

The Benefice of Chew Valley East

Morning Prayer for Sunday 24 May 2026, Pentecost

*If you wish to join in the service, then the words in **bold** are to be said together.
Please join in with the Psalms and Canticles – by reciting each one in its entirety.*

Preparation

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

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.
Blessed be God for ever.

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. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalm 104:26-36, 37b

²⁶O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁷There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

²⁸There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦
which you have made to play in the deep.

²⁹All of these look to you ♦
to give them their food in due season.

³⁰When you give it them, they gather it; ♦
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

³¹When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦
when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

³²When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦
and you renew the face of the earth.

³³May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

³⁴He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

³⁵I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

³⁶So shall my song please him ♦
while I rejoice in the Lord.

³⁷Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia.

**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.**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’ ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’

¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Canticle

The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.

¹I will take you from the nations, ♦
and gather you from all the countries.

²I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

³A new heart I will give you, ♦
and put a new spirit within you,

⁴And I will remove from your body the heart of stone ♦
and give you a heart of flesh.

⁵You shall be my people, ♦
and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24-26, 28b

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as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Second Reading: John 20:19-23

¹⁹It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

Responsory

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.

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

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

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

cf Romans 8

Gospel Canticle: Benedictus

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

¹Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.

²He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.

³Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

⁴To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.

⁵This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

⁶Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

⁷And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

⁸To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

⁹In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

¹⁰To 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*

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as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Intercessions

To the words: Come, Holy Spirit:
Please respond: **our lives inspire.**

Spirit of enthusiasm, fill us with the desire for God
that transforms hearts and minds.

Come, Holy Spirit: **our lives inspire.**

Spirit of inspiration, set our words on fire
as we tell the good news of the gospel of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit: **our lives inspire.**

Spirit of love, bind us together in unity,
that the world may see and believe.

Come, Holy Spirit: **our lives inspire.**

Spirit of freedom, cast out our life-limiting fears
that we may love with boldness.

Come, Holy Spirit: **our lives inspire.**

Spirit of peace, empty us of guilt, anxiety and despair;
and fill us with all-sufficient faith.

Come, Holy Spirit: **our lives inspire.**

Spirit of power, blow into the life of our world,
overturning values, changing stale, selfish ways.

Come, Holy Spirit: **our lives inspire.**

Spirit of comfort, when we are ill or sad,
soothe us, strengthen us, give us hope.

Come, Holy Spirit: **our lives inspire.**

Spirit of joy, turn our tears into laughter, our frowns into smiles.
Lead us singing into the life of God's kingdom.

Come, Holy Spirit: **our lives inspire.**

In Jesus' name, **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.**

Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

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

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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