

Pentecost 2020



Lord God, as I come into your presence, still my body, open my heart and focus my mind, that I may know your Spirit drawing me closer to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Loving God, we have come to worship you. Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

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
illumining.

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 Love create a place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

We come before God with honesty, and with confidence in his love and mercy. In a moment's silence, call to mind the things that are separating you from Him.

Words of confession

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.

Christ have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord have mercy.

Absolution

May God our Father forgive you your sins and bring you to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever. Amen

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.

We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.

We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, the gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

Reading Acts 2. 1-21 *The Coming of the Holy Spirit*

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 equipping, **fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering, **fill us with your Spirit.**

Be with us, Spirit of God;

nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;

fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

bring strength, healing, and peace.

The Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

To him be glory for ever. **To him be glory for ever.**

Alleluia Amen, **Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen!**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.

To him be glory for ever. **To him be glory for ever.**

Alleluia Amen, **Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen!**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.

To him be glory for ever. **To him be glory for ever.**

Alleluia Amen, **Alleluia Amen, Alleluia 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. Amen

Hymn

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove:
Give us your joy and give us your peace
Show to us Jesus's love!*

You inspired them, long, long ago,
They then proclaimed your Word;
We see their lives, serving all kind:
Through them your word is heard.

Without your help, we fail our Lord,
We cannot live His way,
We need your power, we need your strength,
Following Christ each day.

The Gospel John 20. 19-23

Address **Revd Becky Roberts**, The Vicar of Harnham

Anthem *He wishes for the cloths of heaven* Howard Skempton

Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

WB Yeats

(recording taken from Harnham Carol service 2019)

We affirm our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Intercession written by Katy Carter

On that day of Pentecost a sound like a mighty wind rushed through the room where the disciples were gathered.
Lord, teach us that what happened back then can still happen in the here and now.
Fill your Church with the same Spirit that filled the first disciples.
May we each know the power of your Spirit in our own lives and so offer to the world a God without limits, a God who is an infinite source of love, creativity and hope.
God of Pentecost **Fill us afresh with your Spirit**

Lord, you give great gifts and talents to your people.
As the Coronavirus pandemic continues across your world,
we ask you to bless and guide the leaders of all nations and peoples
and all those who make decisions that affect our lives and the future of the world.
We pray for doctors and scientists, for those who work in providing us with news and for those who
influence us through the press, television and social media.
God of Pentecost **Fill us afresh with your Spirit**

Lord, we give you thanks that your Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in an ordinary home.
At this time when we are spending so much time at home, we ask you to bless our homes and all
those in our parish. May we know your presence with us and may we be guided by your Spirit in the
ways of peace and love.
God of Pentecost **Fill us afresh with your Spirit**

Lord, we pray for all who are suffering from Coronavirus or are anxious about the financial impact of
the pandemic on their lives,
for those struggling to make ends meet,
for those who feel anxious, depressed or afraid,
for those in hospital or ill at home,
for those with burdens they find impossible to share,
for those who mourn the loss of someone dear to them.
God of Pentecost **Fill us afresh with your Spirit**

We give thanks for all those key workers who have continued to work throughout the pandemic,
despite the risk to themselves. We give thanks especially for the dedication and commitment of our
NHS staff. May each one of them be blessed as we pray.
God of Pentecost **Fill us afresh with your Spirit**

At this time we pray for all those who have lost their lives through Coronavirus, especially any
known to us.
Lord of life, be with the dying,
and as you welcome those who have died in faith
into the full life of your kingdom,
we, too, remember them with thanks and love.
God of Pentecost **Fill us afresh with your Spirit.**

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
he has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia! (2 Corinthians 1.22)
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn Amazing grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see.
T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved

How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me
His word I hold secure.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given us and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise? Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect Your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us friends and families, the life of an earthly city fulfilled in your City to come. You give us happy times and things to celebrate.

In these we taste your Kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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.

Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine? Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,

Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate His love, His death, His risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ? Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, and work for that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body in Christ.
We belong to one another.**

By God's grace we have many different gifts.

We will use them in faith.

Rejoice in hope, stand firm in trouble, be constant in prayer.

Filled with the Spirit, we will serve the Lord.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us peace.

Post Communion prayer

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.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (*Romans 8:14-16*)

Hymn

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand has made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the tree,
When look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze
Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!

And when I think of God his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on a cross my burden gladly bearing

He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shouts of
acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there my God how great thou art.
Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Commission of the Holy Spirit

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 Harnham, 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.**

Blessing

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

May the Spirit who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us make you joyful in the service of the Lord;

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.

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