



**St Stephen with  
St John Westminster**

# The Day of Pentecost



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 illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

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.

## The Introduction

*Remain standing as the minister says*

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

There is one Body and one Spirit.  
**There is one hope to which we are called;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,  
**one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

### **Kyrie Confession**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit,  
Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
As it was, is now, and shall be  
while unending ages run.**

*(tune 'St. Helen')*

### **The Collect** *for the Day of Pentecost*

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.

***The Liturgy of the Word***

### **New Testament Reading**

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

3. Anoint and cheer our soilèd face  
with the abundance of thy grace:  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.

2. Thy blessèd unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight:

4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but One;  
that through the ages all along,  
this may be our endless song,

5. Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

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

*All sit*

### Sermon

### Profession of Faith

*The minster addresses the whole congregation*

Sisters and brothers, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.  
Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

***In our parish cycle of prayer: SPCK Headquarters, Causton Street, and St Margaret's  
Drop In Centre***

***For those who live in: Ashley Place and John Islip Street***

***As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar:***

*The work of the mission organisations linked with Burma, especially USPG and Crosslinks*

***We pray for our New York City link parish:***

*The Church of the Holy Trinity and their Rector, Revd John F. Beddingfield, praying particularly for their spring renewal of children's Sunday school.*

***In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:***

*Pray for the Province of Melanesia: Leonard Dawea (Archbishop, and Bishop of Temotu)  
The Latvian Church Abroad: Lauma Zušēvica (Archbishop)*

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: we pray for those who are involved in sport across London

Pray for Jonathan Rust, Area Director of Mission Development

**Among those who have asked for our prayers:**

Robin Fairfax; Vera Godsall; Marian Hall; Jean Haswell; Dyfrig Jones; Alan Mack; Michael Pryce Jones; Miriam Lesmond; Pete Read; Bob Szewczyk; Henry Taylor; John Travis-Clarke; Gay Widmer; Anne Norman-Butler; Marian McHale; Amal Griffin; Fraser Copley and his dad, Kevin Copley; Pete Barney; Tom Robinson; Philip Chester

**RIP:** Julia Greene; Harry Wells, Frank Nelsson

**For the Years' Mind of:** Margaret Williams; Reginald Lewis Jones; Raymond Folks; Marie Elizabeth Halcrow; Josephine Tighe

**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.

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

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**Offertory Hymn**

**Spirit of God, as strong as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove;  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.**

**You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written Word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice 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 Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

*At this point the Proper Preface is prayed*

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**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:

**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

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

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St Stephen,  
St John and all the saints  
to feast 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. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.

## Breaking of the Bread

*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.**

## 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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## 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.

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **Blessing of Light**

*The ministers goes to the back of church to the font*

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.**

*Members have a candle at home which is lit*

## **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  
in the confines of our homes.  
But still we 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,  
even during this period of lockdown and beyond.

As part of God's Church here in Westminster, I call upon you to live out what you  
proclaim. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to continue 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.**

*We extinguished our candles in silence*

## Final Hymn

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1. O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
Be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

5. O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

GOD, who taught the hearts of your faithful people, by the sending to them the light of the 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 lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.“

***The Dismissal***

*The minister says*

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Weekly Notes – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

**St Stephen's Rochester Row is now closed for both public worship and private prayer.** As we adjust to different ways of worship, our website is becoming an increasingly important means of communication. I urge to look and use these new ways of being and worshipping together.

We are using Zoom to stream our services. If you are new to Zoom or require help, please click on the helpful guide here: <https://www.edusc.org/blog/how-to-join-a-zoom-meeting/>

Annie from our congregation has grown some lovely geranium cuttings, some of which are ready to be passed on, with more available in the following weeks so if anyone would like a little cheery plant, please do email [parishoffice@sswsj.org](mailto:parishoffice@sswsj.org). Please do specify your address and whether or not you could collect or require delivery.

Young people from Westminster School have collected some of their poems together in a small publication for our community. If anyone would like a copy please contact Graham.

Collection are now welcomed through our [CAF Donate link](#).

**In addition, we have the following events:**

- Tea@3 on Wednesdays - please do join us and our friends from St Barnabas via Zoom. Link:  
Meeting ID: 876 875 6365 Password: 657351