



St Mary's Parish Church, Ross-on-Wye

# Sung Eucharist

Pentecost



Please leave this booklet in church for future use.

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.

Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

You will have been given a candle; you will need that at the end of the service.

Everyone is welcome to worship at St Mary's. If you are new here, or a visitor, and would like to know more; please stay for coffee after the service so that we can get to know you better.

The weekly newsletter gives more detail on the specifics of this service and about what is going on in our churches.

- The musical setting for our Eucharist changes from week to week and you'll find the details on the weekly newsletter. A copy of the music is available from one of the welcomers by the door. Please ask if that would be helpful.
- At various points in the service people are invited to stand. However, if you prefer to remain seated, please don't feel embarrassed to do so.
- This service is being live streamed to YouTube and recorded.
- Gluten-free wafers are available, please let one of the welcomers know at the door if you would like to receive one.

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# The Gathering

## Welcome & Notices

*Before the service begins the president offers words of welcome and gives any notices. More about what's going on in and around St Mary's will be found on our website, [rossparishes.uk](http://rossparishes.uk) and Facebook page **St Mary's Church Ross-on-Wye**. After that we stand to sing:*

## Introit Hymn

*Details of the hymn will be found in the weekly newsletter. Please note that we omit starred verses in hymns unless otherwise announced. During the hymn the clergy and choir enter.*

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

*All*    **And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All*    **He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

## Introduction

*The president introduces the service*

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.

## *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 reader says*

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

## *Prayer for Personal renewal*

*The deacon says*

Be with us, Spirit of God;

**All nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;

**All fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

**All bring strength, healing, and peace.**

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All Let us praise and bless God for ever.**

## **The Gloria**

*We stand to sing the Gloria which begins with the words of the angels at the Nativity, the other words were added quite early in the history of the Christian Church, turning it into a hymn praising God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Different versions of the words may be sung, or by the choir alone.*

**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 president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives  
to bring Christ to the world.

*Silence is kept.*

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*    **Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### *Gradual Hymn*

*We stand to sing the hymn that introduces the Gospel. Details are on the newsletter. During this hymn the Gospel procession moves to the top of the nave symbolising the coming of God into our world.*

## The Gospel

*We remain standing as the deacon reads the Gospel – a reading from the life of Christ.*

Alleluia, alleluia.

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
by the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

*After the response the Gospel procession returns, as the organ plays, and we sit for:*

## The Sermon

## The Creed

*We stand to join in with the words of the historic Nicene Creed, a summary of our Christian faith.*

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.



## Prayers of Intercession

*We sit or kneel for the prayers. A different form may be used.*

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,

we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us

**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us

**All 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.

Lord, come to bless us

**All 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.

Lord, come to bless us

**All 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.

Lord, come to bless us

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

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,  
given us by the risen Lord.  
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,  
in the joy of eternal life.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### *The Peace*

*The president introduces 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,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*If you are joining us online, you might like to use the chat to do this.*

## **The Offertory Hymn**

*We stand to join in with the Offertory Hymn, details of which will be found on the newsletter. During this hymn a collection is taken. We welcome your offering. If you prefer to give digitally please scan the QR code, visit [rossparishes.uk/giving](https://rossparishes.uk/giving) or use the contactless card reader by the north door. If you are a regular member of our community, we encourage you to consider the Parish Giving Scheme. Full details at [rossparishes.uk/giving](https://rossparishes.uk/giving)*



## **Preparation of the table**

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

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*This long prayer, containing many elements, is the very heart of our Eucharist. In it we all pray that the Real Presence of Christ may be present in form of bread and wine, and that by partaking in this remembrance of Christ we may be spiritually united with God.*

*We stand for Eucharistic Prayer E with an extended preface for Pentecost.*

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.  
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*Other words for the Sanctus and Benedictus that follow, may be used,  
and sung by the choir alone*

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.  
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth,  
and your kingdom comes.

Look with favour on your people,  
**gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary and all the saints  
to be with you for ever at your table in heaven.**

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*   **Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

*We sit to say the words that Jesus taught us to pray.*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All*   **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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

## Spiritual Communion

*This prayer offers those who are taking part in our service online the opportunity to make a spiritual communion so that in communion we are united, as one Christian family with our Lord.*

**All** Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

May all that is you flow into me.

May your body and blood be my food and drink.

May your passion and death be my strength and life.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer

but hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.

Keep calling to me until that day comes

when with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken. Other words may be used and sung by the choir alone*

**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*

*The president gives words of invitation to communion*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Everyone is invited to take communion at St Mary's. If you'd like to know more about being confirmed please talk to one of the welcomers or a member of the ministry team after the service.*

*During the communion, music appropriate to the theme of the service is sung by the choir or played by the organist. Please see the newsletter for details.*

## *Prayer after Communion*

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



# The Dismissal

## *Blessing of Light*

*The ministers go to the Easter Candle.*

*A minister says*

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 see visions, the old dream 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.**

*Tapers are lit from the Easter Candle and from these each member of the congregation's candle is lit. While this takes place we sing*

## *The Post Communion Hymn*

### *Commission*

*When all the candles are lit, the president says*

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 Ross-on-Wye, 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?

*All* **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

*All* **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

*All* **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

*All* **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

*All* **We will.**

*The Easter Candle is extinguished in silence.*

## *The Blessing*

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **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.

*All*   **Amen.**

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

*All*   **Amen.**

*A minister says*

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

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

*Thank you for being with us today. May faith, hope and love, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit inspire and guide your life in the week ahead.*

*Please join us for coffee which usually follows this service on the south side of the church. If you are visiting us or are new here, please take the opportunity to talk with the ministry team, a welcomer, or any regular members of our congregation.*

