

# A Celebration of the Eucharist for Pentecost Sunday

On the day of Pentecost, as God's Spirit filled the hearts of Jesus' followers, they miraculously started praising God in every possible language, languages they could not previously speak. And the crowd, who were from all around the region and spoke many languages said: *"We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own languages!"*



***Thy Kingdom Come*** is an annual invitation to prayer called by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Lasting for eleven days and culminating today, Pentecost Sunday, the focus is specific prayer in churches, households and as individuals for friends, families, communities and countries to come to know the saving love of God in Jesus Christ, and for ourselves that, empowered by God's Spirit, we would grow in confidence to show and tell of God's love.

There are a wide range of resources, including daily videos, to support churches on the dedicated Thy Kingdom Come app (available on iOS and Android) or at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

**The congregation are invited to join in all the words in bold.**

When invited to stand, please only do so if comfortable able.

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## **The Greeting and Welcome**

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

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

*Words of informal welcome maybe added here*

## **The Pentecost Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (chapter 2, verses 1-21)  
*This reading maybe read by multiple voices, especially if the congregation includes those who speak different languages*

“When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;

Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;

Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;

Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it.

They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?" Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says,

"I will pour out my Spirit

on every kind of people:

Your sons will prophesy,

also your daughters;

Your young men will see visions,

your old men dream digns.

When the time comes,

I'll pour out my Spirit

On those who serve me, men and



women both, and they'll prophesy.  
I'll set wonders in the sky above  
and signs on the earth below,  
Blood and fire and billowing smoke,  
the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,  
Before the Day of the Lord arrives,  
the Day tremendous and marvellous;  
And whoever calls out for help  
to me, God, will be saved."

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

**Opening Hymn** [*a Peruvian Gloria is suggested as below but might be replaced as is best known locally*]

1. Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father.**

To him be glory for ever.

**To him be glory for ever.**

*Chorus:*

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen,**

**alleluia, amen,**

**alleluia, amen.**

2. Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.**

To him be glory for ever.

**To him be glory for ever.**

(Chorus)

3. Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit.**

To him be glory for ever.

**To him be glory for ever.**

(Chorus)

## **Introduction**

*The presiding minister 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.

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.**

*Silence is kept.*

## **Prayer of Penitence**

*A time to say sorry to God*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

*A short time of silence*

*All*     **Lord have mercy upon us,  
forgive us where we have gone wrong and sinned and  
help us to walk from now on in your way.  
Amen.**

May the God of love and power bring you back to himself,  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
and restore you to newness of life by his Spirit.

## The Prayer for *Thy Kingdom Come*

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts  
with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

### **Bible Reading**

*At the end of which the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

## The Creed

*The minister addresses the whole congregation*

Let us affirm together with those who are being baptised the faith of the Church

Do you believe and trust in God the Father source of all being and life,  
the One for whom we exist?

**All: I believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All: I believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All: I believe and trust in Him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

## Intercessions

*The intercessions include space for people to pray silently for their five people to come to know God's love.*

*The following response maybe used at times:*

Lord, bless Your world



**All: And fill us with Your Spirit**

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **Sharing Stories**

*At the end of these eleven days of Thy Kingdom Come prayer, congregation members are invited to share stories of what has happened or what they have noticed as they have prayed for others.*

*This could be initially with those around them and then, if time allows, a few highlights with the congregation as a whole.*

## **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.

*(2 Corinthians 1.22)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

## **Offertory Hymn**

*During the hymn, the table is readied to celebrate Jesus' life, death, resurrection & calling. Eucharist means 'thanksgiving'.*

**Risen Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we believe You, and all we have heard is true.**

**When You break bread**

**may we recognize You as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to Your world.**

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here  
All **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 always right to give You thanks,  
God our Creator,  
loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.  
You made us  
and the whole universe,  
and filled Your world with life.

You sent Your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
He died to save us from our sins;  
He rose in glory from the dead.

You send Your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and sing:  
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.**

Father, on the night before He died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked You.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked You, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.  
All **Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.  
All **Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.  
All **Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember His death and resurrection,  
send Your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and His blood.

Pour Your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,

and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for His coming in glory.  
For honour and praise belong to You, Father,  
with Jesus Your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The presiding minister 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.**

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which He gave for you,  
and His blood which He shed for you.

Eat and drink  
in remembrance that He died for you,  
and feed on Him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome at God's table.*

*For most of us in this time of pandemic, receiving the Bread and Wine according to the practice of the Church of England is impossible. This prayer of Spiritual Communion taken from Great St Mary's Church Cambridge, is a beautiful way to remember Jesus and abide in Him.*

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.

## 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.

*All* **Amen.**

**Come Holy Spirit, to all baptised in Your Name,  
that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead.  
Give us passion, give us fire;  
make us transform the world from what it is,  
to what You have created it to be. Amen.**

## Hymn

### 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 Market Harborough, 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?

*All* **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

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

*All* **We will.**

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

*All* **We will.**

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

*All*     **We will.**

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

*All*     **We will.**

## **Blessing**

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

*All*     **Amen.**

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

*All*     **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.

*All*     **Amen.**

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

*All*     **Amen.**

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

*All*     **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## A little more about Thy Kingdom Come...

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the past three years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the country to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part – along with churches from over 65 different denominations in over 170 countries around the world.