

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
LOWESTOFT



Holy Communion



For Pentecost Sunday



WELCOME & Introduction

Deacon: Gill

Service and sermon: Canon Simon

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The fire of God is coming!

Sing praises to God

The wind of God is blowing!

Sing praises to God

The joy of the Spirit is here!

Sing Praises to God

Sing praises all the earth!

HYMN: 238 - *Come down, O love divine*

***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.***

***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 illuming.***

***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.***

***And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.***

Bianco Da Siena (d.1434)

Translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

This is the day when the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. It's a day of celebration and a day of challenge. It's a day of praise and a day of prayer. Let us imagine we are gathered with the first followers of Jesus.

They were all together in one place, praying and waiting, and so let us wait and pray, and together confess our sins to Almighty God:

God of wind and flame

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

fill us with your Spirit.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.

May the God of wind and flame forgive *us* and strengthen *us* to live in
the power of the Spirit all *our* days. **Amen.**

Please stand to sing the Gloria

**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, Heavenly 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 *(Prayer of the week - found on the pew sheet)*

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(please sit)

All age Talk

READING

Acts 2: 1 - 21 Read by Pam

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."

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Light of the World*

**Light of the World,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.**

***So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God:
you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.***

**King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.**

***So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God:
you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.***

**And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.**

***So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God:
you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.***

Please remain standing for the **GOSPEL READING**

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

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

Glorify to you, O Lord.

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Canon Simon Stokes

We stand to affirm our Faith

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

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?

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?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Led by Sue

Please sit or kneel

These responses may be used:

Lord of wind and flame

Receive our prayer

at the end

Merciful Father

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

Banns of Marriage, Notices and time of sharing

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

These words may be used

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. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 264 - *The Spirit lives to set us free*

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared)

**The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light;
he binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.
*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.
*Walk in the light,
walk in the
light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.***

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,
Blessed be God, who raises the poor,

Blessed be God, who fills our praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(Please sit or kneel - The choir may remain standing)

The Lord be with you
and also with you

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, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting 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, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.***

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
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 forever.**

Amen.

THE 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.**

The Agnus Dei

***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.***

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing, it is helpful for us if you say your name when you come to the front.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a **HYMN** is also sung during Communion. (Please remain seated)

ANTHEM: *Be still for the presence of the Lord (Evans)*

HYMN: 247 - *Holy Spirit, gift bestower*

***Holy Spirit, gift bestower,
breathe into our hearts today.
Flowing water, dove that hovers,
Holy Spirit, guide our way.***

***Love inspirer, joy releaser,
Spirit, take our fears away.
Reconciler, peace restorer,***

move among us while we pray.

*Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer,
wisdom bringer, light our way.
Fire that dances, wind that whispers,
Holy Spirit, come today.*

*Ease disturber, comfort bearer,
move among us while we pray.
Truth revealer, faith confirmer,
rest within our hearts today.*

Author unknown

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by a minister and found on the weekly pew sheet.

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.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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

HYMN 719 - Lord, the light of your love is shining (Shine Jesus shine)

**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.**

***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.***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
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.***

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950) 719 Words and Music: © 1987

Following the hymn the choir will process to the back of the Church

The minister will pause at the paschal candle and say:

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.
The young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit we proclaim your amnesty of love.
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known.

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.

The Paschal Candle is extinguished.

The minister goes to the font at the back of the church

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed Mary when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia



Thank you for worshipping with us today, please join us for refreshments in the church hall.