

**The Parish Church of All Saints,
Peterborough**



The Holy Eucharist

Pentecost

Sunday 23rd May, 2021

Welcome to All Saints' Church, Park Road, this morning! Whether you are here for the first time, or a more regular worshipper, we are delighted to have you with us, and we hope that you will enjoy the service.

All that you need to follow the service from beginning to end is contained in this leaflet. During this time the choir sings the hymns and we look forward to the time when we can all sing together again.

Today is the **Day of Pentecost** - the fiftieth and last day of Eastertide, when the church celebrates the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, as recorded in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. To reflect the special nature of this great day, we use incense, which is a symbol of prayer and holiness, to mark out the importance of the altar (where bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ), of the Gospel Book (from which we read of the life of Jesus), and of ourselves - for we are precious in God's eyes, and it is in one another that we can also encounter Jesus.

In this parish we welcome all baptized people at the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you are new to our church community and are unsure whether it is appropriate for you to receive communion, please feel free to have a word with a member of the clergy or churchwarden before the service starts.

Today is my final service at All Saints' after over 7 years of ministry. I thank you for the opportunity to be with you, for your friendship and support. Endings are not easy, and they cause uncertainty about the future. We have shared a journey and a vision, and I look forward to seeing All Saints' develop and flourish in the future as I know it to be a community of variety and a rich diversity of gifts. One step in moving to the future is the APCM after the service. Please stay! There may be cake!

May God bless you.

Greg Roberts
Parish Priest

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All stand as the bell rings and the altar party and clergy enter the church. When the procession arrives at the altar, the president censes the altar as a sign of special joy and celebration, marking today as being a Principal Feast of the Church.

Processional hymn 192 On the day of Pentecost

The president greets the people recalling the baptism which all Christian people share:

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The president welcomes people to the service and introduces the prayers of penitence.

With open hearts and minds let us bring to God
those things for which we seek forgiveness.

For failing to love our neighbours as ourselves
Holy God, forgive us and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

For failing to see the joy in small things
Holy God, forgive us and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

For choosing to speak words of anger instead of peace
Holy God, forgive us and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

For rushing through life with little patience for those who are left
behind

Holy God, forgive us and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

For failing to act when kindness would brighten someone's day
Holy God, forgive us and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

For only thinking of what we want for ourselves and being less than
generous to those in need

Holy God, forgive us and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

For speaking and acting without thinking when mindfulness
and self-control are called for

Holy God, forgive us and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

For failing to live as faithful people of your Way, Truth and Life

Holy God, forgive us and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

*The president stands to declare the forgiveness of our sins in the words of the
absolution, after which all stand as the choir sings the Gloria.*

Holy God, forgive us our sins and heal us, through your Son Jesus
Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The president introduces a brief period of silent prayer before saying the Opening Prayer on behalf of the congregation.

Send down, O God, upon your people the flame of your Holy Spirit, and fill with abundance of your sevenfold gift the Church you brought forth from your Son's pierced side,
May your life-giving Spirit lend fire to our words and strength to our witness.

Send us forth to the nations of the world to proclaim with boldness your wondrous work of raising Christ to your right hand.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Acts (2:1-11)

On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. ² Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. ³ Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak.

Many religious Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem. And when they heard this noise, a crowd gathered. But they were surprised, because they were hearing everything in their own languages. ⁷ They were excited and amazed, and said:

Don't all these who are speaking come from Galilee? Then why do we hear them speaking our very own languages? Some of us are from Parthia, Media, and Elam. Others are from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, parts of Libya near Cyrene, Rome, Crete, and Arabia. Some of us were born Jews, and others of us have chosen to be Jews. Yet we all hear them using our own languages to tell the wonderful things God has done.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 103: 1. 24. 29-31. 34

**℟ Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

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. ℟

You take back your spirit, they die,

Returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

And you renew the face of the earth. ℟

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. ℟

A reading from the letter to the Romans

(8:22-27)

We know that all creation is still groaning and is in pain, like a woman about to give birth.

The Spirit makes us sure about what we will be in the future. But now we groan silently, while we wait for God to show that we are his children. This means that our bodies will also be set free. ²⁴ And this hope is what saves us. But if we already have what we hope for, there is no need to keep on hoping. However, we hope for something we have not yet seen, and we patiently wait for it.

