

worship you joyfully, listen to you willingly
and serve you gladly.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who, through sickness,
misfortune or abuse, feel that their lives are
without meaning or direction; surround them
with your love, and give wisdom and patience to
all who support and guide them.
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We thank you for the fullness of life you give us in
Jesus Christ, and for all whose lives have been an
example of your truth and life for us; may our
communion with them, and with all the saints,
nourish and support us on our earthly pilgrimage.
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A prayer for Growth

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church:
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

All **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.**

The Conclusion

May the grace of the Holy Spirit
enlighten our hearts and minds.

All **Amen.**



THY KINGDOM COME

Thursday 6 June

*In these days leading up to Pentecost we are meeting to
pray for the people of England and that Christ's name
may be known and honoured in our land.*

Preparation

My brothers and sisters,
our help is in the name of the eternal God,
All **who is making the heavens and the earth.**

Eternal Spirit,
flow through our being and open our lips,
All **that our mouths may proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the God of love.
All **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Praise

Hymn: 138 Come Holy Ghost

- Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
- 2 Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.
- 3 Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.
- 4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:
- Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer

O Christ, door of the sheepfold,
may we enter your gates with praise
and go from your courts to serve you
in the poor, the lost and the wandering,
this day and all our days.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalm 84 1-5, 10-end

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.
- 5 Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 10 For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favour and honour.
No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
- 12 O Lord of hosts,
happy is the one who trusts in you.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Bible Reading: Luke 11.9-13

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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

All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

All Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

All and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**All Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Prayers

Today we pray for the spiritual life of the more senior members of our country; for the retired and for those of more advanced years, that all may know that the time is right to draw nearer to Christ and know God's ageless love.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the same yesterday, today and forever and have promised to be with us all our days: we pray for those whose days of paid work are over and give thanks for their wisdom and experience. Reveal to them the light of the nations and refresh them with the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Give them, the wisdom and the grace to receive each day as a gift from you and strengthen them to follow the steps of your Son, in the way that leads to the fullness of eternal life. Through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We pray for all who follow the Way of Christ and for the unity of all Christian people; break down that which separates us from one another and from you, that knowing your forgiveness we may share your love with a needy world.

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All Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who hold positions of responsibility and power both internationally and in our local communities; may your Holy Spirit guide them in their decision-making, so that paths of truth and justice may be open to everyone.

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All Lord, graciously hear us.

We give you thanks and pray for all who support and care for us as we follow the Way of Christ, our families and friends, and our fellow pilgrims along the way; nourish us all with the words of life and the bread of heaven, that we may