

# The Liturgy of the FEAST OF PENTECOST



## **Welcome to our service today.**

*As well as this order of service, you will need a hymn book, and the pew sheet which has readings and hymn numbers on.*

*Please feel free to sit instead of standing if it's more comfortable.*

*Please stand, as you are able, to sing the first hymn when it is announced.*

## **The Gathering**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All** **Amen.**

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

**All** **and also with you.**

Alleluia Christ is risen.

**All** **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Introduction

*The President introduces the service.*

*All* As we wait in silence,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we listen to your word,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we worship you in majesty,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we long for your refreshing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we long for your renewing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we long for your equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*All* **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

*All* *Silence is kept. The President prays the Collect and all respond*  
**Amen.**

## Reading

*We sit to listen to the reading. At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to sing the Gradual hymn.*

## Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
by the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

*All* **Alleluia.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

*All* **We 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?

*All* **We 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?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

*All* **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*This response is used*

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

*At the end*

Lord of the Church  
**hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and  
mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The President introduces the Peace.*

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*We sing the Offertory hymn as the altar is prepared and the  
gifts of the people are presented. When all is ready*

*All* Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor, who fills our praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*All* 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*:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*All*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*All*

**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.**

## **Breaking of the 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**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

*All*

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*If it is your custom and tradition to receive Holy Communion then you are welcome to do so here. If you would rather receive a blessing then please come forward holding this order of service. All are invited, all are welcome.*

*During communion hymns may be sung.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

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.

*All*

**Amen.**

## Blessing of Light

*The ministers go to the Easter Candle.*

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.

*All*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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 *[place name]*, 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.**

*Notices may be given and a hymn may be sung.*

## **Conclusion**

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 Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

All

**Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All

**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.

All

**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

All

**Amen.**

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

All

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