



Pentecost Sunday

A warm welcome to our Parish Communion.

An especially warm welcome if you are new with us this morning or have not been for a while; it is good to have you with us.

The Feast of Pentecost

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter. The name comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, "fiftieth".

It is also called Whitsun, but does not necessarily coincide with the Whitsun Bank Holiday at the end of May.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world



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The Gathering

Words of Welcome and any notices are given

Hymn/Music

The Greeting

LP 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

LP 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.

The Pentecost Reading

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-13)

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 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 reader says

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Responsory

SP As we wait in silence,
All fill us with your Spirit.
As we listen to your word,
All fill us with your Spirit.
As we worship you in majesty,
All fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your refreshing,
All fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your renewing,
All fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your equipping,
All fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your empowering,
All 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

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

Silence is kept.

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.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

2nd Reading

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn/Music

The Gospel

SP Alleluia.

All Alleluia.

There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit.

All Alleluia.

There are varieties of service but the same Lord.

All Alleluia.

We are all brought into one body
by baptism in the one Spirit.

All Alleluia, Jesus is Lord.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is proclaimed

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of faith

All 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

Prayers of Intercession

SP We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

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

All and fill us with your Spirit.

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

All and fill us with your Spirit.

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

All and fill us with your Spirit.

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

All and fill us with your Spirit.

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

All and fill us with your Spirit.

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

All and fill us with your Spirit.

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
departed, in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us

All **and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river
Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

All **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

LP 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.

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

SP Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn/Music

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

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

LP Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

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.

SP
All **Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

SP And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

LP 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

SP Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Agnus Dei

**All Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

LP Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer After Communion

SP 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.

The Dismissal

Blessing of Light

SP 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

LP 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 Tunbridge Wells,
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.

SP Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in
love?

All We will.

LP Will you dare to share your riches in common and
minister to each other in need?

All We will.

SP Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All We will.

LP Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All We will.

Conclusion and Blessing

SP The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

LP 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.

SP 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.

LP 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.

SP And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

LP Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Music to end.