A Eucharist of the Holy Spirit

to celebrate the beginning
of Shirley’s ministry as Priest

Music before the service

Hymnus de Sancto Spiritu: ‘Veni Creator Spiritus’
Samuel Scheidt (1587–1654)
Verse 1

The Gathering

The Reverend Shirley Holder, presiding, says

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president welcomes everyone and introduces the service
Prayer of Preparation

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.

Prayers of Penitence

The Reverend Canon Adrian Daffern, Vicar, says

Let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

A time of silence is kept

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.
The president says

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

The choir sings

Gloria in Excelsis
Service in F – Herbert Sumson (1899-1995)

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee,We give thanks to Thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten son, Jesu Christ.
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy on us.
For Thou only art holy;Thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.Amen.
The Collect

The president prays the collect for the day

Almighty God,
at all times
you teach 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 Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Everyone SITS

The Liturgy of the Word

The Reading

Exodus 3.1-15
read by the Reverend Dr Rodney Holder

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.”
When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Everyone STANDS

The Vicar announces

The Lord is here!
His Spirit is with us!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” 23 Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.
The Sermon

preached by the Vicar

Everyone SITS after the preacher has prayed

The Affirmation of Faith

The president invites everyone to STAND

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
The president introduces the intercessions, and everyone KNEELS or SITS

The intercessions are led by the Reverend Dr Rodney Holder.
Each intercession concludes with

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

The prayers end with

Merciful Father
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.
The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Everyone STANDS

The Peace

The president says

The Lord is here!
His Spirit is with us!

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Offertory

As the table is prepared the choir sings

Anthem

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those on earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.
Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church’s very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ;
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gracious gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church’s ministry,
Teaching, strength’ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul,
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939)
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.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts

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.

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:
The choir sings

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

The president recalls the Last Supper

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:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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.

Everyone KNEELS, and SILENCE is kept
The president says

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

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.

Invitation to Communion

The Vicar explains how Holy Communion is to be received by those in church, and how those participating from their homes may receive communion spiritually
Then the president says

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Agnus Dei

The choir sings

O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace

The Giving of Communion

During the distribution the choir sings

Benedictus

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Organ music

Hymnus: ‘Veni Creator Spiritus’
Samuel Scheidt
Verse 2, Choralis in Tenor
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those taking part online 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

When the distribution is ended everyone KNEELS or SITS and silence is kept

The president introduces this prayer, said by everyone

God of power,
whose Holy Spirit renews your people
in the bread and wine we bless and share:
may the boldness of the Spirit transform us,
the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,
and the gifts of the Spirit equip us
to serve and worship you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Everyone remains KNEELING or SEATED.
The president says

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

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.
Amen.
Everyone SITS for

The Presentation

Everyone remains SEATED for

The Dismissal

The congregation is dismissed in these words

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

Organ voluntary

_Hymnus: ‘Veni Creator Spiritus’_
Samuel Scheidt
Verse 3, _Choralis in Basso_

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