

His Spirit is with us

A Joint Benefice Service of
the Word for Pentecost 31st
May 2020



To listen to the bells, click this link.

<https://youtu.be/ZmV2nz7jKQs>

Voluntary by Brian Clayden- Fughetta in D

(click this link) <https://youtu.be/lt3cZMOxsYM>

If you have a Candle at home this can be lit.

**This is the last week that the Paschal candle is lit. After this it is only lit on special occasions, such as baptisms and funerals.*

Please light your Candle

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. **Amen**

Hymn 1

Come down O Love Divine played by Brian Clayden

(click this link) <https://youtu.be/zteylsztAYM>

The Greeting

The minister greets the people and says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Prayer

All Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn 2

Breathe on Me Breath of God (click this link below).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TssHTATafi0>

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

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.

Reading(s)

Acts 2.1-21 (click this link). <https://youtu.be/A5PxexXk4Y8>

By Elodie Bennett and Finley Neall

The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Elodie Bennett)

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** 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. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' **13** But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd (Finley Neall)

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, 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.

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

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

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

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

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 3

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (click this link below).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYfzcYohWZg>

Gospel Reading

John 20.19-23 (click this link). <https://youtu.be/7Eh6EpDrIMQ> by Verity Hoare

Jesus Appears to the Disciples (Verity Hoare)

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said

this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn - Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire Rabanus Maurus (c. 776-856)

(click this link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmRbc9cf-dw>

Sermon by Revd Steven

Let us begin with a prayer. Heavenly Father, give us your grace and Spirit and speak to our hearts and minds, so that we may draw closer to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Acts 2:1-21-The Coming of the Holy Spirit
1 Corinthians 12:3-13-Spiritual Gifts
John 7:37-39 - Rivers of Living Water

Pentecost sermon by Revd Steven Poss

(click on the link or read below) <https://youtu.be/cm2p4e8ti68>

CAME

On this Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birth of the Church with the coming of the Holy Spirit from the risen and ascended Jesus who lives and reigns forever in the Heavens above, Alleluia! We can know that our sins have been forgiven because God has responded to our repentance of sins by sending us the Holy Spirit. This coming also reinforces that God exists and is alive by sending us this great gift.

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (*Pentēkostē*) meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days" in rabbinic tradition. This was a Harvest celebration and this day a Harvest of souls came through Peter's first sermon.

A German Poet, "Pfingsten, das liebliche Fest", speaks of Pentecost as a time of greening and blooming in fields, woods, hills, mountains, bushes and hedges, of birds singing new songs, meadows sprouting fragrant flowers, and of festive sunshine gleaming from the skies and colouring the earth.

COME & COMFORT

As we celebrate and rejoice in this great gift to us today, albeit from home, we give thanks that out of God's mercy, he has shared the Holy Spirit with us, where we receive a holy comfort our collect tells us. Jesus described the Holy Spirit as the Comforter in John Gospel and this holy comfort was what was needed to the disciples on the day of Pentecost, to comfort them after the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven and we ask that this same spirit, comfort all of us today. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism, but we can continue to receive it throughout our lives as Jesus tells us in Luke 11:13.

This great gift is the also the answer to Jesus' high priestly prayer, which we heard last week in John 17. Here Jesus prays, that the Father "sanctifies us in the truth" – verse 17 and that "they maybe one" – verse 22. Both of these actions are the fruits of the Holy Spirit working in the believers of Jesus that they may work as one to proclaim to all nations what Jesus has taught them and not to change this truth, which has come from the Father.

This is part of the comfort that the Holy Spirit gives to us, not to distract us from working in isolation or changing the teachings of Jesus, so that we are together as a

believing community which can support one another and receive God's comfort through his word.

In our reading from 1 Corinthians 12, we hear of the different gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. As we discern the gifts given to us, we are reminded that God gives each person gifts of the Holy Spirit, nobody is left out. The Holy Spirit intensifies our individuality, so that we become fully alive in the relationship and service of God. St Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12 that by the Holy Spirit, we can proclaim Jesus as Lord and through our individual gifts, we can work to proclaim this message.

