

All Age Service for Whitsunday 2020

The Welcome and Introduction

In our worship today we celebrate that Jesus is the risen Lord in our lives, and we celebrate the coming of God's Holy Spirit into the world. We give thanks for the enabling power of the spirit as baptised members of the church.

Call to Worship

The Lord is here: **His Spirit is with us**
We need not fear: **His Spirit is with us**
We abide in peace: **His Spirit is with us**
We are immersed in love: **His Spirit is with us**
We continue in hope: **His Spirit is with us**
We rejoice in faith: **His Spirit is with us**



HYMN: All Over the World

ALL OVER THE WORLD THE SPIRIT IS MOVING,

All over the world as the prophet said it would be;
All over the world there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

All over the church God's Spirit is moving,
All over the church as the prophet said it would be;
All over the church there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Right here in this place the Spirit is moving,
Right here in this place as the prophet said it would be;
Right here in this place there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Prayers of Penitence ('Sorry Lord!')

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;**

**deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Absolution

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for 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. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.



⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’ ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’

¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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.

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

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

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

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

This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

HYMN: Spirit of God Unseen as the Wind

Spirit of God, unseen 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.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

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

Gospel: John 20.19-23

¹⁹It was evening on 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.’ ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If 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.**

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

Song: Spirit of the Living God

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,

Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Fill me anew,

Fill me anew.

Spirit of the Lord

Fall afresh on me.

PRAYERS

In reply to the sung phrase: **Spirit of the living God**
The sung response is: **fall afresh on me**



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

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.
Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.
We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.
Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me

We ask you to keep us confident of your love,
wherever you call us.
Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me

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.
Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.
Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.
Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,
given by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church,
living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.
Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me

Merciful Father:

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

Amen

In love you made us. In Love you lived our life as Jesus Christ. In love you send your spirit into all the world.

That love makes us one family so together we pray as our Saviour 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**

Song: Enemy of Apathy sung by Clara Coslett

(Words and Music The Iona Community)

The Peace

The minister introduces the Peace

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the spirit, let us walk in the spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

ALL: and also with you.



The Blessing

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

Come Holy Spirit, Source of life

Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Go in the light and peace of Christ Alleluia, Alleluia

ALL: Thanks be to God
Alleluia, Alleluia

HYMN The Spirit lives to set us free, Walk, walk in the light
He binds us all in unity, Walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

Walk, walk in the light,
Walk, walk in the light,
Walk, walk in the light,
Walk, walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all. Walk, walk in the light
The dead were wakened by his call. Walk, walk in the light

Chorus

We know his death was not the end, Walk, walk in the light
He gave the Spirit to be our friend. Walk, walk in the light

Chorus

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed. Walk, walk in the light
The Father's kindness is revealed. Walk, walk in the light

Chorus

The Spirit lives in you and me. Walk, walk in the light
His light will shine for all to see. Walk, walk in the light

Chorus