



**St. Michael and All Angels
Amersham on the Hill**



**HOLY EUCHARIST
PENTECOST**

A warm welcome to this service

This booklet is designed for use at Pentecost and includes guidance notes. Do please ask a "Welcomer" if you need any further help.

Pentecost, (from the Greek *pentekoste*, "fiftieth" of fifty days of celebration), has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover.

On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it. In this way, Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church.

The Gathering

Introit

Processional Hymn

Please stand, if able.

The Greeting

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

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, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

Acclamation

All The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
We dwell in God and he in us.

All Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
make known his deeds among the peoples.

All Sing to him, sing praises to him:
and speak of all his marvellous works.

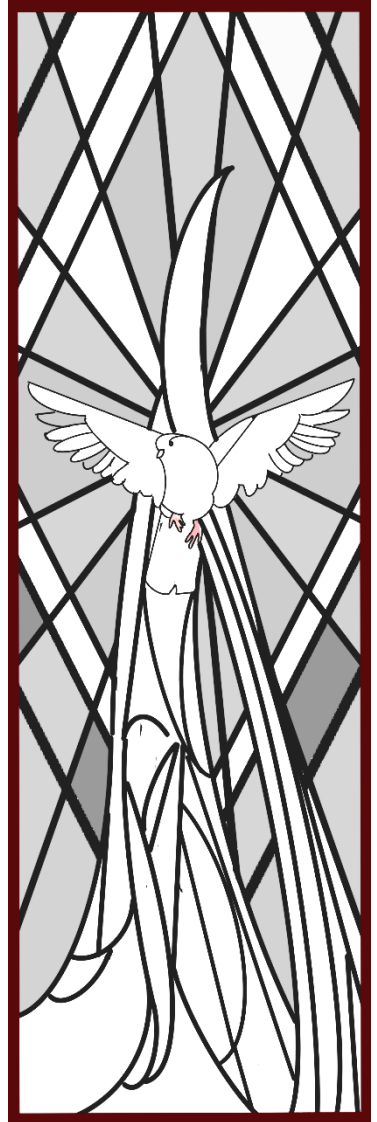
All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty:
who was and is and is to come.

Please sit.

The Pentecost Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-13)

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.'



The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

All

Prayer for Personal Renewal

You are invited for a prayer of personal renewal and anointing.

*Oil is brought forward, the bearer saying
Oil for the renewal of God's people.*

President Be with us, Spirit of God;
All **nothing can separate us from your love.**

All Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.

All Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing, and peace.

*If oil is to be blessed specially for the occasion, the president says
the following prayer*

Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father.
Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
bringing strength out of weakness,
hope out of despair
and life out of death.

By the power of your Spirit, may your blessing rest upon those
anointed with this oil in your name.

Let it be for them a sign of your acceptance and adoption,
your equipping and empowering.

Form in them the likeness of Christ,
that they may be witnesses of your astonishing love,
and fill them afresh with life in all its fullness.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

*If you wish to receive this ministry of prayer, please come forward.
As each person receives the ministry, the president says:*

May the Holy Spirit come down upon you,
subdue you,
and bathe you with the brilliance of God's light.

At the end, when everyone has come forward, the president says

All Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise and bless God for ever.

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand, if able.

All

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

The priest gathers together, or collects, our prayers.

President

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.

All

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

(Readings on Notice Sheet)

Canticle

All **The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

All **The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

A new heart I will give you,
and put a new spirit within you,

And I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.

You shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b

All **The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

Old Testament Reading

All For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Gospel Reading

Please turn to face the Gospel.

Deacon Alleluia, **alleluia.**
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Alleluia, **alleluia.**

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is proclaimed.

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand, if able.

President Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel to pray.

We pray to God to fill us with his Spirit, saying

All Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

All Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to help us understand better your will for us.

All Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love
wherever you call us.

All Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

All Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

All Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

All Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit given on Easter Day.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life.

All Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand, if able.

For those who would like to, you are welcome to join hands as we sing or say the Peace.

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

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

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

Offertory Hymn

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The President takes the bread and wine.*

Preparation of the Table

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

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Eucharistic Prayer D

All The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

All **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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

All sing This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

All sing This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

All sing This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

All sing This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All sing **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence, in our own language, as our Saviour has taught us:

All

**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 Breaking of the Bread

All

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.

All

We are buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

All

Live in us, that we may live in you.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

All

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

or

All **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.**

Giving of Communion

All Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
After receiving the bread and the wine, please respond "Amen"
or, if you would like a blessing, please place your hands across
your chest.*

Post Communion Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Post Communion Prayer

President 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.

All **Amen.**

Notices and Banns

The Dismissal

The Blessing of Light

The president goes 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.

All

Blessed be God for ever.

The Commission

Those carrying candles please come forward.

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 Amersham on the Hill, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Hymn

All

**Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.**

**May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**

**There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world'.**

During the hymn seven people, representing the whole congregation, receive the light from the Easter candle and carry the light out through the Narthex doors onto the forecourt, then they turn to face the altar for the blessing.

The light of Christ has now been taken out into the world and so, to mark the end of this Easter season, the president extinguishes the Paschal Candle, in silence.

Blessing

President The Spirit of truth lead you to embrace each other
and grow together in love;
to share your riches in common and minister to each other;
to pray for each other until your hearts beat
with the longings of God;
and to carry the light of Christ into the world.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Recessional hymn verse

All sing **The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.**



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