Holy Eucharist
for the Day of Pentecost

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The Gathering

Organ music before the service
Prelude on ‘Down Ampney
Henry G. Ley 1887-1962

Veni Creator
is sung unaccompanied by Adrian and Megan: please listen or sing quietly as a preparation for the service

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

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

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.

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:

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

Veni Creator Spiritus
John Cosin 1594-1672
The 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!

Adrian adds informal words of welcome and then introduces the liturgy

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord, and we have been privileged to walk with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own time, we wait the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.
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,
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 illumining.

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 he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit
makes his dwelling.

Bianco da Siena d.1434 tr. R.F. Littledale 1833-90
Tune DOWN AMPNEY Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958
The Collect

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.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Reading

Read by Alex Courtney

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.'

Acts 2: 1-21

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Anthem

The Gospel Acclamation

There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit.
There are varieties of service but the same Lord.
We are all brought into one body by Baptism in the one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12.4,5;13.3

Everyone repeats

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel

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

When it was evening on that day, 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.” 20 After he said this, he showed them
his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the
Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has
sent me, so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them
and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any,
they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

John 20.19-23
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon
The Rev’d Devin McLachlan

The Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Arvan Pritchard

Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

The president ends the prayers by praying

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room. in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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 the Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says, and everyone replies

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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:

\textit{Everyone sings (to the tune ‘Slane’)}

\begin{verbatim}
Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
In power and wisdom for ever adored.  
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;  
Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.
\end{verbatim}

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.

Great is the mystery of faith 
\textbf{Christ has died:} 
\textbf{Christ is risen:} 
\textbf{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 Mary, the mother of Jesus, Michael, 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

The president says

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

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 Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

The Giving of Communion

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

As we make an act of Spiritual Communion, we listen to If ye love me
(Thomas Tallis) especially recorded virtually for today by some adult members
of the choir under the direction of Richard Widdess. The prayers for Spiritual
Communion are on the next page.
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

You may wish to make an act of spiritual communion at this point, using one or more of the following prayers:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

After St Richard of Chichester

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, ‘I am with you always’. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Prayers after Communion

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.
Amen.

Commission

For fifty days since Easter, God's church has 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. As part of God’s Church, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God’s future, trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit’s power, we will.

Will you dare to grow in love?

We will.

Will you dare to minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.
Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world’s dark places?
**We will.**

*The Easter Candle is extinguished*

**Hymn**

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

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 the gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*
*Tune Hereford S.S. Wesley 1810-76*
The Dismissal

The Solemn Blessing

The Lord is here!
**His Spirit is with us!**

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!**

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Filled with the Spirit’s power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Organ music

*Chorale prelude BWV 667 Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist*

*J.S. Bach*

*Recorded on the University Organ by Benedict Todd*

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