



Holy Communion All Hallows Church

Pentecost
28 May 2023

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.

*We ask that you do **not publish photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*

***We stand as the bell sounds** to mark the beginning of our worship. As we sing our first hymn the altar party and choir process into church.*

HYMN

- 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 power of human telling;
 for none can guess its grace,
 till he become the place
 wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Discendi, amor santo; Bianco da Siena (d. 1434), translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

GREETING

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

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome may be said.

CONFESSION

Deacon The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Minister We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Minister We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Minister May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA

All/choir Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said:

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.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 2.1-21

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.

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.’ 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:

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

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

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.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold 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:
- 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 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,
- 5 Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

John Cosin (1594–1672) based on Veni, Creator Spiritus, (Latin, 8th or 9th century)

GOSPEL READING John 20.19-23

All/choir Alleluia! [x3]

Cantor I am the first and the last, says the Lord;
I was dead and behold,
I am alive for evermore.

All/choir Alleluia! [x3]

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION ON PENTECOST

CREED

Minister Let us declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on 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.

cf Ephesians 3

PRAYERS

PEACE

Minister The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit,
let us walk in the Spirit.

cf Galatians 5.22,23

The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

- 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!
- 7 There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

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TABLE PRAYER

- Minister Be present, be present,
 Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
 make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
- All **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here.

All His spirit is with us.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister 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:

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

Minister We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father,
we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you
the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

**All/choir Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Minister Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.

All/choir 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

Minister Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

COMMUNION MOTET W. Sterndale Bennet: God is a Spirit

HYMN

- 1 Be present, Spirit of the Lord,
let sounds of earth be dumb;
the Father's love be shed abroad,
the dew of blessing on us poured:
O silent Spirit, come!
O silent Spirit, come!
- 2 In power unseen upon us rest,
your gracious gifts impart:
a mind renewed, a spirit blessed,
a life where Christ is manifest,
an understanding heart,
an understanding heart.
- 3 Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil,
our souls to Christ incline,
intent to do the Father's will
and stand by faith before him still
in righteousness divine,
in righteousness divine.
- 4 O Spirit come, and with us stay;
make every heart your home.
So work in us that we who pray
may walk with Christ in wisdom's way:
O Holy Spirit, come!
O Holy Spirit, come!

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister 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.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

- 1 Angel-voices ever singing
 round thy throne of light,
 angel-harps for ever ringing,
 rest not day nor night;
 thousands only live to bless thee
 and confess thee Lord of might.
- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
 mortal eye can scan,
 can it be that thou regardest
 songs of sinful man?
 Can we know that thou art near us,
 and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.
- 3 Yea, we know that thou rejoices
 o'er each work of thine;
 thou didst ears and hands and voices
 for thy praise design;
 craftsman's art and music's measure
 for thy pleasure all combine.
- 4 In thy house, great God, we offer
 of thine own to thee;
 and for thine acceptance proffer
 all unworthily
 hearts and minds and hands and voices
 in our choicest psalmody.
- 5 Honour, glory, might, and merit
 thine shall ever be,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 blessèd Trinity.

Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

BLESSING

Minister The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Oliphant Chuckerbutty: Paean

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Richard H, Kay G, Jonathan, Kath T, June M, Jenny A, Hilly S, Diana B, Peter S, Colin M, baby Dolly-Mae, Ann A, Doreen J, Graham M.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley C.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Pat Thomas whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: David Horlick, Gertrude Pratt, Arthur Mallows, Aubrey Manderville, Lillian Harris, Maureen Norah Gannon, Molly Doreen King, Myfanvy (Van) Lee, Stanley Howard Carter, Gwen Clipstone, Richard Reynolds Willows, Rachael Eileen Lovell, Joan Ann Tomkins, Roy Sharpe, Lyn Sadler, Roy Eldridge, Eileen Saunby, Pamela Byles, Molly Walton, Gisela Watkins, Dermot Sheehan, Rosamund Gardner.

NOTICES

Music for a Summer's Evening with Anna Burgon and friends Saturday 3 June 19:00, All Hallows. Tickets £10 from either Tony Edwards or Margaret Burgon (includes refreshments). Music for every taste. Don't miss what will be a fantastic evening.

Benefice Prayer Group meets first on Sat 3 June, then on the first Saturday of every month, at 10:15 in All Hallows. This is a joint group of All Saints & All Hallows, and everyone is invited.

Little Acorns - new preschool group starts on Monday 5 June, then meets every Monday 9:30-11:30 in All Hallows' Hall. This is also a joint benefice group.

Be a Chorister for a Day Saturday 24 June 10:30-15:00, All Hallows. A day for any youngsters aged 7 years upwards to come and learn some fun music with Tom Moore (St Matthews, Northampton & Wakefield Cathedral). More details from Tony. All parents are welcome to come along and see what is on offer.

PRAY FOR A NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP

The process for appointing our next Diocesan Bishop continues. Please pray for those involved in this process, and for the person whom God is calling to be our new Bishop.

*God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus
and called us to be His Body in this place;
send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change,
to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer,
that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our communities;
guide us with your heavenly wisdom as we seek to find our new Bishop,
that the one who we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:
ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example
in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

DIARY

Mon 29 May	<i>Bank holiday</i>	
Tues 30 May	Josephine Butler	
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
Wed 31 May	Visitation	
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15-13:00	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist
Thurs 1 June	Justin	
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00-10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
Fri 2 June		
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:15-19:15	All Saints	AS choir practice
19:30-20:30	All Hallows	AH choir practice
Sat 3 June		
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:15	All Hallows' Hall	MU Corporate Communion
10:15-10:45	All Hallows	Benefice Prayer Group
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
19:00-21:00	All Hallows	Music for a Summer Evening
Sun 4 June	Trinity Sunday	
8:00-8:30	All Saints	Eucharist
9:15-10:15	All Saints	Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-18:30	Zoom	Compline

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