COMMUNICATION

The Holy Spirit also allows us to share the burdens we have with others which have been transformed by the gift of God's Holy Spirit working in our lives. John describes this in our Gospel reading, as the outworking of the living water that is the Holy Spirit. This gift of communication allows us to speak words of comfort, encouragement, wisdom, healing, love, peace – words from God to others. In our reading from Acts, we hear of the first sermon from Peter. Previously Peter struggled with his words, often putting his foot in it, but now filled with the Holy Spirit, we hear him quoting the prophet Joel, proclaiming the mighty acts of God in scripture.

COURAGE

It is the Holy Spirit that makes it possible for us to move ahead in our Christian lives. At this time, like no ever, we need God's help for us to move forward with courage. The great gift of the Holy Spirit is that it is available to everyone and can give us courage to live out our Christian life. I have written this prayer to pray to help us at this time, Amen.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the great gift of the Holy Spirit, so that we may receive your comfort where you reign in Heaven. In these uncertain times, comfort us we pray and give us the courage, vision and patience to witness and work in our Church's and Communities as we hope to start services again soon. Sustain us during these days and give us the fruits of your spirit of love, peace and joy. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever, **Amen.**

A talk on Pentecost from Bishop Graham Tomlin -

<https://www.facebook.com/graham.tomlin.355/videos/279682443083615/>

Affirmation of Faith

This Affirmation of Faith or an authorized Creed is used

Let us declare our faith

in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Hymn 4

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (click on one of the links below).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezSQHf8zeaU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZugvUQ4m90U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py9EDciaQ64>

The Coming of the Holy Spirit (click on this link). <https://youtu.be/jtu4iMYvziw>

Read by Connie and Will McAllister

'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'.

Poem:

The Wind

This moving air that's all around
As a gentle breeze makes a humming sound.
But when it comes with a mighty force
It blows the sailor off his course.

And when the North wind starts to blow
It very often brings the snow.
A hurricane is so unkind
Leaving destruction and chaos behind.
We tend to know when the wind's around,
Signs of its work can always be found.
It blows the washing 'til it's dry.
It steers the clouds across the sky.
It scatters seeds, it bends the trees.
It whips across the land and seas.
And when it blows with all its might
Its harnessed power can give us light.
It works with the sun, it works with the rain,
So that life as we know it on the earth shall remain.

Reflection:

When we hear the wind howling outside we should be grateful that we are safe and secure in our nice warm homes. Let us not forget those who are less fortunate and have no shelter from the elements.

Prayer:

We thank you, God,
for the air we breathe,
for the sun, the moon,
the wind and the rain,
all influencing the weather and life on our earth.
Teach us how to live and work with these elements
to make our world a better, cleaner and safer place.
Guiding us by your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

On that day of Pentecost the disciples couldn't see the Holy Spirit. But they could hear the sound of a mighty wind coming from heaven.

They couldn't see the Holy Spirit but it had an effect on them. It gave them the ability to speak about the wonders of God in other languages.

They couldn't see the Holy Spirit but they could feel it upon them.
It gave them power to be more like Jesus and to be brave and tell other people about what who he is and what He had done.

The Holy Spirit is given to everyone who decides to follow Jesus and lives inside them.

The Holy Spirit teaches us about Jesus. He gives power to be more like Jesus, power to tell other people about Jesus, and gifts to serve Jesus with.

Father God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to give us power and be our teacher and guide. Help us to listen and obey as he teaches us how to live and tell others about Jesus.

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Intercessions by Jan Galloway from St Thomas' Church

Dear lord we gladly worship you this Pentecost Sunday.

Power of God,

May the boldness of your spirit transform us may the gentleness of your spirit lead us may the gifts of your spirit be our goal and our strength now and always.

Amen.

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayer

The church

Although we are apart in body our hearts are as one in the sight of the lord. Together we pray for our churches who offer us strength and guidance in this difficult time. Though we may feel unsettled and not sure what lays ahead for our community and the world, it is comforting to have observed the response to the Covid 19 virus has been kindness and empathy to one another. With your love dear lord we pray for continued Support from you to show us the way forward in a loving and caring way and through our love of God may we share the gift and joy of being part of the Christian family.

