

The Church of England
in Central Windsor

SUNG EUCCHARIST

Sunday 19th May 2024

Pentecost



**A warm welcome to All Saints' Church
for our service today**

On most Sundays we offer Sunday Club during the service. Children aged 3-11 are welcome to gather at the back of the church as we sing the Gloria in Excelsis.

Please don't feel embarrassed if babies and small children cry or make a noise.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE: Veni Creator (De Grigny)

Please stand for:

THE GREETING

The priest says

In the name of the Father†, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Please sit for:

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANY NOTICES

Please stand for :

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

Please remain standing for :

INTRODUCTION

The service is introduced

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

RESPONSORY

All As we wait in silence,
fill us with your Spirit.
All As we listen to your word,
fill us with your Spirit.
All As we worship you in majesty,
fill us with your Spirit.
All As we long for your refreshing,
fill us with your Spirit.
All As we long for your renewing,
fill us with your Spirit.
All As we long for your equipping,
fill us with your Spirit.
All As we long for your empowering,
fill us with your Spirit.

Silence is kept.

THE PENTECOST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-21)

2 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.

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

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

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

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

The reader says

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **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.**

**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.**

**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.**

THE COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:
Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives
to bring Christ to the world.

Silence is kept.

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.

All **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for:

PSALM 104 vv26-37

The congregation is invited to join with the choir in singing the response

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have / made them all;
the earth is full / of your creatures.
There is the sea spread / far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both / small and great.

Response

There go the ships, and there is / that leviathan
which you have made to play / in the deep.
All of these / look to you
to give them their food / in due season. ***Response***

When you give it / them they gather it;
you open your hand and they are / filled with good.
When you hide their face / they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again / to the dust. ***Response***

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and renew the face / of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice / in his works;
He looks on the earth / and it trembles;
he touches the mountains / and they smoke. ***Response***

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I / have my being.
So shall my song please him while I rejoice / in the Lord.
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked / be no more.
Bless the Lord / O my soul. ***Response***

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8.22–27

8 ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for:

Gradual Hymn

**Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.**

**Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.**

**Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far from foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:**

**Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says or sings:

Alleluia, alleluia

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

All **Alleluia, alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

John 15.26–27; 16.4b–15

Jesus spoke to his disciples

¹⁵ ²⁶ ‘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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴But 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. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit for:

SERMON

Please stand for :

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us declare before God the faith of the church in which, we pray, we may all find grace to grow.

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen**

Please sit for:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

All Lord hear us
Lord graciously hear us

And at the end

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

Please stand for:

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Kyrie Eleison is sung:

All **Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May the Father forgive† you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit all your days

All **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please remain standing for:

THE PEACE

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.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with your neighbour.

The offertory collection will be brought to the altar to be blessed. It will be used for the ministry, mission and outreach of the church. Please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes if you are able to do so.

If you give regularly via the collection when you attend Sunday worship in one of our churches, but are not with us every week, have you considered giving through the Parish Giving Scheme? It is very easy to do. Details are in the weekly Keeping Us in Touch leaflet or speak to any of our churchwardens

OFFERTORY HYMN

**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 bosoms 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 blessèd 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.**

**Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
on our dryness pour thy dew;
wash the stains of guilt away;
bend the stubborn heart and will;
melt the frozen, warm the chill;
guide the steps that go astray.**

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

Preparation of the Table

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

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.

All **Blessed be God for ever**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,
and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,
he sent forth upon the universal Church
your holy and life-giving Spirit;
that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel
might go forth into all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

All **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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

All **Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins
of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the
Baptist, St Stephen, St Agnes and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

All 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.**

AGNUS DEI

All **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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The priest says the invitation to communion
Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

If you are confirmed or a communicant member of the Church of England or any other Christian church, you are welcome to receive communion with us this morning. Otherwise, you are warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please bring the service booklet with you so we know you wish to receive a blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available on request.

During the administration of communion the following will be sung

**Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy one is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear;
in Him no sin is found
we stand on Holy ground,
be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy one is here.**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with Holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned;
how awesome is the sight
our radiant King of light!
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal
to minister His grace
no work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him.
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.**

Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost (*Attwood*)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

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.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your
praise and glory
Amen**

*Members of Sunday Club are invited to show their work to the
congregation*

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand for:

THE COMMISSION

The priest says

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Windsor, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

All **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

All **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All **We will.**

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

The priest blesses the people, saying

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **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.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

The priest says

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

The ministers and people depart.

VOLUNTARY: Choral varié sur 'Veni Creator' (*Duruflé*)

Please stay for refreshments which will be served after the service.

Those who live in the parish of Windsor Parish Church and All Saints' Church or who are on the Electoral Roll are reminded that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place after the service this morning.

Please grab yourself a tea or coffee before this important meeting which will begin at 11.30

Trinity Sunday 26th May

Next week we celebrate Trinity Sunday and the Patronal Festival of Holy Trinity Church. The preacher at our 10am Sung Eucharist will be The Venerable Stephen Pullin, Archdeacon of Berkshire.

There will be a service of Choral Evensong at 5.30pm, also at Holy Trinity Church

**You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you
for private reflection or to give to a friend.**

If you are visiting today or attending for the first time, we hope that you have felt “at home” here, that you will be refreshed by today’s service of worship and that you will return in the future.
We shall be delighted if you decide to make our church community your spiritual home.

**If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please ask!
You can also find out more by following the “Our Faith” link on the
Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org**

Web Site:
www.windsorchurches.org.uk

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