

## PENTECOST 31 May 2020

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



### Hymn

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 surpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Prayer for the Day

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.

### First Reading Acts 2: 1 - 21

When the day of Pentecost came, the disciples were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

### Hymn

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what Thou dost love,  
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with Thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly Thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with Thee the perfect life  
of Thine eternity.

### **Gospel Reading** John 20: 19 - 30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of the first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

till in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Address - The Vicar**

**Song** - "Spirit of God" by The Welbury Trio

**The Creed** *(Live Service will use Nicene Creed on screen)*

*Let us declare our faith in God.*

**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** *beginning with*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
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Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
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### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Penitence**

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

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.**

#### **Absolution**

#### **Hymn**

Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.  
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;  
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses my knowledge to find;  
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart,  
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;  
if e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall;  
but, led in your service your word to obey,  
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

#### **Notices**

#### **Blessing**

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