

Pentecost Sunday

31st May 2020

We meet in the name of the Father,
Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked 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.

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.

As we long for Your renewing,

Fill us with Your Spirit.

As we long for Your equipping,

Fill us with Your Spirit.

As we long for Your empowering,

Fill us with Your Spirit.

CONFESSION

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

All Lord have mercy upon us, forgive us where we have gone wrong and sinned and help us to walk from now on in your way. Amen.

Absolution

May the God of love and power bring you back to himself, forgive you and free you from your sins, and restore you to newness of life by his Spirit. **Amen**

Hymn

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Blend all my soul with Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23

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

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm together the faith of the Church:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father source of all being and life, the One for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response to 'Lord, come to bless us'

Is: 'and fill us with your Spirit'.

Intersessions conclude with:

... 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.**

Pentecost 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 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 always right to give You thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled Your world with life. You sent Your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; He died to save us from our sins; He rose in glory from the dead. You send Your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

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.

Father, on the night before He died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked You. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked You, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember His death and resurrection, send Your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts, physically and spiritually, may be fed by Christ's body and His blood. Pour Your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for His coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to You, Father, with Jesus Your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people

A Prayer you could say at home now

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Prayers 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.**

Come Holy Spirit, to all baptised in Your Name, that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead. Give us passion, give us fire; make us transform the world from what it is, to what You have created it to be. Amen.

HYMN

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
illuminating.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part,
and of its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.

And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far surpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

NOTICES

BLESSING

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life He gives.

Amen.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

Amen.

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. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the 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.