

Welcome to
your Parish Church
in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

A celebration of
Holy Communion
on the feast of Pentecost 2024



PENTECOST
Sunday

We prepare in heart and mind

Music before the service: There's a spirit in the air

1. There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians ev'rywhere:
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world!"

2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

3. When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

4. Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

5. When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

6. May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

7. There's a spirit in the air,
calling people ev'rywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.
(words: Brian A Wren; music: John Wilson)

When the song finishes we stand in silence.

We express our expectation that God will fulfil Jesus' promise:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. **Amen.**

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.**

We sing: [Come down, O love divine](#)

1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*(words: 'Discendi, amor santo' by Bianco da Siena, trans Richard F Littledale alt;
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams)*

READING [Acts 2:1-21](#)

*At home, light the candles you have prepared while you listen to the reading.
In Church, candles are lit on the altar and among the congregation.*

We pray THE COLLECT *together*

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 for ever. Amen

WELCOME, BANNS and NOTICES

We pray: **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.**

We seek forgiveness

CONFESSION

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.

cf 1 Corinthians 2.9

SILENCE

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

Fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.;

All: Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins, heal and strengthen *us* by his Holy Spirit and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (Cwm Rhondda)

1. Glory be to God in heaven,
songs of praise and joy we bring;
thankful hearts and voices raising,
to creation's Lord we sing.
Lord we thank you:
Lord we bless you:
glory be to God our King;
glory be to God our King.

2. Lamb of God who on your shoulders
bore the load of this world's sin:
only Son of God the Father
you have brought us peace within.
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
now your glorious reign begin;
now your glorious reign begin.

3. You O Son of God are holy,
you we praise with one accord:
none in heaven or earth is like you,
only you are Christ the Lord:
with the Father
and the Spirit
ever worshipped and adored;
ever worshipped and adored.

We sit for the SECOND READING [Romans 8:22-27](#) *extinguishing our candles.*

Hymn [Breathe on me, breath of God](#)

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that as you love, so may I love,
and do what you would do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure:
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heav'nly fire.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

(words: Edwin Hatch alt; music: Charles Lockhart)

We remain standing for the GOSPEL READING [John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15](#)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end This is the Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SERMON in church is from Lu

In our reading from Acts we encounter the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit and doing what seems impossible to those who are witnesses, speaking in their languages. It shows us the limitless possibilities of what God can do amongst us when we are open to him. How can we be open to the work of the Holy Spirit? How can we eliminate the barriers or limitations of what God can do in our everyday life? In what ways and areas of life have we projected on to God what might be our own limitations?

Some of those who could hear the disciples speaking in tongues sneered that 'they are filled with new wine.' Where and in what areas of our lives have we seen the gifts and workings of the Spirit and reduced them to nothing? How and in what ways have our doubts won over our faith the acts that show and testify that God's Spirit is with us?

Peter however raised his voice and addressed the people that they were not drunk. On this Pentecost Sunday how can we ask God's Spirit to make us bold, to speak up where we have been quiet? How can we ask the Holy Spirit to open our eyes and ears to the workings of God amongst us?

Jesus in our John passage says: 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you... 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.' Jesus wants us to know more of the things that are to come, he does not want us to be in the dark. Through the Holy Spirit we can live in light and know the truth and be guided.

We affirm our faith

We stand and at home, if able, we turn to look in the direction of Church, to affirm our faith in God, revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Priest: We stand to affirm our Faith in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

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

(from Common Worship)

PRAYERS, *with the response:*
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We end with:
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*At home we pray with our wonderings and reflections:
We pray for the many ways in which we have put limitations on the God of possibilities especially thinking of our World and all that we see that break our hearts and cause us sadness.
We pray for when our doubts have won over our Faith and ask God to grow our Faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask God to help us see where he working and how we can be part of that.
We pray that just as the Holy Spirit rested on the disciples making them bold that we too be strengthened and be made bold by the power from on High.*

*We give thanks for the successful bid from the Youth Investment Fund for the completion of our Community buildings, Youth Centre and permanent home for Circus Mash. We pray for all our tenants, visitors and Centre users as building work has begun this week.
Among those in our community who are unwell, we remember Adrian Koslowski, Tricia Howard, Bill Myring and Howard Drury, Janet and Colin Groves*

THE PEACE

Deacon: 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.

All: and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(1 Corinthians 12)

We greet one another

We repeat each line after the cantor:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord!
God of power and God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord most high.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

God of comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness. Come among us now through the power of your Spirit that we may be transformed into your image and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

A bell is rung.

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, 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."

A bell is rung.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us your gifts of wisdom, knowledge and faith; of healing, discernment and interpretation, that your church may be built up in the likeness of your Son. Let anyone who is hungry find in you the bread of life, and anyone who is thirsty find in you rivers of living water. Speak your Word to all who are alone and in fear of despair, and let each one of your children hear your voice in their own language, whether that language be art or science, work or play. Sanctify your groaning creation that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew, that we may love what you love and do what you would do, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon: In as many languages as we can express, we pray the prayer Jesus first taught in Aramaic:

**[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.**

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

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

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 and now lives for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

We sing: **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace. (x2)**

After servers and singers have received, all are invited to come forward to receive bread and wine. If you prefer not to, but would like to receive a blessing, keep your hands by your sides. Or, if you prefer, feel free to remain in your place.

Songs during Communion

[Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire](#)

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sev'nfold gifts impart.

2. Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

5. "Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit." Amen.

3. Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

4. Show us the Father and the Son,
in thee and with thee, ever one.
Then through the ages all along,
this shall be our endless song.

(vv1-3, 5: John Cosin, after Rabanus Maurus alt; v4 Michael Forster; music: 'Proper Sarum Melody', arr Andrew Moore)

O King enthroned on high

1. O King enthroned on high, thou Comforter divine,
blest Spirit of all truth, be nigh and make us thine.

2. Thou art the source of life, thou art our treasure-store;
give us thy peace, and end our strife for evermore.

3. Descend, O heav'nly Dove, abide with us always;
and in the fullness of our love cleanse us, we pray.

(words: Greek hymn [8th century], trans John Brownlie; music: Henry Walford Davies)

After all have received, the Priest invites us to pray.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

We are sent out with God's blessing

Priest: 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 upon 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,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always
Amen

1. The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light, walk in the light,
walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.*

2. Jesus promised life to all, walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call, walk, walk in the light.

3. He died in pain on Calvary, walk, walk in the light.
to save the lost like you and me, walk, walk in the light.

4. We know his death was not the end, walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend, walk, walk in the light.

5. By Jesus' love our wounds are healed, walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed, walk, walk in the light.

6. The Spirit lives in you and me, walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see, walk, walk in the light.

(words: Damian Lundy; music: Unknown, arr Christopher Tambling)

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Evening service @6.30pm

'Come, Holy Spirit' - Service in the Iona Tradition celebrating the feast of Pentecost

Join us for our monthly service offering a reflective space in the tradition of the Iona community. The gathering will include creative activity and music



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