## PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 23 May 2021, 9.30am The Eucharist for Pentecost Proclaiming Jesus, Changing Lives, Serving our Community



Welcome! How good it is to be together today. How good it is to worship God together in All Saints church building. Praise God for Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit to his church.

[If you need a gluten-free Communion wafer, speak to one of the stewards]

Please wait in silence and prepare for worship. As the followers of Jesus waited on that day of Pentecost for the 'promise of the Father', so let us open ourselves to God and ask God to pour out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon his Church.

The choir sings:

Listen, let your hearts keep seeking; listen to his constant speaking; listen to the Spirit calling you.

- 1. He's in the sound of the thunder, in the whisper of the breeze. he's in the night of the whirlwind, in the roaring of the seas.
- 2. He's in the noise of the city, in the singing of each bird; and in the night time, the stillness helps you listen to his word.]

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.** 

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.

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.

Hymn by choir - Be still for the presence of the Lord

#### 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.

David J Evans (b. 1957)

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.

#### 'Gloria in Excelsis' sung by the choir

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.
Amen

#### The special prayer (the 'Collect') for Pentecost

(Silence is kept)

O 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 Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

#### The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

- <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."
- <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
  - <sup>17</sup> "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.
  - <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
  - <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.
  - <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
  - <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

### **Gospel Reading** (please stand)

**Gospel Reading:** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

<sup>26</sup> "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

<sup>4b</sup> And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

<sup>5</sup> "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> of sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; <sup>11</sup> of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

### The Prayers of Intercession

These prayers end with...

Merciful Father

Amen.

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

#### The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The president greets the people in 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.

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

HYMN sung by the choir: We have a Gospel to Proclaim

#### WE HAVE A GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM,

good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell His worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim: the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save; in lonely suff'ring on the cross for all he loved, his life he gave.

[cont.]

Tell of that glorious Easter morn, empty the tomb, for he was free. he broke the pow'r of death and hell that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified; He sends his Spirit on his Church to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)

#### The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer E)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise,

you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,

to proclaim your Gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore, we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

# Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

#### Amen

Let us pray

You are invited to sit or kneel

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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

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.

The Invitation

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

The Holy Communion is distributed.

The Communion will be in one kind only (bread wafer). Please wait for the stewards to guide you to go forward.

If you do not wish to receive Communion bow your head for a prayer of blessing. When receiving communion, it is customary to say 'Amen' as you receive the bread.

Time of Quiet, with reflective music.

#### Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending to 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

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

Any Notices and announcements.

Prayer of God's Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

The choir sings: May God's Blessings be Upon You Now [Sung three times]

#### MAY GOD'S BLESSING be upon you now

May you know of his great love for you May God's blessing be upon you now Right where you are

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HYMN: Thine be the Glory

**THINE BE THE GLORY,** risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death hast lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen

Organ Voluntary: 'Festival Fanfare' by Noel Rawsthorne



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