In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. All of our thoughts are known to God. He can understand what is in the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit prays for God's people.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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.

Jesus said to his disciples,
I will send you the Spirit who comes from the Father and shows what is true. The Spirit will help you and will tell you about me. ²⁷ Then you will also tell others about me, because you have been with me from the beginning.
I was with you at the first, and so I didn't tell you these things. ⁵ But now I am going back to the Father who sent me, and none of you asks me where I am going. ⁶ You are very sad from hearing all of this. ⁷ But I tell you that I am going to do what is best for you. That is why I am going away. The Holy Spirit cannot come to help you until I leave. But after I am gone, I will send the Spirit to you. ⁸ The Spirit will come and show the people of this world the truth about sin and God's justice and the judgment. ⁹ The Spirit will show them that they are wrong about sin, because they didn't have faith in me. ¹⁰ They are wrong about God's justice, because I am going to the Father, and you won't see me again. ¹¹ And they are wrong about the judgment, because God has already judged the ruler of this world.
¹² I have much more to say to you, but right now it would be more than you could understand. ¹³ The Spirit shows what is true and will come and guide you into the full truth. The Spirit doesn't speak on his own. He will tell you only what he has heard from me, and he will let you know what is going to happen. ¹⁴ The Spirit will bring glory to me by taking my message and telling it to you. ¹⁵ Everything that the Father has is mine. That is why I have said that the Spirit takes my message and tells it to you.

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

Sermon

*After the sermon **all stand** to say the Creed*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to

the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him. This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

All sit / kneel for the Prayers of Intercession, led by Junior Church. The following response is used

We pray
Holy Spirit, come to us

The prayers conclude:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All stand as the president introduces the Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

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

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn 181 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

After the hymn the president prays over the gifts in the following words:

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry, who raises the poor, who fills our praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

The president begins the Eucharistic Prayer - the great prayer of thanksgiving over the bread and wine that recalls all that God has done for the world.

President The Lord be with you

All And also with you

President Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lord

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All 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.

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer.

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.**

The president 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.**

*The **Agnus Dei:***

**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.**

The president invites the people to receive Communion:

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

In this parish we believe that the offer of Holy Communion is made for all the baptized. If you normally receive communion, you are most welcome to receive communion with us this morning. If you prefer to come forward simply to receive a blessing, then it is helpful if you bring this service paper with you to indicate that is what you want.

During the distribution of Communion the choir sings

Hymn 383

*After communion, **all kneel** for the post-communion prayers*

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.**

You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 398 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Please sit while notices about the life of the parish and community are read out.

Blessing of Light

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.

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 Peterborough, 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 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 Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Return of the Keys

Churchwardens come to the front and face the Vicar

At my Institution as Vicar, I was given these key as a token of my responsibility to share with you in the maintenance, ministry and mission of this church and parish. I now hand this responsibility back to you with my love, my thanks, my prayers and my blessing.

Fr Greg kneels and Fr Nicholas and Fr Michael says a prayer of thanksgiving for Greg's ministry in the parish and give a blessing while the Choir sings.

Blessing

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. We go with God's blessing, taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to all those we meet.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **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. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

We are hugely grateful to all those who support us financially both through regular Standing Orders and one off donations. We don't pass the collection plates in church but they are located by the church doors. We also invite donations via the following text number for those who would like to support our ministry and mission that way.

- * Text ALLSAINTS to 70470 to donate £5
- * ALLSAINTS10 to 70470 to donate £10
- * ALLSAINTS20 to 70470 to donate £20

Texts cost one standard text message plus the sum donated.

Today we pray for:

those with birthdays: Anne Neal & Maurice Giblenn

the sick: Fr. Peter, Sandra Gait, Mary Chapman, Norma Hall,
Ray Wright, Ann Dickinson & Jennifer Moor-Radford

the departed: Kate Atmore

the anniversaries of death of: Betty Berrisford, Jane Nuttall,
Sylvia Asplin, Rosalie Davies, Molly Cox, Arthur Moisey,
Margaret Smith, Charles Asplin & Edna Charity



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow this service.