



Welcome

The Feast of Pentecost

8 June



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,
with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide,
o'er every thought and step preside.**

**2 The light of truth to us display,
and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in every heart,
that we from God may ne'er depart.**

**3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,
nor let us from his pastures stray;
lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.**

**4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share
fulness of joy for ever there;
lead us to God, our final rest,
to be with him for ever blest.**

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 invites the candidate and her parents and Godparents to come forward and addresses them saying:

Priest

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome *this child* and uphold *her* in her new life in Christ?

All

With the help of God, we will.

Priest

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *this child* with joy. Today we are trusting God for *her* growth in faith. Will you pray for *her*, draw *her* by your example into the community of faith and walk with *her* in the way of Christ?

P & G

With the help of God, we will.

Priest:

In baptism *this child* begins her journey in faith. You speak for *her* today. Will you care for *her*, and help *her* to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

P & G

With the help of God, we will.

Priest

In baptism God calls us to new life. We die with Christ to all that destroys, and rise to live with him for ever. Therefore I ask:

Priest

Do you reject evil?

P & G

I reject evil.

Priest

And all its many forms?

P & G

And all its many forms.

Priest

And all its empty promises?

P & G

And all its empty promises.

Priest Do you turn to Christ?

P & G I turn to Christ.

Priest And put your trust in him?

P & G And put my trust in him.

Priest And promise to follow him for ever?

P & G And promise to follow him for ever.

Priest Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

All Stand bravely with him. Oppose the power of evil, and remain his faithful disciple to the end of your life.

Priest May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

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

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

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 Tony

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*

**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
(14.8-17(25-27))

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon***

*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.**

After the Intercessions, we move to the Font, the Priest blesses the waters of Baptism and then says

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ. Do you believe in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

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

All I believe and trust in him.
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?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We
believe and trust in one
God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.**

Priest N, I baptize you in the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest Receive this light. This is to
show that you have passed
from darkness to light

**All Shine as a light in the
world, to the glory of God
the Father.**

Priest: May God, who has received
you by baptism into his
Church, pour upon you the
riches of his grace, that
within the company of
Christ's pilgrim people you

may daily be renewed by his
anointing Spirit, and come to
the inheritance of the saints
in glory.

All Amen.

Priest Let us now pray for grace in
guiding *this child* in the way of
faith:

Faithful and loving God, bless those who
care for *this child* and grant them your gifts
of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them
your healing and reconciling love, and
protect their home from all evil. Fill them
with the light of your presence and
establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Priest The peace of the Lord be with
you always

All And also with you

Priest Let us offer one another a
sign of peace.

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for
the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken
during the **hymn***

**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.

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

**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.*

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

Today

4pm Choral Evensong, *with the choir of St. Paul’s*

Wednesday 11 June

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45 Tea and cake – *all welcome*

Thursday 12 June

Please note that the church is closed for an event all day

Friday 13 June

7.30pm East 15 Drama School Showcase

Saturday 14 June

10am - ? Strawberry Tea, in aid of Breast Cancer Now!

7.30pm Concerto 2025

Sunday 15 June

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

for the Feast of the most Holy Trinity

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