



The Day of Pentecost Gŵyl y Pentecost



Sunday 19th May 2024

Hymn

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

Keith Getty b.1974
Stuart Townend b.1963

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The priest introduces the service

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

As we wait in silence,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,
fill us with your Spirit.

Silence is kept.

Prayer for Personal Renewal

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing, and peace.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise and bless God for ever.

Gloria in Excelsis

Please Stand

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Lord, God, heavenly King,
peace you bring to us,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, O Lord,
have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,
Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One,
and you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son,
Glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high,
we glorify your name.

The Collect

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. **Amen.**

The Pentecost Reading

Please Sit

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-13)

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.'

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

The Gospel

Please Stand

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Now he is risen, the Christ.
Out of the tomb he is risen;
he has conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Fintan O'Carroll 1922-1981
Christopher Walker b.1947
Tune: Celtic Alleluia*

John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-15

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

'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

The Sermon

Please Sit

The Affirmation of Faith

Please Stand

Let us proclaim the Christian faith into which we were baptised
and in which we live and grow:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Please Sit

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

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

The Peace

Please Stand

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 with you always. Alleluia. Alleluia.
and also with you. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

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.

Bianco da Siena 1434
Tr. Richard Frederick Littlehale 1833-1890

The Thanksgiving

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

Prayer over the Gifts

O God, life-giving Spirit,
Spirit of healing and comfort, of integrity and truth,
warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire:
help us by this sacrament to commit ourselves
to work with you and renew our world;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

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

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

Today we give you thanks
for the promised gift of your Holy Spirit.
We rejoice as members of your Church
in which your Spirit inspires us to spread the
good news to all people.

And so with all the saints and everyone in heaven
we sing the praise of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
Blessed is the one who comes to us
in your name.
And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may become Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Kentigern, St Asaph and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread.
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

We Sing
**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

The Invitation to Communion
Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymn at the end of Communion

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.

Edwin Hatch 1835-1899
Tune: Carlisle

Silence is kept

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

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.**

The Lord is here.
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.

God stir up in you the gifts of his Spirit, that you may witness to Christ the Lord
and proclaim the joy of the eternal Gospel. And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Final Hymn

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 (X3)
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.

Damien Lundy 1944-1996
Tune: Walk in the Light



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Notices

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

Sunday Sheet. Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

Bibles for School. Again we are planning to give a Bible to all those leaving Year 6 at Ysgol Esgob Morgan. If you would like to give a donation towards this please see Fr Rex or Marion Hughes.

Christian Aid. There is a plate on the table at the back of the Church to receive donations towards the work of Christian Aid. The plate will be there until 19th May which is the end of

Christian Aid Week.

Walsingham Day. This is to take place on Saturday 1st June: 11am Walsingham Mass; 12.30pm Lunch; 1.30pm Sprinkling and Healing Liturgy. All those who have been to Walsingham on pilgrimage have been invited but everyone is welcome. If you would like to come please let Fr Rex know as we need approximate numbers for catering.

Dates for 2024. The following events have been arranged for the coming months:

7th June 7pm Cheese and Wine Evening, exploring Welsh Cheeses. No charge but donations are welcome.

6th July 10am to 1pm Coffee Morning

12th to 16th August Messy Church Holiday Club

12th September Food4Thought Lunches start again

10th October Food4Thought Lunch which will also be a Harvest Lunch

13th October Harvest Festival

14th December 10am to 1pm Christmas Coffee Morning

The Week Ahead

20th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

21st Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am LYCiG Group

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

22nd Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

23rd Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

Church

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

Church

5pm Evening Prayer

24th Friday – Charles Wesley & John Wesley

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

25th Saturday – Bede

9am Morning Prayer

12noon Licensed Lay Minister Day *at*

the Cathedral

5pm Evening Prayer

26th Sunday – TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11am Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer

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Today's Readings

Acts 2. 1-13

Joel's prophecy helps Peter to understand the gifts of Pentecost: God's Spirit empowers men and women to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations.

Psalm 104. 24-36

Romans 8. 22-27

As we wait in hope, yearning for our promised redemption, the Spirit lifts our prayers into the heart of God.

John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b -15

Jesus promises to send the Spirit of truth to all his followers, to help them interpret and apply his teaching in today's world.

