

A Celebration of Pentecost



All of them were filled with the Spirit

St Paul's, Milford

The Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)

24 May 2015

8.00am and 9.30am

INTROIT HYMN

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and king!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly,
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and king!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and king!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and king!

The Gathering of the Community

The people may be greeted informally. The theme may be introduced and subjects of special concern or thanksgiving suggested. Then all remain standing as the presiding priest continues:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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 this 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.
Let us pray (*kneel*):

As we wait in silence
fill us with your Spirit
As we listen to your word
fill us with your Spirit
As we worship you in majesty
fill us with your Spirit
As we long for your refreshing
fill us with your Spirit
As we long for your renewing
fill us with your Spirit
As we long for your equipping
fill us with your Spirit
As we long for your empowering
fill us with your Spirit.

The Pentecost Reading

Reader

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verses 1 to 21

At the end

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm (part of Psalm 104, in place of the *Gloria in Excelsis*)

O Lord how manifold ' are your ' works:

in wisdom you have made them all,
the ' earth is ' full of · your ' creatures.

There is the great and ' mighty ' sea:
which teems with living ' things both ' great and ' small.

Upon it ' sail the ' ships:
and there is Leviathan,
the ' monster · you ' made to ' sport in it.

All these ' look to ' you:
to, give them their ' food in ' due ' season.

What you give them they ' gather ' up:
when you open your hand,
they are ' filled with ' good ' things.

But when you hide your face ' they ·
are dismayed:
when you take away their breath
they die,
and return · to the ' dust they ' came

from.

When you send out your spirit they ' are created: and you renew the ' face · of the ' earth.

May your glory O Lord endure for ' ever:

may you rejoice O ' Lord · in your ' works.

When you look at the ' earth it ' trembles:

when you ' touch the ' mountains · they ' smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as ' long · as I ' live:

I will praise my God ' while I ' have my ' being.

May my meditation ' please the ' Lord:

as I ' show my ' joy in ' God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

The Collect

Priest

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

O 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 Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lesson

Reader

The Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, chapter 37, verses 1 to 14.

At the end

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN (at 9.30 only)

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, 'til 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.

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.

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 he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

The Gospel

Priest

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Reader

The Holy Gospel according to St John. (*Ch. 15:26-27; 16:4b-5*),

Praise and glory to God.

At the end

Reader This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Sermon

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Priest

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Leader

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 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
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.**

We also pray also for the sick, especially ...
We pray for the Church, especially ...

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!

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ
By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

At 8.00am

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, 'til 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.

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.

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 he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

At 9.30am:

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Blend all my soul with Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

The Preparation of the Gifts

The holy table is prepared. The presiding priest takes sufficient bread and wine which may be brought forward by representatives of the congregation.

The offerings of the people are presented.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The presiding priest says
The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord,
almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image;
male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.
You raised him to life triumphant over death;
you exalted him in glory.
In him you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and life giving Spirit
Who came with signs from heaven
to lead your Church into all truth.
In the power of the Spirit,
and made ready with his gifts,
we take the joy of the gospel into all the world.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for 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,
to remember me.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

The Communion

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ teaches us we pray

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread.

Silence may be kept.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

**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 your peace.**

The Invitation

The priest invites the people saying

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour
Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.
Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The presiding priest and people receive communion.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you.
The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you.

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Blessing of Light

The ministers go to the Paschal or Easter Candle.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love.
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known.
Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit.

Commission

When all the candles are lit the presiding priest says

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death.

We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Milford, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

We will.

The Easter Candle may be extinguished in silence.

Conclusion

The priest says

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

DISMISSAL HYMN

At 8.00am:

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Blend all my soul with Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

At 9.30am

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

The Blessing

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

Amen.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!