# The Feast of Pentecost

31 May 2020

#### WELCOME

## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

"Aria Tertia" from Hexachordum Apollinis Johann Pachelbel, 1653 – 1706

We meet in the name of the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you. cf 2 John 1:3

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.

**HYMN 258** 

1. O thou who camest from above the fire celestial to impart,

Tune: Hereford

- 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 the 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.

#### PRAYER OF PENITENCE

The Spirit of truth will convict the world of guilt about sin, righteousness and judgement.

We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

In sorrow we confess our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,

forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

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.

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. 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. 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. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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.

## A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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.** 

## **PSALM 104.26-end**

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

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ◆ which you have made to play in the deep.
29 All of these look to you ◆ to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦ you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦ when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ◆ and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦ may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦ he touches the mountains and they smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦ I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36 So shall my song please him ♦ while I rejoice in the Lord.

37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more. ♦
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

**HYMN 236** Tune: Carlisle

- Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
- Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure; until with thee I will one will. to do and to endure.
- 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

 Breathe on me, Breath of God: so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluias are sung before and after the Gospel.

HEAR THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN Glory to you, O Lord.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, 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.

John 7.37-39

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

## **ORGAN INTERLUDE**

"Aria Tertia, Variatio 3" Johann Pachelbel, 1653 – 1706

## THE NICENO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

commonly called the Nicene Creed; 325 AD, 381 AD

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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.

## INTERCESSIONS

## 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.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you. Alleluia. Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## **BLESSING**

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.

## **HYMN 246**

Tune: All for Jesus

- Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known; we have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.
- 2. Holy Spirit, come, console us, come as Advocate to plead, loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.
- 3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live, holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.
- Holy Sprit, come possess us, you the love of Three in One, Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

# **NOTICES**

# DISMISSAL

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

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

Come Holy Spirt our souls inspire And lighten with celestial fire!

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

