



# Parish Eucharist on the Feast of Pentecost



## ***We gather in worship***

*Please join in all parts of the service printed in bold type. The ♪ sign indicates that this part is sung by everyone. Please stand where indicated only if you wish. When the bell rings, we stand to sing,*

♪ **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.**

*Discendi, amor santo Bianco da Siena (died 1434)  
Translated Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)*

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*A collection to support the work of this church will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. If you are a UK taxpayer please use the yellow gift aid envelopes provided. Collection plates are at the back of church if you would like to donate before the service begins, instead of waiting for the collection.*

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*An introduction is said.*

### ***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.**

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.**

*Silence is kept.*

## ***The Pentecost Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2.1-13***

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.'

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**

### ***Prayer for Personal Renewal***

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;  
**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
**bring strength, healing, and peace.**

*Those who wish to receive anointing come forward as we sing,*

♪ **Holy Spirit, living breath of God  
breathe new life into my willing soul;  
bring the presence of the risen Lord  
to 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  
will be clear for all the world to see.**

*Keith Getty (b. 1974) and Stuart Townsend (b. 1963)*

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Let us praise and bless God for ever.**

♪ **Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. ×2**

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.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. ×2**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. ×2**

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.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. ×2**

***The Collect***

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives  
to bring Christ to the world.

*Silence is kept.*

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 Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *We listen for God's Word*



Send forth your Spi - rit, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

♪ **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord, how great you are, how many are your works, O Lord, the earth is full of your riches!

♪ **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

You take back your Spirit, they die, back to the dust from which they came; you send forth your Spirit, they are created, the whole earth is renewed!

♪ **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Your glory will last forever, may you rejoice in all your works, may my thoughts be pleasing to you, I find my joy in you, Lord.

♪ **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

## *Gospel Reading: John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15*



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, '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.

'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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Sermon***



## *The Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## *Prayers of Intercession*

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

... 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.

## ***We celebrate and receive Jesus in Bread and Wine***

### ***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 Lord be always with you;  
**and also with you.**

*The deacon says,*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake, warm smile, nod, or bow, and with the words, 'Peace be with you.'*

### ***The Offering***

*We stand to sing as a collection is taken. Please indicate if you wish to make an offering, cash or contactless.*

♪ **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;  
she is the key opening the scriptures,  
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.**

*John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)*

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry, who raises the poor,  
who fills our praise. **Blessed be God for ever.**

### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord is here. **God's 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 priest praises God and we sing, reponsorily,*

♪ Holy, holy, holy, **Holy, holy, holy,**  
God of power and might! **God of power and might!**  
Your glory fills all heaven and earth.  
**Your glory fills all heaven and earth.**  
Hosanna, in the highest. **Hosanna, in the highest.**  
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**

*The priest continues, recalling the Last Supper, then the deacon says,*

Great is the mystery of faith,

♪ **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues ending with,*

...forever and ever.

♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

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

**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.**

## ***Breaking of the Bread***

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.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of all the world.  
*Miserere nobis.*  
Bread of life, you take away the sins of all the world.  
*Miserere nobis.*  
*Agnus Dei*, you take away the sins of the world.  
*Dona nobis pacem.***

## ***Giving of Communion***

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

*The people receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available. Communion will be brought to those seated in the south aisle.*

*Please come to the front and form a queue. Communion will be offered in both kinds, on the hand and from the chalice (optional). Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer in the chalice.*

*During communion we sing,*

**Holy Spirit, gift bestower,  
breathe into our hearts today.  
Flowing water, dove that hovers,  
Holy Spirit, guide our way.  
Love inspirer, joy releaser,  
Spirit, take our fears away.  
Reconciler, peace restorer,  
move among us while we pray.**

**Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer,  
wisdom bringer, light our way.  
Fire that dances,  
wind that whispers,  
Holy Spirit, come today.  
Ease disturber, comfort bearer,  
move among us while we pray.  
Truth revealer, faith confirmer,  
rest within our hearts today.**

*Catherine Williams (b. 1956)*

*The choir sings Come Holy Spirit by Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)*

### ***Prayer after Communion***

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

**We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## ***Blessing of Light***

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.**

*Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit as we sing,*

♪           **O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial 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 the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## ***Commission***

For fifty days 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. As part of God's Church here in High Wycombe, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

## ***Conclusion***

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 drive us out into the wild places of the world.

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.**

*The deacon says,*  
Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please remain standing until the ministers have left.*

*Please take this Service Sheet home with you.*

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