



Welcome

The Feast of Pentecost

19 May



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St. Paul's Covent Garden



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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**I 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 Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a
dwelling.**

The Priest goes to the Lectern and says:

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

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Priest Alleluia, Christ is Risen

All He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Priest introduces the service and then leads the congregation in prayer:

**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.**

The Priest invites the congregation to seek God's mercy and grace. We say together:

**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.**

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which all reply: **Amen**.*

*We sing the **Gloria** from the separate music sheet.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is said.*

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.**

We sit for the **first** and **second readings**.

First Reading

Acts 2.1-21, read by Jim

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

At the end:

Reader	This is the word of the Lord.
All	Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8.14-17, read by Rob

¹⁴All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For 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!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

At the end:

Reader	This is the word of the Lord.
All	Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards the Gospel book*

**I O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
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 thy 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 my sacrifice complete.**

*All remain standing as the **Gospel** is read*

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to John
(15.26-27; 16.4b-15)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?”’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin,

because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon***

*We stand to say 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 of 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 follow

At the end:

Priest	Merciful Father,
All	accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Priest introduces the Peace:

Priest:	The peace of the Lord be with you always
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All	And also with you
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Priest	Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
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*We sing a hymn as the Altar is prepared for
the Eucharistic Prayer. A collection is taken
during the hymn*

I Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

2 Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
heal to the sick in mind,
sight to the in-ly blind,
now to all humankind,
let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face
bearing the gifts of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!

4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

Priest	Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
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All	Blessed be God for ever
Priest	Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink

All	Blessed be God for ever
Priest	Pray my sisters and brothers that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hand, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

*The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which we reply **Amen***

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise...**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** which you will find on the separate music sheet.*

*The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues until...*
Priest: Great is the mystery of faith
All: **Christ has died**
 Christ is risen
 Christ will come again

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until
Priest ...for ever and ever
All: **Amen**

Priest: As our Saviour 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

Priest 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**

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** which you will find on the separate music sheet.*

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The congregation approaches the Altar to receive **Communion**.*

All those who are in good standing with their own Church are invited to receive Communion. Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are invited to bow their heads at the Altar rail, or bring this booklet as a sign to the Priest.

Please make your way to the Altar rail, and kneel (if able)

Please receive Communion in your hand ONLY. If you do not wish to receive the Chalice, please return to your place.

Please keep absolute silence during Communion

After Communion we remain seated to sing the hymn

I Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here

**2 Be still for the glory of the Lord is
shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord is
shining all around**

**3. Be still for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place.**

Post Communion Prayers:

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

We say together:

**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.**

*Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.
and then the Priest says:*

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West
End for the **dismissal***

**I Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.**

**2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er
us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.**

**3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

Priest. Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Thus ends Eastertide

‘What’s On’ this week

Tuesday 21 May

5pm Janie Dee gives the Theatre Chaplaincy Annual Lecture ‘Beautiful World’. *Free admission. All welcome*

Wednesday 22 May

12.00 Sandwich Lunch – *all welcome*

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

*5pm Please note that we have our Quinquennial Archdeacon’s Visitation this evening. **Members of the PCC are required to attend please.***

If you are unable to attend, please let Phil know in advance.

Thursday 23 May

9.30am St. Clement Danes School Eucharist – *all welcome*

Friday 24 May

7pm & 9pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 25 May

3pm Blessing

7pm & 9pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 26 May

Please note that there is a cycle race through central London today, and you may need to adjust your route to church.

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

for the Feast of the most Holy Trinity

3pm Holy Matrimony

Tickets for all paid events can be booked at www.actorschurch.org