

PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION, 31ST MAY 2020

The Greeting

An opening prayer is said.

HYMN – Come down O love divine

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.

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 comes the place

Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Introduction

The Minster introduces the service.

The Call to Worship

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

come, Holy Spirit.

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race

and nation,

come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness

strong,

come, Holy Spirit.

The Pentecost Reading (dramatized)

The narrator says at its conclusion...

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Prayer for Personal Renewal

Be with us, Spirit of God;

All nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;

All fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

All bring strength, healing, and peace.

The Collect

The Collect prayer is said.

Gospel reading – John 7.37-39, read by Richard Thurlow

(When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear Jesus' invitation that you can come to him and drink. Every person's vocation will be unique, but the same Spirit will be at work in everyone.

Sermon by Rev Bill French

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All 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.**

Prayers of Intercession by Marilyn Sadler

Hymn - Be still for the presence of the Lord

**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.**

Prayer of Confession

All Our God, we come in humility,
confessing who and what we are.
We are often unresponsive
for we are afraid.
When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,
for we fear what you might call us to do.
When your Spirit touches our lips,
we close our mouths,
embarrassed to speak your Word.
When the wind of your Spirit blows,
we close the windows of our hearts,
afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.
When the fire of your Spirit touches us,
we quench the flame,
afraid of the new life it might bring.
Forgive us, O Lord.

The absolution is given.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

All and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

(Prayer F)

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,

Lord God of truth,

for by the breath of your mouth

you have spoken your word,

and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image

and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion

you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets

to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,

we echo the song of the angels in heaven,

evermore praising you and *saying*:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,

enthroned in splendour and light,

yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ

you reveal the power of your love

made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,

Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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.

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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,

heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All Our Father in heaven ...

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president says this or another invitation to communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion.

(Quiet music - All I once held dear by Graham Kendrick (copyright 1993, from Makeway Music) is played to allow space to pause and remember why we come to the Lords table).

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept and the Minister leads in a prayer.

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 Wimborne's 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?

All By the Spirit's power, we will.

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

All We will.

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

All We will.

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

All We will.

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

All We will.

Conclusion

The president says

The Lord is here.

All 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 power of the Spirit challenge you.

May the peace of the Spirit comfort you.

May the presence of the Spirit enable you to live in love and service in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Filled with the Spirit's power,

go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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End music – From Hymns of Glory and Praise, Ae Fond Kiss (Scottish traditional melody). The words read:

May the God of peace go with you

As we travel from this place

May the love of Jesus keep us

Firm in hope and full of grace