOMEW	Through thy might know we may the Father of Heaven full, truly; and yea, his son, all sooth to say – thou art in company.	
MATTHEW 146	Worshipped be thou ever and oo, the Father and the Son also. Let thy Spirit now from thee go and grant faith that we may find.	<i>always Spirit</i>
SIMON 150	That we ask with heart throw – to strengthen us against our foe – grant thy men here, both one and moe, that have thee ever in mind. <i>Christ must speak in Heaven.</i>	<i>eager all</i>
GOD THE SON 155	Glorious Father fair and free, ye know well in your deity that I have done your will. The apostles, that you have chosen for me, with grace, wisdom, and prosperity I pray that you will them fulfill.	<i>noble godhead perfect</i>
<i>Then all the apostles are meditating or praying up to the time when the Holy Spirit is sent; God the Father shall speak.</i>		
GOD THE FATHER 161	My Son beloved, true and dear, your beneficent requests ever I hear. What you ask is not arear – I know your clean intent. With will full generous and clear my Spirit to them shall appear to make them wiser than they were. That is my full assent.	<i>in the background pure</i>
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170	My Spirit to Earth shall go down with seven gifts of renown, theirs to have by devotion, to strengthen them to be sad, so that they may be ever ready boun in Heaven-bliss to wear the crown ever to reign in occupation there to be merry and glad.	<i>because of their faith endure prepared</i>
175	My patriarchs and prophets here that through your faith in me were dear, angels and archangels clear all in my bliss dwelling, ye know well without were	<i>certainly</i>
180	how I have restored in good manner Man that was lost through Lucifer and through his own liking. My Son I sent down from my see into a virgin fair and free	<i>desire throne noble</i>

185	and manhood took, as it pleased me on Man to have mercy, so that righteousness might sav-ed be since man had lost his liberty.	
190	I made Man in one degree; his sin was right to buy.	<i>level of heavenly rank redeem</i>
GOD THE SON	Now Man fully have I bought and out of torment to bliss brought. His nature also, as me good thought, is mixed within my Godhead.	<i>it seemed</i>
195	Thus Mankind that I made of nought, that Satan as through sin had sought, by this means I have so wrought no virtuous one in Hell may be led	<i>so contrived</i>
200	But while I was in that degree in Earth dwelling, as man should be, chosen I have a good company on which I must have mind.	<i>conditions</i>
205	Now they have made their request to me and prayed specially, as I see, which I must satisfy with heart free or else I would be unkind.	<i>noble untrue to my nature</i>
210	Throughout the world they shall gone my deeds to preach to many a one. Yet steadfastness in them is none to suffer for me annoy. Vacillating yet they are each one. But when my Spirit is them upon then shall they after be stiff as stone my deeds to certify.	<i>go misery firm affirm</i>
215	Dread of death nor no distress shall hinder them from steadfastness. Such love in them, and such goodness my Spirit shall ever inspire that to speak and express	
220	all languages that ever yet was they shall have skill, more and less. through power from heavenly fire.	
225	Also they shall have full power to baptise man in water clear that believe in good manner, to have full knowledge of me. And on all such, without were, the Holy Spirit at their prayer shall light on them, that they may lear	<i>truly learn</i>
230	in faith steadfast to be.	
235	Now will I send at once quickly to my brethren in company my Ghost, to glad them graciously – for that is their willing – in likeness of fire freely, that they may strengthened be thereby, my works to preach more steadfastly, and thereby they may be more cunning.	<i>desire nobly knowledgeable</i>

Then God shall send out the Holy Spirit in the form of fire, and as it is sent, two angels shall sing the antiphon "Accipite Spiritum Sanctum. Quorum remisistis peccata remittentur eis," etc. And as they sing they shall throw fire upon the apostles. And when this is done, the angel in Heaven shall speak.

