



Experience Hope

Communion Service 9am
28 May 2023

Pentecost
SUNDAY
COME, HOLY SPIRIT...



Our Vision:

To be a loving and growing community
released and empowered to join in God's work
of proclaiming and demonstrating the good news
to Egham and beyond

Organ Music

Welcome and Church News

Video: Holy Spirit through the Ages

Opening Sentences

As we light these candles

Let us pray that the flame of the Holy Spirit will descend upon us

Come Holy Spirit

Fill this place,

fill these lives with your power and glory

Hymn:

Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire

And lighten with celestial fire

Thou the anointing Spirit art

Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart

Thy blessed unction from above

Is comfort life and fire of love

Enable with perpetual light

The dullness of our blinded sight

Teach us to know the Father Son

And Thee of both to be but One

That through the ages all along

This this may be our endless song

John Cosin 1594-1672

Confession

Almighty God,

**you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back
the force of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.**

Have mercy on us, oh God.

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Absolution

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Readings: Acts 2.1-4, 14-21 & John 6.4-11 **Peter Lowther**

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us

Sermon: Pentecost **Esther Prior**

Response Song

Spirit of the living God

Fall afresh on me

Spirit of the living God

Fall afresh on me

Melt me mould me

Fill me use me

Spirit of the living God

Fall afresh on me

Spirit of the living God,
Move among us all,
Make us one in heart and mind,
Make us one in love:
Humble, caring,
Selfless, sharing -
Spirit of the living God,
Fill our lives with love

Daniel Iverson, Michael Baughen © 1935, 1963 Birdwing Music

Intercessions: Geoff Wickes

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends he took bread,
and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them,
saying: Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is
my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread
and this wine may be to us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join
the eternal song of heaven

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.
in the highest!**

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again!

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of the Lord here with us,
let us pray as our Saviour 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

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.

Invitation to 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.

The Giving of Communion

*All are invited to the Lord's Table for Communion or a
Blessing*

Communion Anthem

Like the murmur of the dove's song (Alan Smith)

Prayer after Communion

**Generous God,
you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Set us on fire with your Spirit
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

In the silence we invite the Holy Spirit to fill us anew

Closing Sentences and Blessing

Closing 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

Bianco De Siena d.1434, R F Littledale 1833-1890

Dismissal

Go to your community
and tell them how much the Lord
has done for you
and how he has had mercy on you.

By the Spirit's power, we will.

(cf. Mark 5.19)

Post Service: Organ

If you would like someone to pray with you, please make
your way to the Prayer Room
in the Easter Centre

If you would like a Bible of your own, please help yourself
from the box at the back of church

All invited to join us for Refreshments
in the Easter Centre

