



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield
Loved as you are



28th May 2023

The Eucharist for the Feast of Pentecost

Everyone is welcome to St Margaret's. In this service of the Eucharist we remember with thanksgiving the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and his self-giving for the sins of the whole world. As the bread and wine are offered, symbols of that self-giving, so we offer ourselves to God and receive at communion the life of Christ. So nourished, we are enabled to go out into the world to live in the service of God.



THE GATHERING

As we gather before the service, we speak to God. During the service, we let God speak to us. After the service, we speak to each other.

The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit is celebrated on the day of Pentecost, also known as Whitsunday. This event which marks the beginning of the Church is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. The Apostles were gathered together, probably talking about their future mission, when a violent wind came upon them and flames of fire appeared among them and rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

God the Holy Spirit is God in action working in us and in the world today, bringing about change and transformation. The Paschal Candle is extinguished at the end of the Day of Pentecost as we move back into the season of Ordinary time.

Veni Creator Spiritus. No 8 from Sixteen Chorales *Marcel Dupré 1886-1971*
Come, Creator Spirit

Opening Hymn

**Come, Holy Spirit, come! In flame our souls with love,
Transforming every heart and home with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise the humble path Christ trod,
But choose, to shame the worldly-wise, the foolishness of God.**

**All-knowing Spirit, prove the poverty of pride,
By knowledge of the Father's love in Jesus crucified.
And grant us faith to know the glory of that sign,
And in our very lives to show the marks of love divine.**

**Come with the gift to heal the wounds of guilt and fear,
And to oppression's face reveal the Kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign, descend, O holy Dove,
And free us all to work again the miracles of love.**

**Spirit of truth, arise; inspire the prophet's voice,
Expose to scorn the tyrant's lies, and bid the world rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight, all prejudice remove,
And help us to discern the right and covet only love.**

**Give us the tongues to speak, in every time and place,
To rich and poor, to strong and weak, the word of love and grace.
Enable us to hear the words that others bring,
Interpreting with open ear the special song they sing.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, dance within our hearts today,
Our earthbound spirits to entrance, our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire, all other things above,
That self-consuming holy fire, the perfect gift of love!**

Words: based on 1 Cor 12:4-11, Michael Forster b. 1946 Music: George Job Elvey 1816-1893

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

WORDS OF WELCOME

Responsory

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.

Cantor

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God how great you are,

How many are your works,

O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. *Response*

Cantor

You take back your Spirit, they die,

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your Spirit, they are created;

you renew the face of the earth. *Response*

Cantor

May the glory of the Lord last forever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing unto him.

I find my joy in the Lord. *Response*

1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading John 20: 19-23

Alleluia, alleluia

There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit

By the one Spirit we were all baptised into the one body

Alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O lord

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon

THE SERMON

We stand

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response to the bidding 'Lord, come to bless us' is
'and fill us with your Spirit'.

The prayers end with

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We stand to share the sign of peace.

The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace.

Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.

The Presentation of the Gifts

During the Offertory hymn the bread and wine and the collection are brought to the altar and the altar is prepared.

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known,
We have faith and understanding through your promised light alone.**

**Holy Spirit, come, console us, come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.**

**Holy Spirit, come renew us, come yourself to make us live,
Holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.**

Fr Brian Foley 1919-2000 Music: John Stainer 1840-1901

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts please respond

Blessed be God forever.

We sit or stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

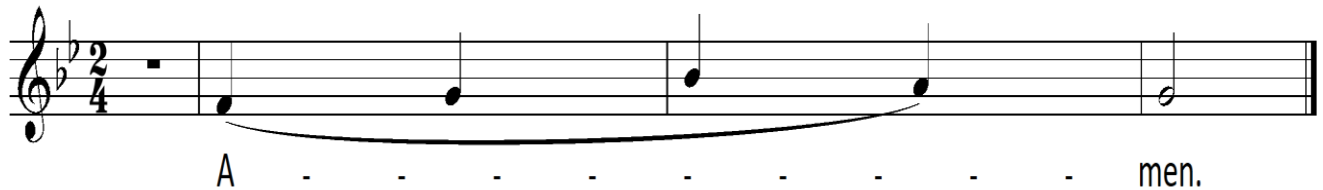
The priest praises God for his mighty acts and at the end we sing

4
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
10
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry; ho-san-na
17
in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name
26
of the Lord Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The priest continues with the prayer which recalls the Last Supper, after the elevation the priest says, 'Great is the mystery of faith'.



The prayer continues and concludes with the doxology where we respond



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 Priest breaks the consecrated 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.**

Lamb of God you take a - way the sins

6 of the world, have mer - cy on us.

12 Lamb of God you take a - way the

16 sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

He whom the universe could not contain is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So, take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

Please sit and wait to be directed for Communion.

During Communion

Aria from Pastorale BWV590

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Reflection

**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.**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace,
Keep far our foes, give peace at home, where thou art guide
no ill can come.**

**Show us the Father and the Son, in thee and with thee, ever One.
Then through the ages all along, this shall be our unending song.**

'Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.' Amen.

Words: Ascribed: Rabanus Maurus 776-856 Trans: Vs1-3,5 John Cosin 1594-1672

Vs 4 Michael Forster b. 1946

Music: 'Proper Sarum' 11th Century

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The priest prays the post-communion prayer followed by

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of
your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to
be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and
work to your praise and glory. Amen**

BANNS READING NOTICES

Blessing of Light

The ministers go to the Easter Candle.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word,
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit

they proclaim your reign of love.
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation
the way of light is made known.
Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit from the Paschal candle.

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Jacques Berthier 1923-1994

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 Ifield and Langley Green, 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?

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 Easter Candle is extinguished in silence.

Conclusion

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

Weather permitting, the ministers and people process out of the church by the west door, or to the back of the church.

The priest gives the blessing.

Amen

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Recessional Hymn

**Breathe on me Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I have one will to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on my Breath of God so shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life of thine Eternity.**

Words: Edwin Hatch 1835-1889 Music: Charles Lockhart 1745-1815

Postlude

Deo Gratias XXI Messe Pour les Convents *François Couperin 1668-1733*
Thanks be to God

Couperin became titular organist of the Church of St Gervais Saint Protais in Paris during which time he composed two organ masses. The Messe Pour les Convents was composed specifically for use in convents and monasteries in France. The first one was composed for parish use.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

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Notices

Service next Sunday:

Trinity Sunday

Said Eucharist Service (8 am)

Sung Eucharistic Service (11.00 am)

and on Facebook and the parish website www.ifieldparish.org

I would like to invite everyone in the diocese to keep 2023 as a year of the Old Testament. Next year is the first of two special years [2024 will be the Year of the New Testament] leading up to the 2025 which we will keep as a special Year of Faith.

2025 celebrates 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea which gave us what became the Nicene Creed. It also marks 950 years of Christian mission in a diocese based in Chichester. Hence why the three-year programme is known as Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith.

The Year of the Old Testament will reflect on the Hebrew Scriptures. We will seek to understand the Law, the Prophets and the Writings in their original context, and see more clearly how they point us towards Jesus Christ and the gospel, and to our own knowledge of him in the history of his body, the Church.

The Old Testament speaks repeatedly of God as One and as Holy. So we hope that this Year will help us to understand how the Old Testament guides the Church to be 'one' and 'holy': the first two of the 'marks of the Church' and part of our diocesan strategy.

+ Martin

