

St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST 5th June 2022

Welcome to our hybrid Sunday Service as we worship together, with some people in church and others online. Today is Pentecost - the birthday of the Church, and one of the major festivals of the Christian Church. It marks the end but also the climax of the Easter season.

This year Pentecost also falls at a time when we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, the 70th anniversary of the reign of her majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the longest serving monarch in our country's history. We will of course be remembering her faithful Christian service in our prayers.

Please join in with the words in **bold** print.

GATHERING

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 (sheet) Spirit of God, unseen as the wine

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.

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.

THE PENTECOST READING A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? ...All of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!" Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, "What does this mean?" But others made fun of the believers, saying, "These people are drunk!"

from Acts 2.1-13

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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

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.

COLLECT

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

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

HYMN 615 Spirit of the Living God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung*)**GOSPEL**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need." Jesus answered, "For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why, then, do you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe, Philip, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I have spoken to you," Jesus said to his disciples, "do not come from me. The Father, who remains in me, does his own work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If not, believe because of the things I do.

I am telling you the truth: those who believe in me will do what I do - yes, they will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father's glory will be shown through the Son. If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it. "If you love me, you will obey my commandments.

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever. He is the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God. The world cannot receive him, because it cannot see him or know him. But you know him, because he remains with you and is in you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

TALK**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Between the prayers we say

Lord, in your mercy **hear
 our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers, we say

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

We share a sign of peace

HYMN 231 God's spirit is in my heart

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed be God,
 who feeds the hungry,
 who raises the poor,
 who fills our praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here
God's 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 thanks and praise

Father, we give you thanks and praise
 through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
 through whom you have created all things;
 who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

And now we give you thanks
 that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,
 and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,
 he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and life-giving Spirit;
 that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel
 might go forth into all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
 we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and
 saying:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
 He took the bread and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them,
 saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember
 me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, 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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please stand as you are able

The body & blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Amen

Holy Communion is distributed to those in the Church

Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN Veni Sancte Spiritus (come Holy Spirit)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

NOTICES

HYMN 20 All over the world

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 Hinchley Wood, 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.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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.

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives.

Amen

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

Amen

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

Amen

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 the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.