

Holy Trinity Church Heath Town
Sunday 24th May 2026 11:15 am Holy Communion

Theme: Pentecost

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GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

And the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, we gather here today waiting for you to come among us to share your peace with us and to fill us again with your Holy Spirit. We welcome you now and ask that you breathe upon us and lead our worship that we might glorify your name together.

Amen.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

SONG 1

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Move among us with holy fire,

As we lay aside all earthly desires,

Hands reach out and our hearts aspire.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Let the breeze of Your presence blow,

That Your children here might truly know

How to move in the Spirit's flow.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Please accomplish in me today

Some new work of loving grace, I pray;
Unreservedly have Your way.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

SONG 2

All over the world the Spirit is moving,
All over the world as the prophet said it
would be;

All over the world there's a mighty
revelation

Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters
cover the sea.

All over His church God's Spirit is moving,
All over His church as the prophet said it
would be;

All over His church there's a mighty
revelation

Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters
cover the sea.

Right here in this place the Spirit is
moving,

Right here in this place as the prophet
said it would be;

Right here in this place there's a mighty
revelation

Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters
cover the sea.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, on this day of Pentecost,

we come to you in awe and anticipation,
in expectation of our hearts being
strangely warmed.

We wait on you, ready to receive the gift
of your Holy Spirit.

Ready to receive your blessing,
so that we, in turn, may be a blessing to
others.

Amen.

CONFESSION

We watch at a distance,
and are slow to follow Christ in the way
of the cross.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We warm our hands by the fire,
and are afraid to be counted among his
disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We run away,
and fail to share the pain of Christ's
suffering.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The Spirit of truth will convict the world
of guilt about sin, righteousness and
judgement.

We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

In sorrow we confess our sins.

Amen.

READING: Acts 2: 1-21

This is the word of Lord

Thanks be to God

SONG 3

The splendour of the king,

Clothed in majesty;

Let all the earth rejoice,

All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light,

And darkness tries to hide,

And trembles at His voice,

And trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.*

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the end,
Beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing:
How great is our God.
(Repeat)

GOSEL READING: John 7:37-39

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, the Father, from
whom every family in heaven and on
earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son who lives in
our hearts through faith, and fills us with
his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit who
strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God Father, Son and
Holy Spirit Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers**

**For the sake of your son our saviour
Jesus Christ Amen.**

COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your 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 PEACE

Christ is our peace,
He has reconciled us to God in one body
By the cross
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

NOTICES

OFFERTORY SONG

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant
Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are a voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant
David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,

The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the labourers in Your
vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord.

These are the days of Miriam,
Dancing with praise to the Lord;
And these are the days of your
servant, Esther,
Protecting the people of God.
And though these are days of endurance,
Of waiting and mystery and doubt,
Still in our hearts is the Spirit's whisper,
Rising to victory shout.

These are the days of Deborah,
Creating God's justice on earth;
And these are the days of your servant,
Rahab,
Rebel who sides with the Lord.
And these are the days of empowerment,
Of risking and making a stand,
We are the agents of transformation,
The Kingdom of God is at hand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Gracious God, accept these gifts and with
them our lives, to be used in your service,
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.

Father of all, we give you thanks for
every gift that comes from heaven
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and
washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and
said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and
this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again

and is alive with you to plead for us and
all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in
heaven

where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

THE LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your
name, your Kingdom come, your will be
done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us
our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil.**

**For the Kingdom the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen**

BREAKING OF THE 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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

SONG DURNING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ you have nourished us at
your table and revealed yourself in the
breaking of bread

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to
live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.

FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING

Jesus, thank you for the gift of the Holy
Spirit.

Breathe on us again and enable us to see
your life in us
and in the people around us.

Amen.

SONG 5

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness.

Shine on me, shine on me.

DISMISSAL

**Jesus, grow your gifts in us so that we
might work**

for the good of those around us.

**Please give us the courage to share our
gifts with others,**

**knowing that all good things have come
from you.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen