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Order of Service

Pentecost

Sunday 31 May 2020, 11.00am

**ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER
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Welcome and Introduction

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hymn

Come down, O love divine

Sung by Wells Cathedral Choir

**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.**

**O let it freely burn, til 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.**

**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.**

**And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place
Where-in the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.**

Bianco da Siena (c1350-1399)
Tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)
Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayers of Confession

God sends the Holy Spirit in wind and fire,
to cleanse us, heal us, and restore us.

Let us open our hearts to God to receive forgiveness and new life.

Silence

You send us to the nations; but we hide behind locked doors.

Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

You speak through us in words of every language;

but we like everything to be under our control.

Christ have mercy.

All **Christ have mercy.**

You bring forth love, joy, and peace;

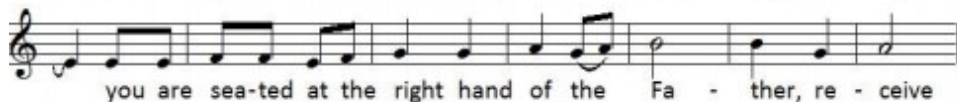
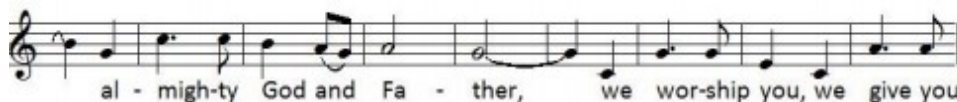
but we cling on to our bitterness, resentment and envy.

Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

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.**

The Gloria



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men.

The Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God,
 the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Collect

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21

Read in English by Barbara Oakley

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 a 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.

Read in French by Yvette Redgwell

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.'

Read in Croatian by Loren Mrkusic

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:

Read in Hungarian by Szabina Soptei

"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.

Read in English by Barbara Oakley

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104.24-37

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

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

All **There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

All **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works -
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

All **Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise the Lord!**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12.3-13

Read by Jane Cruse

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 7.37-9

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people

All **And kindle in us the fire of your love**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Reflection

Martin Carr

Music

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Sung by Dorothy Lawrence

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Howard Redgwell

Lord in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

at the end:

Merciful Father,

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

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. 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 Lord be always with you.

All **and also with you. Alleluia.**

We share the Peace using the British Sign Language (BSL) sign.

Final Prayer

Blessed are you sovereign God, overflowing in love. With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer, women and men tell out your word; the young receive visions, the old dream dreams. With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love. Source of freedom, giver of life, blessed are you, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Blessing

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. And now we are called to live out his promise:

You have received the Holy Spirit!
Will you dare to walk in faith,
trusting that God will be your guide?

All **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you grow together in love?
Will you dare to share your riches
with other people, and help all who are in need?

All **By the Spirit's power we will.**

Will you pray for each other, care for each other,
and dare to carry the love of God out into the world?

All **By the Spirit's power we will.**

Will let your light shine before all people?

All **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**

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.

All **Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hymn

Here I am, Lord

Sung by Wells Cathedral Choir

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord ...

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord ...

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