

Pentecost



The Beacon Parish

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Gathering Song

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle-cry is 'Love',
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which he died,
an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day
every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,
give grace for every hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of his grace,
we hear their calls and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.

Welcome

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

All Amen.

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

All and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Prayer of Preparation

**All 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.**

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.

Pentecost Reading

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Hear the good news of the day of Pentecost.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples of Jesus were all together in one place. 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.”

The Lord is here.

All The Holy Spirit is with us.

Song, Psalm 104

*Send forth your Spirit, Lord,
renew the face of the earth.
Send forth your Spirit, Lord,
renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O Lord God, how great you are;
you are clothed in honour and glory,
you set the world on its foundations.

cont.

Lord, how great are your works,
in wisdom you made them all;
all the earth is full of your creatures,
your hand always open to feed them.

May your wisdom endure,
rejoice in your works, O Lord.
I will sing for ever and ever,
in praise of my God and my King.

Please remain seated.

Gospel & Sermon

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said,

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.

You know him, because he abides with you,
and he will be in you.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father
will send in my name, will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.’

This is the promise of the Spirit.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Invitation of the Holy Spirit

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit,
saying Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.
We ask that we may be strengthened
to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to help us to understand better
your will for us.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love
wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work
which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.
Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep the whole Church,
living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.
Lord, come to bless

All and fill us with your Spirit.

The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
Let us live in the Spirit.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Instructions for Communion

Please follow these instructions to receive communion.

- *Communion will be given as bread only.*
- *Please wait for one of the Welcome Team to invite you to come forward.*
- *Make your way to the altar up through the choir stalls.*
- *Remain standing and stretch out your hands at arm's length to receive the bread.*
- *Don't eat it just yet, but rather make your way back to your seat through the side chapel.*
- *Once seated receive communion.*

If you have any questions a member of the Welcome Team will be pleased to help you.

Communion 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.

This day we give you thanks Heavenly Father
because in fulfilment of your Son's 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 'Abba' Father
and to proclaim your Gospel to all nations.
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:

**All Holy, holy,
holy, holy.
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty;
and we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love,
holy, holy,
holy, holy.**

**Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit,
come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit;
and we lift our voice before you
as a token of our love,
Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit.**

Father of all,
we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.
The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed he came to table
with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.
Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you
to plead for us and all the world.
Send your Holy Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed
at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

**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.**

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 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.**

Hear the call and invitation of the Holy Spirit to you;
'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.'

Music during Communion

Holy Spirit, we welcome you,
Holy Spirit, we welcome you.
move amongst us with holy fire
as we lay aside all earthly desire.
hands reach out and hearts aspire
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
we welcome you.

Holy Spirit, we welcome you,
Holy Spirit, we welcome you.
Let the breeze of your presence blow,
that your children here might truly know
how to move in the spirit's flow.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
we welcome you.

Holy Spirit, we welcome you,
Holy Spirit, we welcome you.
Please accomplish in me today
some new work of loving grace I pray;
unreservedly have your way.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
we welcome you.

Prayer after Communion

**All 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.**

Notices

Blessing

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim
the word and works of God;
and the blessing ...

All Amen.

Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Exit Music, Lord, The light of your love is shining

The Mighty Hike

The Ditchling Divas, aka Naomi, Karen and Dorothy are walking a marathon, that's 26.2 miles from Brighton to Eastbourne on 5th June to raise money for Macmillan

Cancer Support.

We all know people who have benefitted from the care and support of this wonderful charity so any support you can give us will be greatly



appreciated and the money raised will make our sore hips and blistered feet worthwhile. The link to sponsor us is: www.justgiving.com/team/Ditchlingdivas1

There will be a sponsorship form at the back of the church and we will also be at the plant sale.

Thank you so much – Karen, Naomi and Dorothy

Sunday Holy Communion

30th May

Ditchling 10.00am

6th June

Ditchling 10.00am

13th June

Ditchling 10.00am

20th June

Westmeston 10.00am

27th June

Ditchling 10.00am

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