Eglwys Sant Asa Llanelwy Saint Asaph Parish Church



The Day of Pentecost Gŵyl y Pentecost



Sunday 8th June 2025

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.
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

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.
Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!

Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear, Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer. Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one, Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne: Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores: In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Tune: Rachie

The Collect

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

Silence is kept.

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 2. 1-21 *Please Sit*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

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 14. 8-17, 25-27

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' 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"? 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. 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. 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 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 you.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon

Please Sit

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.

True and living God, the source of life for all creation, you have made us in your own image.
Always and everywhere we give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we give you thanks because you have brought to completion the paschal mystery. You fulfil your promise by pouring out your Spirit on your people, uniting many tongues into one confession of faith. We rejoice as members of your Church in which your Spirit inspires the proclamation of good news to all the nations and gives your people grace to serve you until your Son Jesus Christ will come to bring us all into your Kingdom.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise your glorious name:

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.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; because on the night he was betrayed he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

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; when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said, Drink this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son once for all upon the cross and the triumph of his resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us that we may be filled with your life and goodness and renewed for the service of your Kingdom Unite us in Christ and give us your peace that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty 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. 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

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 our 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.

> John Cosin 1594-1672 based on Veni, Creator Spiritus

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

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.

Still let me prove thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat, till death thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

Tune: Hereford



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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.

Anniversary of Ordination. On Tuesday 24th June, Rex celebrates 30 years as a priest and Nigel celebrates 30 years since ordination as a Deacon. There will be a special celebration of the Eucharist at 7pm at the Cathedral that day and a drinks reception following the service to which all are invited. The preacher at the service will be Fr Richard Harper, one time Sub-Warden of St Michael's College, Llandaff where Rex & Nigel trained for ordination.

Corpus Christi this year will be transferred to the following Sunday, 22^{nd} June. The feast will also be observed on Thursday 19^{th} June.

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.

The Week Ahead

9th Monday – Columba

9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Eucharist 5pm Evening Prayer

10th Tuesday – Ephrem of Syria

9am Morning Prayer5pm Evening Prayer6pm Holy Eucharist

11th Wednesday - Barnabas, Apostle

9am Morning Prayer 10.30am Holy Eucharist 6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

12th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist at the Parish

Church

10.45am Prayer Group at the Parish

Church

5pm Evening Prayer

13th Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)6pm Choral Evensong

14th Saturday - Basil the Great

9am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer

15th Sunday – TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am The Parish Eucharist11am The Cathedral Eucharist3.30pm Choral Evensong

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Today's Readings

Acts 2. 1-21

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, 14-17

Paul tells us that the Spirit of God draws us into a relationship with God as his children and therefore heirs with Christ, sharing in his suffering and in his glory.

John 14. 8-17, 25-27

Jesus promises to his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit who will be with them always when he has gone to be with his Father.

