



Holy Communion for Pentecost

Welcome to St Paul's.

We hope you feel at home here. Please stay for refreshments after the service and say hello.

If you'd like to find out more about the church, please complete a welcome card – available near the entrance – and we'll be in touch.

This is a service for all ages and having babies and children here is a delight. But the sound is relayed to the hall and parish rooms, which you are welcome to use if you wish. A hearing loop is also installed in church.

If you would like to give during this service, a plate and a card machine are available near the entrance. Please gift aid if you're able to do so.

Pentecost

Pentecost (also known in the Book of Common Prayer as Whitsunday) is the 50th day of the season of Easter. Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, given for everyone, everywhere. In the strength and power of the Holy Spirit we, as today's disciples, are entrusted with the ongoing mission of Jesus in today's world.

A warm welcome to all

Hymn *Stand to sing*

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

Greeting 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.

**Prayer of
preparation** **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.**

**Prayers of
penitence** What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence
open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things
for those who love him.

(1 Corinthians 2:9,10)

Let us confess our sins.

**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 died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Collect *Special prayer for today*

Sit

Storytime *Children come and sit by the dais steps
After the story they go to their groups*

**First Bible
reading** *A reading from the Old Testament / epistle*
For God's holy word,
thanks be to God.

Hymn *Stand to sing*
Remain standing for the gospel reading

**Gospel
reading** Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

*After the sermon there are two minutes' silence
for reflection*

**Prayers of
intercession**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
and let us thank God for his goodness.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,

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

Amen.

Stand

**Declaring
our faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Peace The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

(Galatians 5:22–23)

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace with our neighbours, greeting them

Hymn *The offertory is presented during this hymn*
Sit

Communion Prayer 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:

Tune 952 in hymnbook

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
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.



In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.



**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St Paul
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be 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.
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.**

**Breaking of
the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Tune 952 in hymnbook

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

**Giving of
Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing

Stand to say the 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.**

Hymn *Sit if there are notices, then stand to sing*

Blessing 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.

*Refreshments are served at the back of church.
If you are a newcomer or visitor, please come and
say hello to one of the welcome team or clergy.*

Eucharistic Prayer B

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