

# The Liturgy of the Feast of Pentecost Sunday 31 May 2020

## The Greeting and Welcome

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit **Amen.**  
Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Hymn

### Introduction

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.

### 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.*

### Prayer of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
*A short time of silence*

**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.**

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**

### **The Pentecost Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-13) – Dinah Ingle-Finch

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. **His Spirit is with us.**

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

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

**Readings** – Acts 2: 14-21 – Dinah Ingle-Finch  
1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13 – Peter Cook

**Gospel Reading** – John 7: 37-39            Revd Heather Waldsax

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Sermon**    Revd Heather Waldsax

### **The Creed**

We renew our commitment to our reigning Lord  
Let us affirm the faith of the Church which Christ commissions us to  
*share with the world*

*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**

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,

we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

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

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

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

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

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

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

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

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

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

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

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

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,  
given us by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,  
in the joy of eternal life.

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

Generous God,

you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:

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.**

### **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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe You, and all we have heard is true.  
When You break bread  
may we recognize You as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to Your world. 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 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.**

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.**

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

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

**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 forever. Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Blessing of Lights**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world and we are called to be the light of the world as we bear His image, if you are able to do so safely, you are invited to light a candle which can be seen next to you onscreen.

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 to light*

*When all the candles are lit:*

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 *Wimborne Minster and the Villages*, 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.**

**Hymn** Thy Kingdom Come [tune: Woodlands]

Thy kingdom come. Lord teach us how to pray  
for all to know your joy, your peace and love  
and know your friendship each and ev'ry day.  
The breath of Christ, the Father's gentle dove.

Thy kingdom come. Christ's prayer to make us one  
that all may know the Father sent the Son.  
To celebrate the vict'ry He has won,  
in love and grace, we pray, Thy will be done.

Thy kingdom come. We pray for those we know  
to turn and follow You for all their days,  
and in Your love find peace and service grow;  
our one desire and hope, Your highest praise!

Thy kingdom come. Transform our human ways;  
Our lives laid down in mercy, truth and care.  
Nations renewed in giving thanks and praise,  
To see God's kingdom come, this is our prayer.

Thy kingdom come! We praise your holy name,  
Your sacrifice and rising set us free,  
That by our words and lives we may proclaim,  
by Jesus' risen life, God's victory!

## **Conclusion**

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.**

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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