



Worship for Pentecost Sunday 2020

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service on this Pentecost Sunday. It is a day when we celebrate the arrival of the promised Holy Spirit and completes and crowns the Easter season. In our reading from John we hear Jesus speak about the Spirit coming as being like 'rivers of living water', emphasizing God's generosity. Then in our reading from Acts which is the focus for our talk we hear Luke describe the arrival of the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit brought transformation to individuals, to church communities and through these to the world around. As we prepare for worship this morning lets take a moment to be still and quite in God's presence.

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Hymn: Come down Oh Love divine

Introduction

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.**

Prayers of Penitence (taken from our Eastertide service sheet)

I have made a video of the confession.

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. *Silence is kept*

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence, Lord, have mercy.

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Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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: Read Acts 2: 1-21

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

A prayer – (written by Nick Fawcett and taken from ‘The bumper book of resources, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost’, Kevin Mayhew 2025.)

Spirit of God, come among us, move among us, work among us. Breathe life into our worship, love into our hearts and light into our witness. Come as fire, refining and cleansing. Come as the wind, blowing the cobwebs from our lives. Come as a dove, enfolding us in your peace. Come to us, move in us, work through us, now and always. Amen

Hymn: Breathe on me, breath of God

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia. Read John 7: 37-39**

Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

Prayers of Intercession

I have made a video of the prayers.

Let us pray. God our Father, you came upon the disciples as a flame and wind, filling them with your holy spirit: Come to us now, and bless us; **fill us with your spirit of love.**

We thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit, strengthening us to work for you in the world. We pray for our world, for the communities and families of which we are a part. We continue our prayers for all those affected by the coronavirus, for the sick and bereaved, for the NHS and other key workers, for the unemployed and those wondering how they will make ends meet, for the vulnerable, the anxious, the lonely, for those struggling with their mental health and wellbeing and for those places in our world where there is poor sanitation and health care. May we work together to support and care for each other. Come to us now and bless us; **fill us with your powerful Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit, helping us to understand better your will for us. We ask you to inform us as we serve you. We pray for the leaders of the nations and all those in authority under them, grant to them your gifts of wisdom and integrity as they lead us through these challenging times. We pray for those involved in scientific research into the coronavirus and ask that you grant them wisdom and insight in their work. Come to us now and **bless us; fill us with your wise Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit, making us confident of your love. We bring before you countries, communities, homes, and lives where there is no peace. We ask you to inspire us as we bring your peace to the world and give us courage to share your love with others. Come to us now and bless us; **fill us with your peaceful Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit, equipping us for the work you have called us to. We ask you to enable us as we strive for your kingdom. We pray for the work of the church throughout the world, guide, lead and equip us as we seek to be your people in our communities. Fill your church and our lives with a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit so that we may reflect your love and light in all that we do and in all that we are. Come to us now and bless us; **Fill us with your generous Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit, which brings relief from the burdens of suffering. We ask you to make us sensitive in caring for those in need. We pray for all those who are suffering whether in body, mind, or spirit and in a moment of silence we name before you any we know who are in need your healing touch this day. *Silence.* Bring to them and those who love and care for them your comfort and love. We give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died and in a moment of silence we name before you any known to us. *Silence.* We pray for all those who are grieving at this time, may they find in you comfort, strength and hope. Come to us now and bless us; **fill us with your compassionate Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit, which demonstrate your transforming love. We ask you to make our lives fruitful in your service, guide us as we seek to share your transforming love with the world around us. Come to us now and bless us; **fill us with your hopeful Spirit.**

We now have a few moments of silence as we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.* Come to us now and bless us; **fill us with your Spirit of unity and make us one in heart and mind to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen**

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. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.

Commission

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 the Churnside Benefice, 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?

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.**

Conclusion

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.

Hymn: Oh worship the king

A sending out prayer (From Roots for Churches)

May the power of the Spirit challenge you. May the peace of the Spirit comfort you. May the presence of the Spirit

enable you to live in love and service in the name of Christ. **Amen**

The Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, though the power of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us this day and always. **Amen**

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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