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayer

Our Queen and Government.

May our sovereign remain in good health.

Along with the Authorities who are showing us the way forward and advising us how to live safely.

May they continue to act in the best interests of the nation

Prayers are offered to the scientists who are working so hard to find a cure and an inoculation for this virus.

May we be thankful to be able to connect with family members and friends as time passes. May we embrace the joy this affords and continue to do so.

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayer

Local community.

Our prayers go to those who are helping others in our community in so many ways. In our prayers we ask that we all continue to be well locally and nationally.

As we come back to a new normal.

Dear lord please guide us all to be more aware of others needs and understand that there is and has been suffering mentally and physically.

We pray that when the children return to school the transition will be smooth for them. We pray for all who have been furloughed and those who are struggling to feed their Families. We ask that when we return to work that we may be safe.

We thank you for the beautiful land we live in and that we can go out and enjoy the wonders of nature that you have given us.

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayers

Those suffering

Heavenly Father thank you for your loving kindness and heart of sweet compassion. May you walk alongside those who suffer and need your guidance. May they feel your love and Holy Spirit flow through them and gain strength in the knowledge that you are with them. May the flame of the Holy Spirit burn within them at this time of Pentecost when your son Jesus Christ ascended into heaven.

Lord you truly are the father of all mercies and God of comfort. May you use us as vessels of comfort and solace for other's who are facing difficulties.

We pray for:

All the NHS staff dealing with this virus. No words can describe their dedication. The feelings they must be going through. Today we pray for Eunice's daughter Alice Spina who is a front-line paediatric nurse.

Also, we pray for all children and teachers returning to school next Monday which is a difficult and worrying scenario.

This week we remember all those who are unwell;

Father Hingley

Kevin Gowens

Richard

Jean and Eddie Foster

Terry Reynolds

Enid Seldon

Barry and Jean Winn

Judi Embling

Sue Wilson

Beryl Dixon

Roger, from Redwood Park Bradwell

The Residents of Down Hall and Swan Care Home

And for those unknown to us.

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayers

For those who mourn.

Dear Lord may your lambs who have left this earth, dwell with you in eternal love. May you hold the families left behind to feel the warmth of your presence. God hold them in their sorrow and comfort them in their loss.

Today we remember:

Nancy Louisa Hawkins whose funeral is on 12 June and pray for Ken and family.

Percy Ashton whose funeral is on 10th June.

Angus Bettany

Shirley Hill,

Thinking off – all the families at this time at the sad loss of their loved ones.

May we dwell in the house of the Lord for ever

In your mercy

hear our prayer

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us

All 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.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

A song for Pentecost

by Graham Martin (St Nicholas Church Tillingham)

Holy Spirit Song - <https://youtu.be/ktl6Z06YQHg>

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.

Or sung: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5ZdtCEwytM>

Praise

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

All He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace by sending, emailing, texting or Facebook messages to all in your congregation and the wider world that you wish to exchange peace with:

Hymn 5 may be sung

O breath of life come sweeping through us (click on a link below).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKz1BwFe6uE>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QHZB_v0ZaY (with lyrics)

Pentecost Prayer

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,
given 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.
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.
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and
worship you
now and always.

Let us now go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of

Christ. **Amen.**

Our church buildings may be empty but our hearts are full of the Holy Spirit.

'There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place' (click on a link below).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9EGwkimNeQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXHjWuiuyok>

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Acting Bishop of Chelmsford Pentecost address:

Bishop Peter has recorded an address for Pentecost. The address will be broadcast on the Chelmsford Diocese Facebook Page at 10am on Sunday morning and is available on YouTube now. Please feel free to share it on your own channels on Sunday.

[You can view the video here](#)

Ignite Event 2020

The Ignite event 'that would usually take place in the grounds of St James Church, Keeling Road, Dengie in June', will now be On Line.

This will be in the form of a one-hour online video featuring visual readings, poetry & music. This will be available to see on the following dates to suite your viewing preference. Saturday the 13th of June: 2pm to 3pm and Sunday the 14th of June: 3pm to 4pm. (see the church website for the links) All information and links to the event will be on: <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/ignite-event-2020/>

