

Woodbridge Group of Churches
Sunday 31st May 2020, 10.30 am
PENTECOST – Morning Worship.

Greeting:

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

And also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Introduction:

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 in 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.

A Hymn for Pentecost:

Our blest Redeemer, ere he breathed
his tender last farewell,
a Guide, a Comforter, bequeathed
with us to dwell.

He came in tongues of living flame,
to teach, convince, subdue;
all-powerful as the wind he came,
as viewless too.

He came sweet influence to impart,
a gracious, willing guest,
while he can find one humble heart
wherein to rest.

And his that gentle voice we hear,
soft as the breath of even,
that checks each fault, that calms each fear,
and speaks of heaven.

And every virtue we possess,
and every victory won,
and every thought of holiness,
are his alone.

Spirit of purity and grace,
our weakness, pitying, see:
O make our hearts thy dwelling place,
and worthier thee.

Harriet Auber [1773-1862]

Response:

As we wait in silence;
Fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word, and as we worship you in majesty;
Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing, renewing, equipping and empowering;
Fill us with your Spirit.

Prayer of confession (from Psalm 142)

**Lord, we have sinned:
We lift up our voice to you and cry for mercy.
There is no one else to whom we can go:
Save us from our sins**

**and from temptations that are too strong for us.
Set us free, that we may praise your name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaring God's forgiveness:

The Lord our God is gracious; he surrounds us with his love, gives light to our eyes and freedom from our sins. God has not deserted us – he shows us kindness and grants us new life; in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Be with us Spirit of God;
Nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;
Fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;
Bring strength, healing and peace.

A Collect for the Day of Pentecost:

Almighty God, your prophet of old spoke of a day when you would do a new thing for your people and pour out your Spirit on all alike.

We praise you that that day dawned for your church at Pentecost.

We praise you that we are now living in that new age of the Spirit.

May his power cleanse, quicken and inspire our lives and renew the witness of your Church in all the world, to the furtherance of your kingdom and the glory of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings:

Janette Yates

Acts 2:1-21

John 7:37-39

The Lord is here;
His Spirit is with us.

Sermon: “Wind, Fire and Prophecy - All Together Now!”

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of all our hearts, be acceptable in your sight; O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Amen.

Solo:

Kit Beazely

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me use me.
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[Daniel Iverson 1890-1972]

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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 remission of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Intercessions:

Janette Yates

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

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

A Prayerful Hymn for Pentecost:

Spirit divine, attend our prayers
and make this house your home;
descend with all your gracious powers:
O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light: to us reveal
Our emptiness and woe,
and lead us in those paths of life
where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire; and purge our hearts
like sacrificial flame;
let our whole life an offering be
to our redeemer's name.

Come as the dove; and spread your wings,
the wings of peaceful love;
and let your church on earth become
blest as the church above.

Come as the wind, with rushing sound
and Pentecostal grace,
that all of women born may see
the glory of your face.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers;
make this lost world your home;
descend with all your gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!

Andrew Reed [1787-1862]

Dismissal:

As part of God's church here in the Woodbridge Benefice, or wherever you are,
we are called upon to live out what we 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 include 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.

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

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

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.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us, in our homes and in our hearts, now and for always.

Amen.

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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