

Sunday 19th May 2024: Pentecost Holy Communion Service

Welcome

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

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs
with Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord, pouring on us the gifts of your
Spirit,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty of the
children of God.

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

Flames – we pray our children and their leaders as they go

Song

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.

We say sorry to God and one another

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

We are forgiven

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen.**

***Songs* This is the Air I breathe and/or Father God fill this place**

THIS IS THE AIR I BREATHE,

This is the air I breathe:

Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,

This is my daily bread:

Your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for You.

And I, I'm lost without You.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.*

**FATHER GOD, fill this place
With Your love, with Your grace.
As we call on Your name,
Visit us in power again.
Lord, we worship You.
Lord, we worship You.**

Spirit come with Your peace;
Heal our wounds, bring release.
Lord we long for Your touch,
Fill our hearts with Your love.

The church's prayer for today:

Holy Spirit, 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.

Pentecost Reading – Acts 2:1-21

This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Prayers for Personal Renewal and Anointing

Oil for the renewal of God's people

Welcome, 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.**
Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father. Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth, bringing strength out of weakness, hope out of despair and life out of death.

By the power of your Spirit, may your blessing rest upon those anointed with this oil in your name. Let it be for us a sign of your acceptance and adoption, your equipping and empowering.

Form in us the likeness of Christ, that we may be witnesses of your astonishing love, and fill us afresh with life in all its fulness.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Those who wish to receive this ministry of prayer and anointing come forward as directed.

Song Holy Spirit you are welcome here and/or **More love, more power**
THERE'S NOTHING WORTH MORE, that will ever come close
Nothing can compare, You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone
In Your presence, Lord

*Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence Lord*

Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

MORE LOVE (more love),
MORE POWER (more power),
More of You in my life.
More love (more love),
More power (more power),
More of You in my life.

*And I will worship You with all of my heart,
And I will worship You with all of my mind,
And I will worship You with all of my strength,
For You are my Lord.*

(Last time)

*And I will seek Your face with all of my heart,
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind,
And I will seek Your face with all of my strength,
For You are my Lord,
You are my Lord.*

Prayers of intercession

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.**

Communion

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 saying: **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 praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.**

We share bread and wine together

We would love to pray for you – you will find our prayer team waiting at the front-left.

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 and Banns

Song The Spirit lives to set us free and/or O let the son of God enfold you

THE SPIRIT LIVES TO SET US FREE,

Walk, walk in the light;
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,
Walk, walk in the light;
The dead were wakened by His call,
Walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

He died in pain on Calvary,
Walk, walk in the light;
To save the lost like you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

We know His death was not the end,
Walk, walk in the light;
He gave His Spirit to be our friend,
Walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
Walk, walk in the light;
The Father's kindness is revealed,
Walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk in the light.

O LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU

With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
O let Him have the things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus, O Jesus

Come and fill Your lambs

Jesus, O Jesus

Come and fill Your lambs

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
O give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

The 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
upon 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 upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

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