



# All Age Eucharist



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# Welcome to St John's, Harpenden

From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world.

On this Sunday morning:

We have come together in the name of Christ,  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
to exchange the Peace,  
pray the Eucharistic prayer,  
break the bread,  
receive communion and  
depart with God's blessing  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

People of all ages are welcome at all of our services as a full part of God's family, and this service is especially aimed at being something we can all take part in together.



During this service we invite all, as they are able, to help contribute to the cost of running this church so that we might show God's love to those around us.



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**Please join us for refreshments in the church hall immediately after the service**

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## Processional Hymn 242: Come, Holy Spirit, come (omit starred)

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,  
and from thy celestial home  
shed a ray of light divine;  
come, thou Father of the poor,  
come, thou source of all our store,  
come, within our hearts to shine.

Thou of comforters the best,  
thou the soul's most welcome guest,  
sweet refreshment here below;  
in our labour rest most sweet,  
grateful coolness in the heat,  
solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,  
shine within these hearts of thine,  
and our inmost being fill;  
where thou art not, man hath naught,  
nothing good in deed or thought,  
nothing free from taint of ill.

On the faithful, who adore  
and confess thee, evermore  
in thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give them virtue's sure reward,  
give them thy salvation, Lord,  
give them joys that never end.

Welcome in the name of Christ,  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

**All and also with you**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

**We Confess**  
We say sorry to God

Jesus said, ‘Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.’ As sisters and brothers in God’s family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president declares God’s forgiveness with these words*

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We sing God’s glory!(A&M 416)**

*We stand to sing God’s praise (this is not said during Advent and Lent)*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!**

## The Collect

*We remain standing to say the special prayer for today*

Let us pray

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.**

## We Listen

*Please sit as we hear from the Bible*

### First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and

astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘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. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me<sup>\*</sup> for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> ‘If you love me, you will keep<sup>\*</sup> my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,<sup>\*</sup> to be with you for

ever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in<sup>\*</sup> you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise of you, O Christ**

**We Learn**

**Talk**

**We Believe**

*We stand to say together what we believe about God*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the  
people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

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

**Amen.**

**We Pray**

*We pray together for the world, our community and those in need.*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer** Or Lord hear us: **Lord graciously hear us.**

## [We Welcome

If there are children to be welcomed from recent Baptisms, the following is said:

There is one Lord, one Faith,  
One baptism: by one Spirit we are all  
Baptized into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith,  
We are children of the same heavenly father; we welcome you.]**

## We share God's Peace

We stand to share in the peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

We offer each other a sign of peace, either a wave or a hand shake.

### Hymn 238i Come Down, O Love Divine

I Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

3 Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far out pass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

With this bread that we bring  
**All We shall remember Jesus**  
With this wine that we bring  
**All We shall remember Jesus**  
Bread for his body  
Wine for his blood  
Gifts from God to this table we bring.  
**All We shall remember Jesus.**

### We Give Thanks

*God makes the bread and wine holy for us*

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.  
**All His Spirit is with us.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**All You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross**

**and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us*

*Please remain kneeling or sitting.*

**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.  
And 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread*

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

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

### **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion. All full members of Christian Churches are warmly invited to receive communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward carrying this booklet with you.*

*Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies 'Amen'*

### **Communion Hymn**

246: Holy Spirit, come, confirm us;  
358 Be Still for the presence of the Lord;  
Communion Anthem: 'Spirit of God'

### **Prayer after Communion**

**All We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing ...

### **Hymn 264 The Spirit Lives to set us free**

The Spirit lives to set us free,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
He binds us all in unity,  
Walk, walk in the light.

*Chorus*

*Walk in the light,*  
*Walk in the light,*  
*Walk in the light,*  
*Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
The dead were wakened by his call,  
Walk, walk in the light.

He died in pain on Calvary,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
To save the lost like you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light.

We know his death was not the end,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
Walk, walk in the light.

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed  
Walk, walk in the light;  
The Father's kindness is revealed  
Walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
His light will shine for all to see,  
Walk, walk in the light.

## **Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart*