



Sharing Christ in the Community

# A Service for the Day of Pentecost

The Gathering

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

**SONG      89      Come down, O love divine**

## **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.

## **RESPONSARY**

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.**

*Silence is kept*

## **THE GLORIA**

*Please stand*

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.***

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth,  
Lord God, Heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.***

**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.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.***

**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.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest***

## **THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen our children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### **FIRST BIBLE READING: Acts 2: 1-21** *Please sit down*

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.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SONG            1351   Spirit of God, unseen as the wind**

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please remain standing*

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**Alleluia!**

He has defeated the powers of death.

**Alleluia!**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

**Alleluia!**

He has the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

## **THE GOSPEL READING** **John 7: 37-39**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **THE CREED** *Please stand*

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**afterwards he appeared to his followers,**

**and to all the apostles: this we have received**

**and this we believe. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

*Please sit down*

*This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*St John's Prayer for Growth*

**God of mission, you give fresh life to St John's.  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our activities,  
and power to our witness,  
that we may grow in love and commitment to you,  
in number of disciples,  
and in loving service to our neighbours  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### THE WELCOME AND PEACE

*Please stand*

I present to you, Debra, David, Megan, Jamie, Diane, Ruby, Joe and Charlotte who were confirmed at Wakefield Cathedral on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Will you welcome and uphold them in their new life in Christ?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Debra, David, Megan, Jamie, Diane, Ruby, Joe and Charlotte by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

## THE PEACE

*Please 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.**

## SONG 1183

## Holy Spirit, living breath of God

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal 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 singing:

**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.**

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.

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

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 in to 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.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Please sit down*

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

**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**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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

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

## **LAMB OF GOD**

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us  
peace.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## **THE GIVING OF COMMUNION**

### **AFTER COMMUNION**

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. **Amen.**

**God of truth,**

**we have seen with our eyes**

**and touched with our hands the bread of life:**

**Strengthen our faith**

**that we may grow in love for you and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **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 Wakefield, 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?

**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 in common and minister to each other 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.**

## **SONG 664 The Spirit lives to set us free**

The Sending Out

### **THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

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

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