

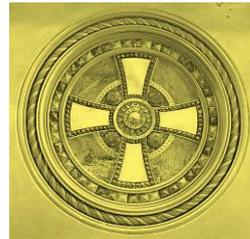
**Lectionary Readings for the day after
Ascension to Pentecost 2020
Morning Prayer**

The nine days after Ascension Day until the eve of Pentecost are observed as days of prayer and preparation for the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit From 22nd to the 30th May, in preparation for the Day of Pentecost, 31st May.

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading
Principle Readings (Holy Communion)			
22.05.	47:1-6	Acts 18:9-18	John 16:20-23
23.05.	47:1-2, 7 to end	Acts 18:22 to end	John 16:23-28
24.05.	68	Acts 1:6-14	John 17:1-11
25.05.	68:1-6	Acts 19:1-8	John 16:29- end
26.05.	68:9-10 18-19	Acts 20:17-27	John 17:1-11
27.05.	68:27-28; 32 to end	Acts 20:28 to end	John 17:11-19
28.05	16:1, 5 to end	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11	John 17:20 to end
29.05	103, 1-2; 11-12; 19-20	Acts 25:13-21	John 21:15-19
30.05	11:4 to end	Acts 28:16-20, 30 to end	John 21:20 to end
31.05	104: 26 to end	Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23
Morning Prayer			
22.05.	81	Numbers 20:1-13	Luke 7:11-17
23.05.	96	Numbers 21:4-9	Luke 7:18 - 35
24.05.	104:26-35	Isaiah 65:17 to end	Revelation 21:1-8
25.05.	93	Numbers 22:1-35	Luke 7:36 - end
26.05.	99	Numbers 22:36 – 23:12	Luke 8:1-15
27.05.	29	Numbers 23:13 to end	Luke 8:16- 25
28.05	24	Numbers 24	Luke 8:26-39
29.05	139	Numbers 27:12 to end	Luke 8:40 to end
30.05	43	Numbers 32:1-27	Luke 9:1-17
31.05	87	Genesis 1:1-9	Acts 10:34-48

Daily Prayer will be available Livestream on Facebook, and during these 9 days there will be an additional Evening Prayer service at 5.30 as part of "Thy Kingdom Come". This will also be live on Zoom. Please contact St. Michael's for more information on 07881 555580.

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High Street - Sittingbourne



**An Order for Morning Prayer
The Day after Ascension Day until
Pentecost 2020**

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your throne has been established from of old;
All you are from everlasting, Alleluia.

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, creator God,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the
waters
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour out your Spirit on us today
that we may walk as children of light
and by your grace reveal your presence.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn, or A Song of God's Righteousness

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ◆
and all that is within me bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ◆
and forget not all his benefits;
- 3 Who forgives all your sins ◆
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 Who redeems your life from the Pit ◆
and crowns you with faithful love and
compassion;
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, ◆
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness ◆
and judgement for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses ◆
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord has established his throne in
heaven, ◆
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught
us

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.

The Conclusion

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of
God's love.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

¶ God's royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit

¶ Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal

¶ All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ

¶ The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests

¶ All who are struggling with broken relationships

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

9 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, ◆
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.

10 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, ◆
you ministers of his who do his will.

11 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; ◆
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 103.1-7, 19-22

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open
before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God *Psalmody*

The appointed psalmody is said.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

*If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be
read here, or both may be read after the canticle.*

Canticle

A Song of Ezekiel, or another suitable canticle may be said

Refrain:

All The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.

- 1 I will take you from the nations, ♦
and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
- 3 A new heart I will give you, ♦
and put a new spirit within you,
- 4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone ♦
and give you a heart of flesh.
- 5 You shall be my people, ♦
and I will be your God.
Ezekiel 36.24-26, 28b

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read. The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

All Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.
All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

All Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

All and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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

cf Romans 8

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Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said.

Refrain:

All Christ has gone up on high
and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.

1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets
God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
4. To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

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6. Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of
the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8. To give his people knowledge of
salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and
the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Luke 1.68-79

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Refrain:

All Christ has gone up on high
and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.

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