

St Andrew's Church, Bedford

COMMON WORSHIP



THE ORDER FOR
THE EUCHARIST
ON THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Welcome to this service.

This service begins with an introduction and the account of the coming of the Holy Spirit from the Book of Acts.

Children at St Andrew's

Crèche facilities are available in the Quiet Room near the baby changing facilities (follow the aisle to the left behind the organ). The service can be heard here through the speaker system on the wall.

On most Sundays, Children go to their groups after the opening hymn:

the *Jigsaw* group (3+)

the *Jam* group (6+)

the *Jump* group (11+)

These groups meet in the Church Centre and return to the church at the Peace.

This Service

The posture directions in this order of service are optional: please stand, sit or kneel as you feel comfortable. Equally, if you need to stand at the altar rail to receive communion, please do so. Please tell a sidesperson if you need to receive communion or a blessing in the pews.

The musical notation for the sung parts of this order of service (indicated with a note - ♪) can be found on the cards in each pew.

A collection often is received during the service (page 7). UK taxpayers are requested to complete a *GiftAid* envelope or join the stewardship scheme to enhance the value of their giving.

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The Gathering

Notices are given. A Hymn is sung. Hymn numbers are on the boards.

The Greeting and Introduction

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

All 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.

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.

Responsory

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.

All sit. Silence is kept.

The Pentecost Reading



A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

Acts 2.1-13

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

We stand to sing the song of the angels

Gloria in Excelsis

**All ♪ Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

*Repeated as a refrain **

**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 Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives
to bring Christ to the world.

Silence is kept.

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.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

*Please sit. A reading from the Old Testament may be read.
At the end of each the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

This canticle may be used.

Canticle

The spirit of God fills the whole world.

All **Alleluia.**

- 1 I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

- 3 A new heart I will give you,
and put a new spirit within you,
4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.
5 You shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b

The spirit of God fills the whole world.

All **Alleluia.**

A hymn is sung.

Gospel Reading

We stand for the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

All ♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

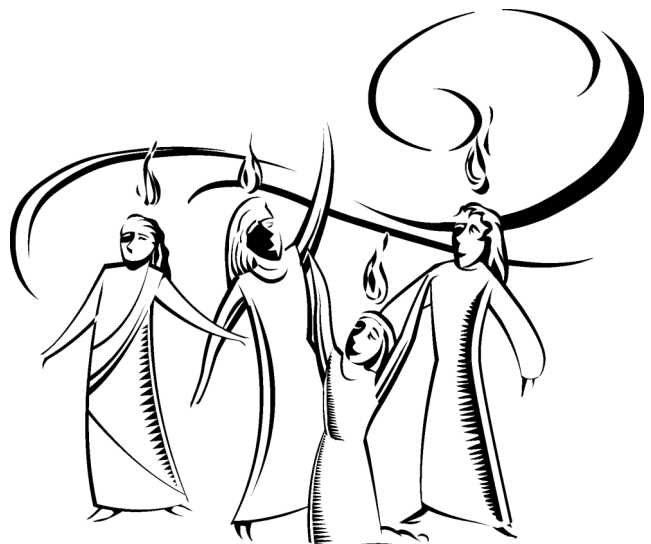
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All ♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

All ♪ **Alleluia.**

Sermon

Please sit after the opening prayer.



The Creed

Please stand The Nicene Creed is said.

**All 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 from 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel. This form of prayer may be used

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. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

A minister may say

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

With a handshake and the words "peace be with you," all may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

A hymn is sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you *(or)*

All ♪ and also with you.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All ♪ It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.
This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of
one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and saying:

All ♪ **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with (N and) all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sit or kneel

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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

The president may say this invitation to communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**All ♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

The president and people receive communion.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion following the directions of the sidespeople. Others, including children, are also invited to come to the altar-rail to receive a blessing. To indicate that you would like a blessing, please bring this order of service with you.

During the distribution congregational hymns and choir anthems may be sung.



Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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.

All **We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Blessing

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.
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 is sung.

Conclusion

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.**

The ministers and people depart.

