**Holy Communion for Pentecost**

**31st May 2020**

**Opening Hymn** Come Down O Love Divine (MP 89)

**Call to worship**

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 long for your renewing,

*All*   **fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,

*All*   **fill us with your Spirit.**

*Silent prayer*

The Lord is here.

*All*   **His Spirit is with us.**

**Prayer of Preparation**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Call to Confession**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world

and knows our every word and deed.

Let us then open ourselves to the Lord

and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silent prayer*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Words of Absolution**

**May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore**

**us in his image to the praise and glory of him name, through**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**The Collect**

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.

*All*   **Amen.**

**First Reading**

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*   **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*All*   **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All*   **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*   **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Celtic Alleluia**

**Sermon**

**Hymn** Who Would True Valour See

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All**   **We believe in God the Father,**

**from whom every family**

**in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our hearts through faith,**

**and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us**

**with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**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

*All*   **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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.]**

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:]

All   **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 [N 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.

All   **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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

All   **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**

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.**

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It has been made ready for those who love him

And who want to love him more.

Let us remember this now, in our own homes but in communion with each other, in a moment’s silence

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silent prayer.*

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.**

**Notices**

**Blessing of Light** *Please light your candles*

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love. With Pentecost the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Bless this light that it might be a sign of your Spirit at work in us.

All   **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Commission** *When all the candles are lit the president says*

As part of God’s Church here in *Shoreham Beach*, 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**

*The president blesses the people, saying*

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.**

*A minister says*

Filled with the Spirit’s power,

go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Hymn** The Spirit Lives to Set us Free (MP664)

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