

**Pentecost
Sunday
31st May
2020**



Holy Communion

Puppets – A Pentecost Poem

The Greeting

God is Spirit

Let us worship him in spirit and truth

The Lord is with us

Let us praise his name together.

Prayer of Preparation

Come Holy Spirit

fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Prayers of Penitence

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Lord have mercy

We confess to you our fear and failure to share our
faith:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Christ have mercy

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of
trust:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Lord have mercy

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord. **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.**

New Testament Reading - Acts 2:1-21

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;

Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;

Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;

Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

Peter Speaks Up

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says,

"I will pour out my Spirit
on every kind of people:

Your sons will prophesy,

also your daughters;

Your young men will see visions,

your old men dream dreams.

When the time comes,

I'll pour out my Spirit

On those who serve me, men and women both,
and they'll prophesy.

I'll set wonders in the sky above

and signs on the earth below,

Blood and fire and billowing smoke,

the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,

Before the Day of the Lord arrives,
the Day tremendous and marvellous;
And whoever calls out for help
to me, God, will be saved.”
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Spirit of God unseen as the wind
Gentle as is the dove
Teach us the truth and help us believe
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 unseen

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 unseen

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Gospel Reading – John 20:19-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, “Peace to you.” Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: “Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.” Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. “Receive the Holy Spirit,” he said. “If you forgive someone’s sins, they’re gone for good. If you don’t forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - the Rt Revd Cyril Ashton

The Creed

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.
Do you believe in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Hymn

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 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 responses is

Come Holy Spirit

Our souls inspire

And at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
If we live in the Spirit,

let us walk in the Spirit

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn – Glow – led by our Sunday School

Did you know, did you know. What?

Oh Oh Oh OH. Yo!

The Holy Spirit is our God living inside us

Did you know, did you know. What?

Oh Oh Oh Oh, Yo!

We are the church and we’re shining in the darkness

Holy Spirit, help us to share God’s Love

God’s Love

Power to GLOW GLOW GLOW

Power to GLOW GLOW GLOW

By the Holy Spirit we are all empowered to GLOW

To GLOW

Did you know did you know? What?

Oh Oh Oh OH. Yo!

The Holy Spirit is alive and always with us

Did you know did you know? What?

Oh Oh Oh OH. Yo!

We are the church and we’re lighting up the world
for Jesus

Holy Spirit help us to share God's Love, God's Love
Power to GLOW GLOW GLOW
Power to GLOW GLOW GLOW
By the Holy Spirit we are all empowered to GLOW
To GLOW

Throughout all history
Now no more mystery
The same Spirit lives in me
HOLY GLOW

Get up and GLOW, from our head to our toes
Pass on the GLOW, don't go with the flow
GLOW on and on, GLOW in the dark,
On your marks, get set GLOW
GLOW GLOW

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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.

The Lord is here
Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all
living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover
and to cherish.
You give us happy times and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your
children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join
with the angels and sing your praise:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we
turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the
way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and
wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?
Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had
fallen, Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his
disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember
me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'
So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate
his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our
Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?
Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look
forward to that day
when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered
in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Being 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever 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.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president receives communion on behalf of us all

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.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Diocesan Prayer for Vision 2026

Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to
make disciples,
to be witnesses and to grow leaders.
Give us the eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the
prompting of your Spirit
and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Come down O Love divine
Seek out this soul of mine
and visit it with thy 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 the glorious light
shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round the while my path illuming

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
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling

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