

In a moment of silence give thanks to God for the Holy Spirit. Thank God for Holy Communion, for the Parish and people of St Bartholomew's and our fellowship together. Thank God that even while separated, we can be united in prayer and, though we cannot be in church, Jesus is with us. Ask Jesus to be with you now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

[after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester]

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me
from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep a time of silence. If you know it, you may like to sing 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.'

CONCLUSION

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us!**

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

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

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire on the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

May the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

Filled with the Spirit's power,
may we live in the light and peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 2020

This service will begin at 10am on Sunday 31st May. Do join in at that time, or thereabouts. To help mark the occasion you may like to wear something red or have something red to hand to wave or hold.

The service includes Prayer for Personal Renewal. It is not possible to offer anointing with the Oil of Chrism or to directly bless oil for this purpose at this time. However you may find it helpful to have a small amount of oil (olive oil or vegetable oil) or, if you'd prefer, water to use as part of the prayer.

If you have internet access, you may like to visit the Parish Facebook page where the service will be streamed, or our website where a recording of the service will be available afterwards.

OPENING

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us!**

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed.**
Alleluia.

THE PENTECOST READING

ACTS 2: 1 – 13

We read about the Day of Pentecost in our own Bibles

PRAYER FOR PERSONAL RENEWAL

If you intend to use oil (or water), have it ready now.

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.

Breath on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.

If you wish to, join in with this prayer asking God to bless the oil we will use (if using water substitute the word 'oil' with 'water'):

PRAISE

PSALM 104: 26 - 36

**Blessed are you, sovereign and eternal God.
Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
bringing strength out of weakness,
hope out of despair, and life out of death.
By the power of your Spirit,
may your blessing rest upon each one of us,
separated by circumstances
but united in the Spirit and in prayer.**

**May this oil be to us a sign of
your acceptance and adoption,
your equipping and empowering.
Form in us the likeness of Christ, that we may
be witnesses of your astonishing love,
and fill us afresh with life in all its fullness.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God forever.**

You may like to make the sign of the cross on your forehead and/or hands using oil or water at this point.

As we wait in silence,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen for your voice,
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.

Silence is kept.



*We read **Psalm 104: 26 - 36** in our own bibles. NOTE that different editions number this Psalm in different ways; for our worship today we start at a verse that reads something like:*

'O Lord, how manifold are your works!'

At the end:

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

THE COLLECT

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

Silence is kept.

Holy Spirit, sent by the creator,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20: 19 - 23

We read the Gospel in our own Bibles.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HOLY COMMUNION

At around 10:30 Jim will consecrate bread & wine and receive them himself on behalf of the whole Parish.

We are all invited to participate in 'Spiritual Communion' using the following:

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

[John 6:35]