

PARISH OF ESHER
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

The Feast of Pentecost



'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.'

Acts 2.4

The Gathering

The president greets the people:

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

Amen.

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.

The Greeting

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.
A hymn is sung.*

Prayers of Penitence

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.

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 Father forgive you
 by the death of his Son
 and strengthen you
 to live in the power of the Spirit
 all your days.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All stand to sing:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath-er
Descant
 we wor-ship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
 Lord Jes - us Christ, on-ly Son of the
 Fath-er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
 mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re-ceive our
 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Jes-us Christ with the Ho - ly
Descant
 Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A-men.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

The Collect is said, and all respond:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from scripture precede the Gospel reading, and a psalm, canticle or hymn may follow the first reading.

At the end of each, the reader may say:

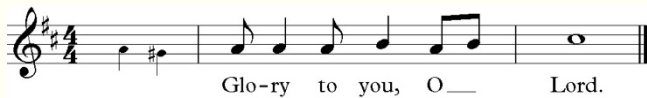
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

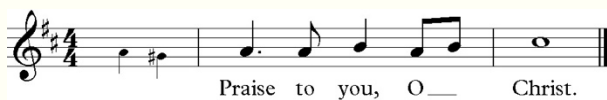
When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

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



At the end the reader may say:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

After the Sermon an anthem may be sung, or a piece of music played.

The Creed

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

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

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers:

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

One of these responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us:
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces 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.

The Offertory

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the Parish of Esher. Like most parishes there's been a real pressure on our income recently, so if you're in a position to do so, please consider supporting our mission and ministry. Donations can be made today or online – simply search 'Give a Little Parish of Esher' or click on this link: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/d9f42eab-78e6-4ce8-880b-215b3f77c260>. Or to donate to our Parish bank account, please contact the Parish Office or Parish Treasurer for details and Gift Aid forms.

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it, while a hymn is sung or a piece of music is played.

The following prayer is used:

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

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic 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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
 and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
 to proclaim the glory of your name,
 for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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.**

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.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.

Choir only ----- All -----
Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Choir only ----- All -----
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Choir only ----- All -----
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: grant us _____ peace.

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

In line with Church of England guidance I invite those who wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion this morning to pray:

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

During the distribution, music may be sung or played.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The post communion prayer is said, then all say together:

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.**

Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices may be given.

A hymn is sung.

Conclusion

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

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.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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