



Leicester **Cathedral**
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PENTECOST EUCHARIST

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral



Sunday 31 May 2020
Pentecost

THE GATHERING

All sing

The Hymn

**O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.**

HEREFORD (AM258)
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester, leads

The Greeting

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 Bishop continues with words of welcome.

Prayers of Penitence

The Bishop continues

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2.9,10

We have separated ourselves from you.
Be with us, Spirit of God
for nothing can separate us from your love.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have forgotten to live in your strength.
Breathe on us, breath of God
and fill us with your saving power.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We are weary and anxious of heart.
Speak in us, wisdom of God
and bring strength, healing and peace.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect for Pentecost

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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
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.

Gloria in excelsis

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.

Simon Mold (b.1957)
The St Woolos Mass

From Leicester Cathedral Chamber Choir's CD The Beatific Vision on the Chorum label

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Reading

Acts 2.1–21

Read by Mary Lee

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.”

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be

turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All sing

The Hymn



Spi - rit of God, un - seen as the wind, gen - tle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us be - lieve, show us the Sa - viour's love.

***Spirit of God unseen as the wind
gentle as is the dove
teach us the truth and help us believe
show us the Saviour's love.***

**You spoke to men long, long ago
gave us the written Word
we read it still needing its truth
through it God's voice is heard.
*Spirit of God...***

**Without Your help we fail our Lord
we cannot live His way
we need Your power we need Your strength
following Christ each day.
*Spirit of God...***

SKYE BOAT SONG (AM389)
Music and words by Margaret V. Old (1932–2001)

The Gospel Reading John 19-23

Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, BAME Mission and Ministry Enabler

The Anthem

Litany to the Holy Spirit

In the hour of my distress,
when temptations me oppress,
and when I my sins confess,
sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,
sick in heart and sick in head,
and with doubts discomforted,
sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,
and the world is drown'd with sleep,
yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
sweet Spirit, comfort me!

Peter Hurford (b.1930)

Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

Recorded virtually by the Boys and Junior Girls of the Cathedral Choir

The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor, leads

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is sung:

**Come, Holy Spirit,
descend on us, descend on us;
we gather here in Jesus' name.**

*BREATH OF HEAVEN (AM240)
John L. Bell (b.1949)*

*John L. Bell (b.1949)
and Graham Maule (1958–2019)*

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us now declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**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.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3–7

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Canon Alison introduces

The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

cf Galatians 5.22, 23

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

'Peace be with you' is said in different languages from members of the Cathedral Community.

All sing

The Hymn

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude:
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.**

Preparation of the Table

The altar table is prepared. The bishop takes the bread and wine and prays.

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest,
and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
Amen.

The bishop leads

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is indeed right, 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:

**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:
**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 [*the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Martin 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.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The bishop breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**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.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Today it is not possible for us to share bread and wine
or to receive the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ in physical form.

However, the Prayer Book makes it clear that if anyone is unable to
receive Holy Communion in the usual way, a spiritual communion is
offered to them.

So today, if you truly repent of your sins,
and if you steadfastly believe that
Jesus Christ suffered death upon the cross for you,
and shed his blood for your redemption,
then open your heart as you would your hands,
and your mind as you would your mouth,
and receive spiritually and fully the body and blood of Christ.

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.

All sing

The Hymn

**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till 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.**

DOWN AMPNEY (AM238i)
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Bianco da Siena (d.1434)
translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890)

DISMISSAL – SENDING OUT

The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester, leads

The Blessing and Dismissal

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.

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
and set the Church on fire on the Day of Pentecost,
breathe into you the life that knows no end,
and 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.

Amen.

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music, plays the following Voluntary:

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist BWV631

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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