

WORSHIP - PENTECOST - 23 MAY 2021

Today we have physical services in our churches at 10 am and we meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website. This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.

Hymn - Come down, O love divine - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flvKDgktutI>

Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil 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.

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.**

The Gloria – Mass of St Thomas, *David Thorne* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHEm0Dbzizs>

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

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.

New Testament reading - Acts 2.1-21 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - A mighty wind invades the world - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3yUyCvqKOO>

Gospel - John 15.26-27,16.4b-15 - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Address - a sermon from Peter is on the website

The Nicene 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.

Anthem – Breathe on me, breath of God - I can't find the version by Philip Wilby that we are using on the Zoom service, but here is a version sung by the King's Singers - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyRrS9nUEWE>

Prayers of Intercession, led by Louise Whittaker

Lord Jesus Christ, on this day of Pentecost we thank you for blessing us with the gift of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for filling us with your power and your wisdom. As we call anew upon your Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with the fire of your love and equip us with your grace and word. Give us we pray, an understanding as to how to continue to share your Good News with our families, friends and neighbours.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord we call upon your Holy Spirit, to direct the rulers of the world and give wisdom to all who make difficult decisions. Fill our leaders with talents and discernment to seek the common good. We ask that nations may find ways of reconciliation that take us away from hatred and conflict. We pray for peace and unity, justice and mercy throughout your troubled world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Covid 19 has brought distress and fear to many of our lives, and yet conditions are hopefully starting to ease. So as we cautiously start to begin our lives afresh, we ask Holy Spirit that you bring hope and enthusiasm for new beginnings to us your people. Enable us in your love to unite and come together as communities where we understand the importance of compassion and support for those who are still struggling or in need. Bring us together again in joy and happiness we pray Lord, as we move forward and look to sharing good times and giving thanks for all around us that is beautiful, good and true.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, 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. We pray for all who are weak, who are ill, who cannot cope on their own, those known to us who are in particular need or trouble, those who ask for our prayers. Spirit of God, may they know your hope and comfort, your power and assurance.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit we pray too for those who have died and for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow and mourning. We remind ourselves Lord that you are the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. Keep us strong in our love for you and confident in your love for us until one day we join you in your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn - Lord, thy church on earth is seeking - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e77x9gVYW2A>

The Blessing

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Final music - Nun danket alle Gott, Sigrid Karg-Elert - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXweeOUORv4>

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