



PENTECOST

Sunday 31 May 2020, 11am

*in a time of national and global emergency precautions
to resist the spread of the coronavirus pandemic*

WELCOME TO THE EUCHARIST

A warm welcome to you all joining us from home on Facebook

*Please join in with the words in **bold**.*

For fifty days since Easter we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

On Ascension Day, we remembered the promise of Jesus that the Holy Spirit would rest upon and give power to the disciples. Today we celebrate the fulfilment of that promise with the gift of the Holy Spirit to God's people; not just to 'special people' but to everyone who believes.

Pentecost is the crown of our Easter celebration and turns us outwards in mission to the world.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*NEH 137*)

**Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour
glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
 Mine outward vesture be,
 And lowliness become mine inner
 clothing;
 True lowliness of heart,
 Which takes the humbler part,
 And o'er its own shortcomings
 weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
 With which the soul will long,
 Shall far outpass the power of
 human telling;
 For none can guess its grace,
 Till he become the place
 Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his
 dwelling.**

GREETING

† In the name of God, Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our
 crucified, risen and ascended Lord
 and we have been privileged to walk
 with him through his journey of love.
 We have faced the agony of his
 suffering and death on a cross.
 We have rejoiced at his bursting free
 from the bonds of death.
 We have enjoyed his risen presence
 with us and his revelation of himself
 through the breaking of bread.
 We have seen his return to the throne
 before which every knee shall bow
 and every tongue confess that this
 Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own
 time, we await the coming of the
 promised Holy Spirit,
 his gift to his people, through whom
 we make Christ known to the world.

RESPONSORY

As we wait in silence
Fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word
Fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty
Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing
Fill us with your Spirit.

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest
 and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 Almighty God and Father.
 We worship you, we give you
 thanks,
 We praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ,
 only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand
 of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

THE COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children
with the gift of faith,
revive your Church
with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 2: 1-21

Reader: Richard Spiller

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (*SP 188*)

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove:
teach us the truth and help us be-
lieve,
show us the Saviour's love!***

You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.
Spirit of God...

**Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your
strength,
following Christ each day.
*Spirit of God...***

GOSPEL READING

Reader: Ann Chester

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 7: 37-39

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE CREED

**We believe in God the Father, from
whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts
through faith, and fills us with his
love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power
from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Let us pray:

PRAYERS

Leader: Nila Spiller

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit

At the end of the prayers
In your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
**hear our prayer and make us one in
heart and mind to serve you with joy
for ever. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE
SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our
hearts. Alleluia
cf 2 Corinthians 1: 22

The peace of the Risen Christ be
always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace

**All may exchange a sign of peace
with those we are watching with at
home, or by writing in the comment
box below**

HYMN (*NEH 138*)

**Come, Holy ghost, our souls
inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts
impart:**

**Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at
home;
Where thou art guide no ill can
come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,**

**Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and
our joy, always and everywhere to
give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting
God, through Jesus Christ, your only
Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts,
leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues
in the confession of one faith.
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you
Father,

to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal
priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with
angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit
dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup
**we proclaim the Lord's death until
he comes.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, **you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, **you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, **you take away
the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY
COMMUNION / SPIRITUAL
COMMUNION

ANTHEM: If Ye Love Me—Tallis

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful 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,
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your
glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING OF LIGHT (with our
2019-2020 Paschal Candle)

Blessed are you, sovereign God,
overflowing in love.

With Pentecost dawns the age of the
Spirit.

Now the flame of heaven rests on
every believer.

Strong and weak, women and men
tell out your word;

the young receive visions, the old
receive dreams.

With the new wine of the Spirit they
proclaim your reign of love.

Amid the birth pangs of the new
creation the way of light is made
known.

Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE IS
EXTINGUISHEDCLOSING HYMN (*NEH 431*)

**O thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent
praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for
thee;**

**Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.**

EASTER DISMISSAL

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to inspire us to be alive for Christ, wherever we are called to be.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, † Creator, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power,
 go in the light and peace of Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Saxophone voluntary:
James Percival
Dominic Percival, piano

Enemy of Apathy (SP 94)
 (feel free to sing along or listen to the instrumental)

She sits like a bird,
 brooding on the waters,
 hovering on the chaos of the world's first day ;
 she sighs and she sings,
 mothering creation,
 waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth,
 resting where she wishes,
 lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies ;
 she nests in the womb,
 welcoming each wonder,
 nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire,
 startling her spectators,
 waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned ;
 she weans and inspires
 all whose hearts are open,
 nor can she be captured, silenced,
 or restrained.

For she is the Spirit,
 one with God in essence,
 gifted by the Saviour in eternal love ;
 and she is the key
 opening the Scriptures,
 enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

All are welcome to join us for a virtual coffee on Zoom. To join simply click the link below or enter the Meeting ID and Password.

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 Password: 710563

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Thank you.