

**People:** Amen.

Minister: And the blessing of God almighty  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be among you and remain with you always

**People:** Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMMN: GB. 419 (*Endsleigh*)

DISMISAL

Minister: Filled with Spirits power,  
Go in the light and peace of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia

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

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LITURGY OF THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

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## A SERVICE FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY 19 MAY. 2024

Pentecost (from the Greek pentekoste, 'fiftieth' of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth. Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ's disciples are born again of water and the spirit. There is some evidence that the ascension was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it was soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke's chronology. Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: GB: 189 (*Warrington*)

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you,**

The earth's is the Lord's and all that is in it.  
**Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**Who made heaven and earth**

I was glad when they said to me  
**Let us go to the house of the Lord**

Praise the Lord.  
**The name of the Lord be praised**

Alleluia. Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed Alleluia**

Word of Welcome:

Jesus Christ, whom we worship is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord.

## BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord is here

**People: Spirit is with us.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that the same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

Minister: All our problems

**People: We send to the cross of Christ**

Minister: All our difficulties

**People: We send to the cross of Christ**

Minister: All the devil's work

**People: We send to the cross of Christ**

Minister: All our hopes

**People: We set on the risen Christ**

Minister: May the Spirit

Who hovered over the waters when the world was created

Breathe into you the life he gives

People: **Amen.**

May the Spirit

Who overshadowed the virgin when the eternal Son came among us, Make you joyful in the service of the Lord

**People: Amen.**

Minister: 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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**Give us your peace.**

*The celebrant then holds the bread, and one of his assistants holds the wine and they declare to the people;*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for you; keep your body and soul in eternal life.

Take and eat this, in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you keep your body and soul in eternal life.

Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful;

## RECEIVING OF THE COMMUNION

### POST COMMUNION

*Silence is kept*

*People Stand*

**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 your glory;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

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.

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 equipping

**Fill us with your Spirit**

As we long for your empowering

**Fill us with your Spirit**

*SILENCE IS KEPT*

THE PENTECOST READING.

Acts 2:1-21

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 the 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.**

PRAYERS FOR PERSONAL RENEWAL

Those who wish to be prayed for may come forward.

**Hallowed by 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  
for ever and ever. Amen**

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

**Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.**

The cup of blessing which we bless.

**Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

Draw near with faith and receive.

**Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

Christ is alive forever

**we are because he is.**

*The celebrant and his assistants receive the bread and wine.*

*The congregation is led by the choir to sing AGNUS DEI.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

*People*

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

*Minister*

We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

*People:*

**We have died together  
We will rise together  
We will live together**

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. He died on our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honour at your right hand and on high.

**Amen Jesus is Lord.**

This is the feast of victory

**The lamb who was slain has his begun his reign. Alleluia.**

LORD'S PRAYER

*People Sit*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
As our Saviour taught us we are bold to pray.

**Our father in heaven,**

**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;**

**Yu 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: Pentecost Sunday

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

*Silence is kept.*

**Almighty and ever living God,**

**We thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who sets our hearts on fire.**

**Grant that we shall understand afresh what the presence of the Holy Spirit means for us today as we seek to effectively fulfil the Lord's great commission in our day, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord, and King. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD.

Epistle: Romans 8:22-27

CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL John 15:26-27, 16:4—15

NOTICES

HYMN: GB: 183 (*Crimond*)

SERMON:

NICENE CREED

We Stand together with Christians throughout the centuries  
And throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of  
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 Be-  
ing 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**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
Always and everywhere go 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 fulfillment 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,  
Forever 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.**

Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank you for  
giving up your son to die on the cross for us who owe  
you everything.

Pour your refreshing spirit on us as we remember him in  
the way he commanded, through these gifts of your crea-  
tion. On the same night that He was betrayed 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”

**Amen. His body was broken for us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also, with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN (*offertory*) : GB: 390 (*Dominus Regit me*)

#### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We remain standing for thanksgiving and remembrance.  
Is the father with us?  
**He is.**

Is Christ amongst us?  
**He is.**

Is the spirit here?  
**He is.**

This is our God.  
**Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.**

We are his people.  
**We are redeemed.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the lord.**

Let us give thanks to the our lord.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**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.**

#### INTERCESSIONS

*People Sit*

**Leader:** 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  
**People: and fill us with your Spirit.**

**Leader:** 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  
**People: and fill us with your Spirit.**

**Leader:** 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  
**People: and fill us with your Spirit.**

Leader: 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

**People: and fill us with your Spirit.**

Leader: 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

**People: and fill us with your Spirit.**

Leader: 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

**People: and fill us with your Spirit.**

Leader: 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 depart-  
ed,  
in the joy of eternal life.  
Lord, come to bless us

**People: and fill us with your Spirit.**

Leader: Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Mes-  
siah 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.**

## PRAYER OF PENITENCE

John came Baptizing in the desert region and preaching a bap-  
tism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean  
countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went to him; con-  
fessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the River Jordan.

“repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus  
Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive  
the gift of the Holy Spirit.

So let us reverently confess our sins to the Almighty God.

*Silence is kept*

**Almighty God creator of all**

**You marvelously made us in your image, but we have cor-  
rupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting  
your love and hurting our neighbors.**

**We have done wrong and neglected to do right.**

**We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins.  
Cleanse us**

**And forgive us by the sacrifice of your son; remake us and  
lead us by your Spirit the comforter. We ask this through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens  
are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the  
east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and  
keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merci-  
ful high priest. **Amen.**

## PEACE

*People Stand*

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.**