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Holy Communion

For

The Day of Pentecost

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Introduction to Pentecost

Pentecost (from the Greek *pentekoste*, ‘fiftieth’ of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it; and he inaugurates the messianic community of perfect communication.

Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church. It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the medieval West, did it become a new festival season of its own. After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ’s disciples are born again of water and the spirit. There is some evidence that the ascension was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it was soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke’s chronology. Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

Times and Seasons, Church of England,

www.churchofengland.org

Intro Hymn

The Gathering of God's People

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

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence

‘A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,’ says the Lord God; ‘I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.’

The president introduces the service

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified,
risen and ascended Lord
and we have walked 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 await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit,
his gift to his people,
through whom we make Christ known to the world.



As we wait in silence,
All: fill us with your Spirit.
As we listen to your word,
All: fill us with your Spirit.
As we worship you in majesty,
All: fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your
refreshing,
All: fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,
All: fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your equipping,
All: fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your empowering,
All: fill us with your Spirit.

Silence is kept.

Prayers of Penitence

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love;

All: fill us with your Spirit

Lord have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith

All: fill us with your Spirit

Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

All: fill us with your Spirit

Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Absolution

God the Father forgive us our sins by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Holy Spirit all our days.

Amen

Prayer for Personal Renewal

Prayer for personal renewal and anointing may be offered here.

Oil of Chrism may be used.

Oil may be brought forward, the bearer saying

Oil for the renewal of God's people.

The president says

Be with us, Spirit of God;

All: nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;

All: fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

All: bring strength, healing, and peace.

If oil is to be blessed specially for the occasion

the president says the following prayer

Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father.

Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,

bringing strength out of weakness,

hope out of despair and life out of death.

By the power of your Spirit,

may your blessing rest upon those anointed

with this oil in your name.

Let it be for them a sign of your acceptance and adoption,

your equipping and empowering.

Form in them the likeness of Christ,

that they may be witnesses of your astonishing love,

and fill them afresh with life in all its fullness.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Those who wish to receive this ministry of prayer may come forward. Appropriate hymns and songs may be used.

When the prayer is ended the president says

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*All: **Let us praise and bless God for ever.***



Gloria in Excelsis

*All: 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 Prayer of the Day

O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses, and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit: grant, we pray, that, kindled by that same Spirit which you poured forth upon your apostles, we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 1

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." [NRSV Acts 2: 1-21]

Hear the word of the Lord, *thanks be to God*

Psalm 104:26-36 [Page 331 APBA]

Lord, how various are your works:

**in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.**

There is the wide, immeasurable sea:

**there move living things without number,
great and small;**

There go the ships, to and fro:

**and there is that Leviathan
whom you formed to sport in the deep.**

These all look to you:

to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it:

**when you open your hand
they are satisfied with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are troubled:

**when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit they are created:

and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:

may the Lord rejoice in his works.

If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:

if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:

I will praise my God while I have any being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him:

for my joy shall be in the Lord.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans,

Chapter 8 beginning at Verse 14

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

[NRSV Romans 8:14-17]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,
Chapter 14 beginning at verse 8

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 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. [NRSV John 14:8-17]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. Christ.

Sermon



The Creed

This or another authorized translation of the Nicene Creed is used.

*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 the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.*

*We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,

we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,
given us by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit.

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,

*All: hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. 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.

All: Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation for the Offering

The Church is called to build up Christ's kingdom,
through its life together and through its impact on the world
around it.

Come, let us build the kingdom with our many gifts and our
common vision.

Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor, who fills our praise.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Gracious God,

while all your creation groans with pain
like the pain of childbirth,

and longs to share the freedom of the children of God,

your Spirit pleads for us

in groans words cannot express.

Father in heaven

All: We give you thanks and praise.

The law of the Spirit brings us life Christ,

and sets us free from the law of sin and death.

All: We give you thanks and praise.

Like all who are led by your Spirit, we are your children.

By your Spirit's power we cry, 'Abba, Father',

All: We give you thanks and praise.

So by your Spirit we praise you for ever

and proclaim your glory

with all the company of heaven,

saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!**

Merciful God,

we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them

may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,

and again giving you thanks

he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant

shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross,

his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.*

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer 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.

All: Amen.



The Dismissal

Blessing of Light

The ministers go to the Easter Candle.

A minister says

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.

Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.

With the new wine of the Spirit
they proclaim your reign of love.

Amid the birth pangs of the new creation
the way of light is made known.

Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All: **Blessed be God for ever.***

*Each member of the congregation may have a candle which is lit/
members of congregation invited to light candle during singing of
last hymn.*

Commission

When all the candles are lit the president says

For fifty days we have 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 here in (name), 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?

*All: **By the Spirit's power, we will.***

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

*All: **We will.***

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

*All: **We will.***

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

*All: **We will.***

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

*All: **We will.***

If there are no other services on this day the Easter Candle may be extinguished in silence.

Conclusion

The president says

The Lord is here.

*All: **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.

The president blesses the people, saying

May the Spirit,

who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives.

*All: **Amen.***

May the Spirit,

who overshadowed the Virgin
when the eternal Son came among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

*All: **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.

All: Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

A minister says

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

