

Church at Home Pentecost



Before the Service

Please have a candle ready to light during the service.

A very warm welcome to our Church at Home service for Pentecost, which takes place 50 days after Easter Sunday, marking the end of Eastertide. Pentecost also marks the birth of the Church because it celebrates the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples.

The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, is presiding this morning and our address comes from the Revd Kate Seagrave, Mission Priest at St Frideswide Mission Community. This service has been brought to you by the Revd Christopher Woods, Vicar of St Barnabas and St Paul with St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford and members of his congregations. It features contributions from around the Diocese.

At Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit which transformed the fearful disciples into courageous witnesses to Christ. Just as the Holy Spirit brought new energy into the followers of Jesus long ago, he continues today to guide and strengthen our church, and each of us as disciples. The Holy Spirit is very much alive in our world, giving new life and gifts of prophecy and healing to many. During the COVID-19 pandemic we have seen how the Holy Spirit has called people to service and sent them the necessary skills to help the sick and suffering. We pray today for all those who have been affected by the pandemic, and also for the safe and responsible easing of the lockdown.

St Augustine called the Holy Spirit “the quiet guest of our soul”. Let us embrace the coming of the sign of love between the Father, the Son and us on earth. Christ sent the Spirit to reminds us of “what he taught on earth”. May we walk in the power of the Spirit, receiving the gifts of wisdom, understanding, courage and reverence and the fruits of love, joy, peace and patience. May this Pentecost service bring new life into our souls, so that we are transformed and empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

How to watch Church at Home

The direct link to this service is published at oxford.anglican.org/livestream about an hour before the service starts. You can also find it on our YouTube, Vimeo and Facebook pages at 10am.

The Gathering

Our service begins with a short film featuring Archbishop Justin Welby and the Rt Revd Professor N.T. Wright, who is an Assistant Bishop in this Diocese.

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**

The Greeting

President Peace be with you

All **And also with you!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

President 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.

Prayer of Penitence

President The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Christ, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect

President 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

Reading

Acts 2: 1–21

*Read by Rose Lyddon, Graduate student
and parishioner at St Barnabas, Jericho.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

All This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 104

Sung by Nadine McCrea, parishioner of St Barnabas, Oxford and Consultant Paediatric Neurologist at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

All: **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your creatures.

All: **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

If you take away their breath, they perish,
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

All: **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the Lord.

All: **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 3–13

Read by Lola Kaye, confirmation candidate at St Barnabas, Jericho.

³ Now I want you to know that if you are led by God's Spirit, you will say that Jesus is Lord, and you will never curse Jesus.

⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different ways to serve the same Lord, ⁶ and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

⁷ The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others. ⁸ Some of us can speak with wisdom, while others can speak with knowledge, but these gifts come from the same Spirit. ⁹ To others the Spirit has given great faith or the power to heal the sick ¹⁰ or the power to work mighty miracles. Some of us are prophets, and some of us recognize when God's Spirit is present. Others can speak different kinds of languages, and still others can tell what these languages mean. ¹¹ But it is the Spirit who does all this and decides which gifts to give to each of us.

¹² The body of Christ has many different parts, just as any other body does.

¹³ Some of us are Jews, and others are Gentiles. Some of us are slaves, and others are free. But God's Spirit baptized each of us and made us part of the body of Christ. Now we each drink from that same Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Please join in singing "This is our God", led by Adam and Louise Dimmick, Greyfriars Church, Reading. Additional music and mastering by Harvey Jessop.

Your grace is enough
More than I need
At Your word
I will believe
I wait for You
Draw near again
Let Your Spirit make me new

And I will fall at Your feet
I will fall at Your feet
And I will worship
You here

Your presence in me
Jesus light the way
By the power of Your word
I am restored
I am redeemed
By Your Spirit
I am free

And I will fall at Your feet
I will fall at Your feet
And I will worship You here

Freely You gave
it all for us
Surrendered Your life
upon that cross
Great is the love
poured out for all
This is our God

Lifted on high
from death to life
Forever our God is glorified
Servant and King
rescued the world
This is our God.

And I will fall at Your feet...

