

**THE SERVICE WITHOUT COMMUNION: PENTECOST, Sunday, 31 May, 2020.
Year A**

OPENING SENTENCES

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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

LHS 116 Come, Holy Spirit

**1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
Come to Thy people from above,
Fill them with graces, and restore
Thy creatures as they were before.**

**2 For Comforter is Thy sweet name,
A gift which from the highest came,
A precious ointment from above,
A living fount, a fire of love.**

**3 Our minds enlighten, and inspire
Our souls with love's celestial fire;
And since Thou know'st how frail we be,
Confirm and make us strong in Thee.**

**4 Drive far away our wily foe,
And by Thy grace sweet peace bestow
That in Thy footsteps we may run
And soul-destroying mischief shun.**

**5 Let us by Thee the Father know,
His Son, Christ Jesus, also show,
That full of faith we may know Thee
Derived from both eternally.**

**6 To God the Father, and the Son
Who rose again, be honour done,
With Him, who came at Pentecost,
The Comforter, the Holy Ghost.**

Veni, Creator Spiritus
Latin Hymn, ?9th century
Komm, Gott Schopfer, Heiliger Geist
Martin Luther (1483-1546)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Yes, I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Do you intend to remain firm in this faith and reflect it in love to God and your neighbour?

Yes, I do.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth by water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his Spirit †, so that you receive eternal life. **Amen.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b – Choir

Antiphon: Alleluia! Send forth your spirit and renew the face of the earth!

O Lord how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea,

with its living things too many to number,

creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,

which you have made for the sport of it.

Antiphon: Alleluia! Send forth your spirit and renew the face of the earth!

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season

You give it to them; and they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face and they are terrified;

you take away their breathe, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

Antiphon: Alleluia! Send forth your spirit and renew the face of the earth!

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles;

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.
 May these words of mind please him;
 I will rejoice in the Lord.
 Bless the Lord O my soul. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
 You hide your face and they are terrified;
 you take away their breathe, and they die and return to the dust.
 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
 Glory to the Father and the Son,
 And the Holy Spirit
 As it was in the beginning is now,
 And shall be forever more Amen.

Antiphon: Alleluia! Send forth your spirit and renew the face of the earth!

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
 us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (with descants)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to
 be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honour, blessing, and glory are
 his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb for ever.
Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GREETING AND COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God,
since you taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit:
Grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgment in all things
and always rejoice in his holy comfort;
through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING - Acts 2:1-21

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in Acts, chapter 2, beginning at
verse 1

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
And 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.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in 1 Corinthians, chapter 12, beginning at verse 3

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL - John 7:37-39

The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to St John, Chapter 7, beginning at verse 37

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.” ’ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

ANTHEM - Come, O Creator Spirit, Come - Josquin des Prez

Come, O Creator Spirit, come
 and make within our souls thy home;
 Supply Thy grace and heav'nly aid.
 To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

They light to every sense impart;
 pour forth thy love in every heart;
 Our weakened flesh do thou restore
 To strength and courage evermore.

*Josquin des Prez
 Latin, 9th century
 Hymnal version, 1939*

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

LHS 125 Come, gracious Spirit

**1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,
 With light and comfort from above;
 Be Thou our guardian, Thou our guide,
 O'er every thought and step preside.**

**2 The light of truth to us display,
 And make us know and choose Thy way;
 Plant holy fear in every heart,
 That we from God may ne'er depart.**

**3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,
 Nor let us from His pastures stray;
 Lead us to holiness, the road
 That we must take to dwell with God.**

**4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share
 Fullness of joy for ever there;**

**Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with Him for ever blest.**

Simon Browne (1680-1732) and others

SERMON

LHS 774 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling

**1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high:
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify.**

**2 Holy Spirit, ever living
as the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the church the mind of Christ:
you we praise with endless worship
for your fruit and gifts unpriced.**

**3 Holy Spirit, ever working
through the church's ministry;
quickening, strengthening and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age, and soul to soul,
in a fellowship unending:
You we worship and extol.**

Offertory

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord,
 And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
 Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
 That we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
 Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
 Grace our table with your presence,
 and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
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 forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.
Amen.

LHS 773 Filled with the Spirit's power

**1 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
 the infant church confessed its risen Lord:
 O Holy Spirit, in the church today
 no less your power of fellowship display.**

**2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire:
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.**

**3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all people of each race:
like wind and fire with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.**

John Raphael Peacey 1896-1971, alt.