



# A Pentecost Service

## We Gather to Worship

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.**

We worship Jesus Christ our crucified, risen and ascended Lord  
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.

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful people,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## We Say Sorry

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## We Receive God's Forgiveness

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## We Give Thanks for God's Forgiveness (Gloria in Excelsis)

**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 Prayer for Today

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.**

## We listen to God's Word

### First Reading

*This response may be used*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

*These words of introduction may be used*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia.**

### Sermon

## We Affirm Our Faith

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

**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, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

We share in God's 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.**

We Give Thanks for God's Gifts

God of life, saviour of the poor,  
receive with money we have given,  
gratitude for your goodness,  
penitence for our pride  
and dedication to your service  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

We Pray for the Needs of the World

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## We Take Part in Spiritual Communion

Loving God,  
we give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus,  
and we ask you to be close to us just now.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

## We Go into the World

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.**

*You are invited to light a candle at this point*

## 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 Aldbury, Long Marston, Puttenham, Tring and Wilstone 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 care for 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.**

## We Go with God's Blessing

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.

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 Mary 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.**



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