

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST
With Spiritual Communion
Sunday 31st May

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

If you would find it helpful, light a candle during our call to worship as a symbol of Jesus' presence. You might like to place a cross on a table with a white cloth underneath, or perhaps a vase of flowers if you have one.

Hymn: Gracious Spirit Holy Ghost

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

The Greeting

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.

The Gloria

**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.**

The Collect

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

The collect for the day from the Sheet

Readings

Readings :

Old Testament, Psalm & New Testament Readings from the Sheet

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection on the Readings by Helen Bishopp, (on the website or attached sheet)

Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

The Peace

The president invites us to 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.

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

We offer one another a sign of peace

Hymn: Breath on me breath of God

Act of Spiritual Communion

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen

Intercessions on sheet by Norma Willmott

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Act of Spiritual Reception

**In union, heavenly Father,
with your people throughout the world
and across the centuries gathered to make communion,
hearing your holy Word
and receiving the Precious Body and Blood,
I offer you praise and thanksgiving.
Even though I am not now able to taste the Bread of Heaven
and drink the Cup of Life
I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised
and with your Son who gave his life for us.
Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me
and send your Holy Spirit
that I may be filled with your presence.**

O Lord and heavenly Father,
we your humble servants
ask that you mercifully accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly asking you to grant,
that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion. **Amen.**

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 in this place,
Let us live out what we proclaim.
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
May we dare to walk into God's future,
trusting him to be our 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 with others and minister to those 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: Oh Thou who camest from above

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**