ANGEL 240	Rest well, all that are here! My Lord you greets, and his Spirit dear He bids you dread no threat nor bere of Jews far nor near; but look ye go at once quickly into all the world by and by,	<i>strife</i>
245	and also preach the faith meekly, and his works so dear.	<i>round about</i> <i>precious</i>
250	And through this Spirit that I you bring ye shall have understanding of every land the speaking, whatsoever they say; and this world that is wavering you shall despise above all thing and Heaven at your ending ye shall have for your pay.	<i>of the speech</i> <i>delight</i>
PETER 256	Ah, mercy, Lord full of might! Both I feel and see in sight the Holy Spirit is on us light; of fire this house full is.	<i>descended</i>
ANDREW 260	Now have we what was us behight, for full of love my heart is pight and wiser than is any wight it seems I am, iwiss.	<i>promised</i> <i>set</i> <i>person</i> <i>indeed</i>
JAMES THE GREAT 265	Yea, Lord, blessed must thou be, for both I feel and also I see the Holy Ghost is descended on me. Thus rewarded I am with my meed.	<i>gift</i>
JOHN 270	For such love, by my lewty, with this fire into my heart can flee that death to die for my Master free I have no manner of dread.	<i>faith</i> <i>sped</i> <i>noble</i>
THOMAS	And I thank thee, both God and Man, for since this fire descended me upon of all languages well I can and speak them at my will.	<i>have good knowledge</i>
JAMES THE LESS 277	I, before that was a fon, am grown as wise as Solomon There is no science but I know thereon, and cunning to fulfill.	<i>fool</i>
PHILIP 280	And I that never could speak anything save Hebrew which I learn-ed young, now I can speak at my liking all languages, both low and high.	<i>pleasure</i> <i>minor and major</i>
BARTHOLOMEW 285	And so firm am I of believing that I fear neither prince nor king my Master's miracles for to ming and for love of him to die.	<i>in belief</i> <i>tell of</i>

MATTHEW	Ah, blessed be my Master dear, so little time that can us here! All languages that ever were upon my tongue been light.	<i>teach</i> <i>are easy</i>
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SIMON	My faith is now so clear and love in my heart imprinted here, to resolve my mind in no manner there is no man hath might.	<i>by no way</i>
TADDEUS	Yea, since this fire came from on high I am grown so wondrous sly that all languages, far and nigh, my tongue will speak now aright.	<i>wise</i> <i>correctly</i>
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MATTHIAS	Now since my Lord to Heaven stight and sent his Spirit as he behight, for all troubles now am I dight and to die for God Almighty.	<i>ascended</i> <i>promised</i> <i>prepared</i>
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PETER	Now, brethren I advise us, all together make we the Creed in good manner of my Lord's deeds dear that hath made us joyful today; and I will first begin here, since Christ entrusted to me his power, the ignorant hereafter that we may teach, to advance them in the fay.	<i>faith</i>
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<i>Then Peter shall begin; "Credo in Deum, Patrem Omnipotentem, Creatorem caeli et terrae." [I believe in God the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"]</i>		
PETER	I believe in God Omnipotent that made Heaven and Earth and Firmament, with steadfast heart and true intent; and he is my comfort.	
ANDREW	"Et in Jesum Christum, Fillium eius unicum, dominum nostrum." [<i>"And in Jesus Christ, His only son our lord"</i>]	
315	And I believe, wherever I be lent, In Jesus, his Son, from Heaven sent, the true Christ, that us hath kent and is our forefathers' Lord	<i>dwelling</i> <i>taught</i>
JAMES THE GREAT	"Qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria virgine." [<i>"Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary"</i>]	
320	I believe, without boast, in Jesus Christ, of power most, who was conceived through the Holy Ghost and born was of Mary.	<i>sincerely</i>
JOHN	"Passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus et sepultus." [<i>"Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, dead and buried."</i>]	
325	And I believe, as I can see, that under Pilate suffered he, scourged and nailed on rood-tree; and buried was his body.	<i>have witnessed</i> <i>the cross</i>

	everlasting life, after my day, in Heaven for to have ever and ay and so overcome the Devil.	<i>time on earth always</i>
PETER 360	Now, brethren, I advise all we go each one to different country and preach to shire and to city the faith, as Christ us bede.	<i>commands</i>
ANDREW 365	Yea, dear brother, kiss now we each one another before we die, for God's will must fulfilled be, and that is now great need.	
	<i>Then two foreigners shall come, one of whom shall speak.</i>	
1 ST FOR- EIGNER 370	Ah, fellow, fellow, for God's pity! Are not these men of Galilee? Our language they know as well as we, as ever I eat bread!	<i>i.e. as I live</i>
2 ND FOR- EIGNER	Well I know, by my lewty that within these days three one of them could not speak with me for to have been dead!	<i>faith i.e. to save his life</i>
1 ST FOR- EIGNER 377 380	Of all languages that been hereby that come to Mesopotamy, Cappadocy and Jury, they speak without ween – of the isle of Pontus and Asye, Friseland and Pamphily Egypt, right into Libye that is beside Cyrene.	<i>are thinking Asia Pamphilia Libya</i>
2 ND FOR- EIGNER 385 390	Yea, also men of Araby and of Greece that is thereby heard them praise full feelingly God of his great grace; and we heard them, truly, praise God steadfastly, both thou and I. Fellow, go we therefore and espy how goes this wondrous case.	<i>Arabia develops; situation</i>