

Pentecost Festival Holy Communion St Nicolas Earley



We sing our first song

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

Welcome

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended
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.

As we wait in silence,

Fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

Fill us with your Spirit.

Silence is kept.

Renewing our fellowship with God

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.

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

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!**

To God be glory for ever!
To God be glory for ever!

Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Readings from the Bible

We sing our second song

The Gospel

Talk

We affirm our faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

We say our prayers

We share God's Peace with each other

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

We sing our third song

The Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the starry sky above,
the sun and moon, and everything that gives us light,
light for our eyes and hearts and minds.

On this day of Pentecost, we give you thanks
that you gave us your holy and life-giving Spirit;
that through His glorious power
the good news of the Gospel goes into all the world.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples.
'This is my body,' he said, 'given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and shared with with his disciples.
'This is my blood,' he said,
'poured out for you and for all people,
to save them from their sins.
Do this to remember me.'

Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us to love one another,
and to work for that day
when the whole world is fed,
suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

We give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
for ever and ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**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

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.

Giving of Communion

We now have some moments of quiet, during which those at home may wish to say the following prayers for receiving Communion spiritually.

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.

(After the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester)

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care.
Amen

After we have shared the bread and wine

**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. Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

We sing our final song