

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pentecost Sunday – the Day of the Holy Spirit

Voluntary: i) Prelude on "Veni Creator Spiritus" Marcel Dupré
ii) Chorale Prelude on "Down Ampney" David Blackwell

Introit: If ye love me, keep my commandments Thomas Tallis

"...hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." Romans 5:5

Hymn: 616 (vvs 1-6) There's a spirit in the air *Lauds*

- 1 There's a spirit in the air,
 telling Christians everywhere :
 '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 !

We bring to God our prayers and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
Which art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in
heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory, forever.
Amen**

We hear the Word of God

New Testament: **Acts 2:1-13**
 Reader: Douglas Paterson

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Par'thians and Medes and E'lamites and residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado'cia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre'ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were

amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Amen

Children’s Time

We respond to God’s Word with our Offering
(Children invited to help with the Offering)

Offertory: Veni, Creator Spiritus

James Biery

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 617 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose

Lux Tremenda

- 1 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose,
hidden now in mystery ;
nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still God’s work of art unfolds ;
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God’s great salvation holds.
- 2 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose,
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God’s creation
grasps new meaning from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today ;
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say
- 3 Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose :
all God’s children brought to birth ;
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth ;
and a million, million voices
speak with joy the Saviour’s name ;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

4 Great and deep the Spirit's purpose :
nothing shall be left to chance ;
all that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance ;
all fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known ;
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives his own.

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

Old Testament: **Numbers 11:24-30**

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and placed them round about the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was upon him and put it upon the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did so no more.

²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested upon them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, forbid them." ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!" ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Amen

Anthem: Laudate Dominum

Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes:
laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus:
et veritas Domini, manet in æternum.

Gloria patri et filio
et spiritui sancto,

Sicut erat in principio et nunc
et semper et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*O praise the Lord, all ye nations:
praise Him, all ye people..
For His merciful kindness is great toward us:
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

(Ps. CXVII)

Intimations

Hymn: 625 O Thou Who camest from above

Hereford

- 1 O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.
- 2 There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.
- 3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee ;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me :
- 4 Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Sermon

Something to say?

***We bring to God our prayers
of Thanksgiving and Intercession***

Hymn: 594 Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Diademata

- 1 Come, Holy Spirit, come !
 Inflame our souls with love,
 transforming every heart and home
 with wisdom from above.
 Let none of us despise
 the humble path Christ trod,
 but choose, to shame the worldly wise,
 the foolishness of God.

- 2 All-knowing Spirit, prove
 the poverty of pride,
 by knowledge of the Father's love
 in Jesus crucified.
 And grant us faith to know
 the glory of that sign,
 and in our very lives to show
 the marks of love divine.

- 3 Come with the gift to heal
 the wounds of guilt and fear,
 and to oppression's face reveal
 the kingdom drawing near.
 Where chaos longs to reign,
 descend, O holy Dove,
 and free us all to work again
 the miracles of love.

- 4 Spirit of truth, arise ;
 inspire the prophet's voice :
 expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
 and bid the poor rejoice.
 O Spirit, clear our sight,
 all prejudice remove,
 and help us to discern the right,
 and covet only love.

- 5 Give us the tongues to speak
the word of love and grace
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
in every time and place.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.
- 6 Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love.

Benediction and Choral Amen

Choral Amen: Sevenfold

John Stainer

Voluntary: Fantasia on "Komm, Heiliger Geist", BWV 651
J S Bach