Gospel Reading

John 20: 19–23

*Read by the Revd Christopher Woods, Vicar of St Barnabas
and St Paul, Jericho with St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Address

*The Revd Kate Seagrave, Mission Priest
for St Frideswide Mission Community, Oxford*

The Creed

President Let us declare our faith in God.

All **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**

Prayers of the Faithful

Led by Maggie Ellis, Licensed Lay Minister, St Barnabas, Jericho

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our loving Father, we pray for your Church throughout the world: for her leaders, her ministers and her people.

We pray for Justin our Archbishop and for Steven our Bishop, and for all those called to serve you in these difficult times. May we, your people, be so filled with your Holy Spirit that, strengthened and renewed, we may proclaim your life-giving promises to all.

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for your world. We thank you for the beauty and the signs of new life which surround us here. Give us the grace to treat with reverence all that you have created. We bring before

you those places scarred by violence and destruction; those people who live in fear or in poverty; those who have fled from oppression or war.

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for our own communities and give thanks for the mutual support and the loving care that we see around us, and for the fellowship that we have learnt in this changed world. We ask for wisdom for those entrusted with making critical decisions as we find our way forward, and patience for those who wait in uncertainty.

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are suffering: for the sick, the lonely and the bereaved; for the anxious; for those who have lost jobs and those who are struggling to make ends meet. In a moment of silence we remember before you those whose cares we carry in our own hearts, and those who have asked for our prayers.

May they, and all who are distressed, find comfort in the presence of your Holy Spirit.

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

And we pray for ourselves and those we love: empty us, O Lord, of self and fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may bring forth abundantly the fruits of love, joy and peace, and glorify you day by day in lives renewed in the beauty of holiness.

All Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We remember before you those who have died: those we love but see no more, those who have died recently, parted from family and friends, and those who have died serving their neighbours. Rest eternal give unto them. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father,

All

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Sung Prayer

“God be in my head” sung by Oliver Bagshaw, accompanied by Gemma Mason, St Luke’s, Reading.

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

President

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Chant

The Golden Sequence (Veni Sancte Spiritus – plainsong)

*Sung by Matthew Salisbury, ordinand in the Diocese of Oxford and member
of Schola Cantorum of St Barnabas, Jericho*

Veni, Sancte Spiritus, et emitte caelitus lucis tuae radium.

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From Thy clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

*Veni, pater pauperum, veni, dator munerum, veni, lumen
cordium.*

Come, Thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure,
Come, Thou Light of all that live.

Consolator optime, dulcis hospes animae, dulce refrigerium.

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful Guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

In labore requies, in aestu temperies, in fletu solatium.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.

O lux beatissima, reple cordis intima tuorum fidelium.

Light immortal, Light divine,
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill.

Sine tuo numine, nihil est in homine, nihil est innocium.

If Thou take Thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Lava quod est sordidum, riga quod est aridum, sana quod est saucium.

Heal our wounds; our strength renew;
On our dryness pour Thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away.

Flecte quod est rigidum, fove quod est frigidum, rege quod est devium.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Da tuis fidelibus, in te confidentibus, sacrum septenarium.

Thou, on those who evermore Thee confess and Thee adore,
In Thy sevenfold gifts descend.

*Da virtutis meritum, da salutis exitum, da perenne gaudium.
Amen. Alleluia.*

Give them comfort when they die,
Give them life with Thee on high;
Give them joys that never end.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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.

President Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.
And now we give you thanks
that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,
and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,
he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and life-giving
Spirit;
that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel
might go forth into all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

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.**

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

President

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

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**

Invitation to Communion

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

President 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.**

President Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

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

Communion Song

*“Calm me, Lord” by Margaret Rizza and David Adam
Performed by Matthew Salisbury and Jenny Rushworth*

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease,
enfold me, Lord, in your peace.
Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease,
enfold me, Lord in your peace.

Post Communion Prayer

Silence is kept.

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**

Blessing and Dismissal

Blessing of Light

The Bishop brings the Easter Candle into view.

President 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.**

We all light our candles at this point.

Commissioning

President 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 the Diocese of Oxford, 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.**

All 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?

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 Bishop extinguishes the Easter candle in silence.

President The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you confidence to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen**

President Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Hymn

Please join in with our final hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" by The Choir of St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will
To do and endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine

Breathe on me, Breath of God
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

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