

Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 31 May 2020
Day of Pentecost
(Whit Sunday)

All main text in **bold** to said by congregation.

THE GATHERING

President: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

President: The Lord be with you

People: **and also with you.**

President: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Preparation

All: **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.**

Prayer of Penitence

President: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins to be our advocate in heaven and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are**

truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who dies for us forgive us all that is past and grant us that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

President: Lord have mercy.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

President: Christ have mercy.

People: **Christ have mercy.**

President: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

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

People: **Amen.**

Gloria

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

President:

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 forever.

People:

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 2. 1-21

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 one 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.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord,

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

²⁵ People go forth to their work
and to their labour until the evening.

²⁶ O Lord, how manifold is your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁷ There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

²⁸ There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.

²⁹ All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.

³⁰ When you give it them, they gather it;
You open your hand and they are filled with good.

³¹ When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to dust.

³² When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

³³ May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

³⁴ He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

³⁵ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

³⁷ Let's sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia.

The Gospel

John 20. 19-23

President: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

People: **Glory to you O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

President: This is the Gospel of the Lord,

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Creed

All **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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Empowering God,
at Pentecost you gave the church the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit.

Look upon your church today and hear our petitions.

Loving God,
We ask for the assurance of your Spirit to know your presence with us in our daily lives:
in our relationships;
in our work and service;
in our times of joy and pain.
in our worship;

God of love, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Be with those who are fearful and anxious and help them to find the spirit of peace.

We give thanks for the doctors and nurses and scientists, that they may be inspired by your Holy Spirit to find the right treatments for those who are ill, a vaccine to give hope to the world. We pray especially for Dr. Trevor Hunt, Dr. Susan Kelly and Dr Sade Hendricks.

God of Truth send your spirit to guide all those who have roles of leadership; we pray for the Queen and her family, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, our diocesan Bishop, Michael and Bishop Sarah of Shrewsbury. For all those who are having to make decisions and who advocate for us.

We pray especially for our schools and nurseries in Shrewsbury as their staff teams begin to re-open their doors to the children and young people. For the teachers, children and young people, families making decisions to return to learning in a classroom, for those learning in a virtual classroom at home.

God of hope we ask that you send us the Comforter; ordinarily we would be together today to celebrate the beginning of the Christian church; there are other celebrations lost too, special family events, baptisms and weddings, families and friends unable to greet new babies, celebrate graduations and sporting achievements, opportunities to share these events are special reminders in our lives. We feel keenly the missed time together in person.

Father God, we ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain and those affected by Covid-19; we pray especially for Pat Rantisi, Chris Cheshire, Cathryn, Emma, Malcolm Booth, Jessica, Laverne, Maureen, Rachel, Jubilee, Lara, McKell, Baby Isabella, Casey, Deirdre Bean, Evan and Casey. For those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement May Meddins, Brion Wong, Jan Green (née Jenkins) and Mary Barker. For the families of those that have died: The Meddins family, the Wong family, the Jenkins family, the Barker family.

We also remember those whose years mind is at this time: Derek Simpson, Alan Gittens, Mary Williams, Gertrude Simmonds, Jason Murcell.

We conclude with a prayer from Thy Kingdom Come:

**Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

President: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **and also with you.**

President: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

President: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

President: Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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. Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of his kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

President: Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of thy divine majesty, renew us by thy Holy Spirit, inspire us with thy love, and unite us in the body of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All: 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 forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

President: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Communion

President: Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Post Communion Prayer

President: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Blessing

President: Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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