

HOLY COMMUNION



PENTECOST

DAY OF PENTECOST

Come, Holy Spirit

A warm welcome to St John's as we celebrate this special day in the Church's year

Please join in with all the words in bold in this service book

Introduction to Pentecost

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, at his ascension,
to the throne before which every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, as did 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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome and Greeting

We meet in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

At this time of Pentecost, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, God's gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

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.

*A short silence is kept
Please stand*

Hymn

Prayer of Confession

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in 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.**

The Collect for Pentecost

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.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

First Reading

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Hymn

Please remain standing

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to_____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Let us stand to affirm our faith.

**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.**

Please sit or kneel to pray

Prayers of Intercession

After each prayer

Holy Spirit of God,
refresh and renew us.

At the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand

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.

We greet each other

Hymn

Please remain standing

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Please sit

The Eucharistic Prayer – the great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

His 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 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:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.**

Giving of Communion

He whose table was open to all
is now present in this bread.
He whose word welcomed friend and stranger
offers friendship through this cup.
**With people everywhere we affirm
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Whether you are a regular member at St John's or a visitor, a child or an adult, everyone is invited to come to the Lord's Table to receive the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

If you are coming for a blessing, please keep your hands by your side.

Our welcomers will indicate when it is time for you to come forward.

Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available. Please let us know when you come to Communion if you would like to receive either of these.

If you would like us to bring Communion to you in your seat, please tell one of our welcomers.

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

The Commission

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 Stoneleigh, we are called to live out what we proclaim. So I ask:

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 Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing,
enabling Spirit be with you
and guide you on your way
at every change and turn;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
and all those you love and pray for
now and always.

Amen.

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

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

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