



THE PARISH EUCHARIST
on
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY 23 MAY 2021

The Final Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me [clap, clap], shine on me [clap, clap].

*Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me [clap, clap], shine on me [clap, clap].

Shine, Jesus shine, ...

Shine Jesus Shine 719 AM

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Our worship has ended; let our service begin.
Thanks be to God!***

Welcome to St John's for this Service.

Today, the Church celebrates the promised Gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost - 50 days after the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day. Empowered by the Spirit, the disciples left the safety of the locked Upper Room and went into the streets to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom and of repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus. The Spirit gave the disciples speech, courage, and wisdom when they were silent, scared, and ignorant. Today, we pray that God will again pour out his Spirit on the Church so that, once more, Christians around the world may tell of the glory of God in Jesus Christ, have the courage to stand against injustice and speak truth to power, and the wisdom to know how and when to do this.

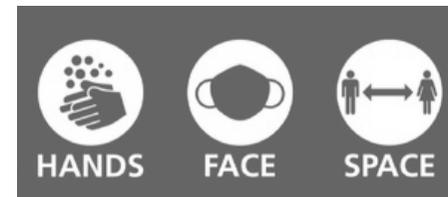
During these days of uncertainty, anxiety, and, for many, darkness we pray that the light of the risen Christ may bring peace, comfort, reassurance, and guidance.

The posture directions in this order of service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer. We hope you will be able to join in with everything that is in **bold** type. Hymn singing is currently prohibited so our hymns (and other music) will be played for us to meditate upon.

A retiring collection is taken. UK tax payers are asked to complete a GiftAid envelope to enhance the value of their giving.

Covid Secure measures

We are doing everything we can to keep you safe during these times. Please follow the direction of our stewards, use sanitiser on entry and exit, wear a face covering, and observe social distancing. In line with regulations congregational singing indoors is prohibited.



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THE GATHERING

A period of quiet prayer precedes the service as the organ is played.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Introduction

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

During Holy Week and these 50 days of Easter

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 his risen and ascended self known to the world.

Let us therefore pray for the coming gift of his Spirit.

Silence is kept.

The Responory

As we wait in silence,

Lord, fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

Lord, fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

Lord, fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

Lord, fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

Lord, fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,

Lord, fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

Lord, fill us with your Spirit.

The Anthem

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;

thou the anointing Spirit art,

who dost thy seven-fold 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;

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.'

Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

The Prayer after Communion

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.

THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

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,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia!

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Body of Christ.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

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

Communion Hymn

Be still, for the Presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the Presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Be still 358 AM



The Hymn

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,
and from thy celestial home
shed thy light and brilliancy:
Father of the poor, draw near,
giver of all gifts, be here,
come, the soul's true radiancy.

Come, of comforters the best,
of the soul the sweetest guest,
come in toil refreshingly:
thou in labour rest most sweet,
thou art shadow from the heat,
comfort in adversity.

O thou light most pure and blest,
shine within the inmost breast
of thy faithful company:
where thou art not, man has nought;
every holy deed and thought
comes from thy divinity.

Sinful hearts do thou make whole,
bring to life the arid soul,
guide the feet that go astray:
make the stubborn heart unbend,
to the faint, new hope extend,
wounded souls, their hurt allay.

Fill the faithful, who confide
in thy power to guard and guide,
with thy sevenfold mystery:
here thy grace and virtue send,
grant salvation in the end,
and in heaven felicity.

Veni Sancte Spiritus 139i NEH

The Prayers of Penitence

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All stand to give praise to God as we say

The 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

Following a moment of quiet, this special Prayer for the Day is said:

Almighty God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the same Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal,
let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread.

Amen.

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 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 say:

**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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Bible Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 2: 1–21

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

arr. Peter Moger (b.1964)

The Gospel

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

St John 15: 26–27; 16: 4b–15

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

The prayers may include the responses:

Lord, come to bless us: or Lord, in your mercy,
and fill us with your Spirit. **hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us, and, as pledge of what is to come,
has given his Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia!

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

The Offertory Hymn

during which the bread and wine are laid upon the Altar

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

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