

Pentecost

Holy Communion



Welcome!

Today is a very special day.

It is the festival of Pentecost, we are celebrating the birthday of the Church and Jesus' followers receiving the Holy Spirit, giving them the power to go out and serve him in the world.

We are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the dedication of St Luke's Church by the Bishop of Chelmsford on 2 June 1962. In his address, the Bishop commented on the church's clear glass windows which he said would be '*a constant reminder to those inside that their mission was to bring the Gospel to those outside*'.

We are also celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Queen Elizabeth II has a strong Christian faith that has been evident throughout her life in her words and actions.

Children at St Luke's

Jesus loved children and so do we and they are always welcome here at St Luke's. We know that God put the wiggle in them so please don't worry if they move around or make a bit of noise. They will learn how to worship by copying you so help them take part in the service if they are big enough.

THE GATHERING

*We come together and get ourselves ready to worship God. When we start our service, please join in the words in **bold**.*

THE GREETING

Grace mercy and peace
From God our father
and our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you.

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.

As we wait in silence,

Fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

Fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,

Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

Fill us with your Spirit.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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.

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power
Forgive and free us from our sins,
Heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
And raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GLORIA

We say together

Glory to God in the highest,

And peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God and Father,

We worship you; we give you thanks,

We praise you for your Glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father.

Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God, the Father.

Amen.

THE COLLECT

THE PENTECOST READING

HYMN

THE GOSPEL READING

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit,
By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE CREED

We stand and say together in faith

Holy, holy, holy,

Is the Lord God almighty,

Who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,

Who created all things,

For by his will, they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,

Who was slain, for with his blood,

**He purchased us for God,
From every tribe and language,
For every people and nation.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
The Spirit and the Bride say “come!”
Even so, come Lord Jesus!**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These will include special prayers for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, and our 60th anniversary:

O Lord, the way, the truth, and the life,
We give you thanks for your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,
May she ever be provided with all she may need
For her ministry among us,
Strengthened to meet every demand
Which her office may make,
And in all things nourished by your word and example,
Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign,
World without end.

Lord God, we thank you for the church of St. Luke’s.

Not only for the building, but for the living church
That has existed within it.

We call to mind all those who have worshipped here, those who have
Used musical talents, now and in the past,
Those who have served as your ministers here,
Many have come and gone.

We ask for your blessing now on all those whose

Work and faith have sustained this church,
And ask for foresight and courage
As we enter a new phase of life here,
Always desiring to be your light in this community.

Merciful Father,

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

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 us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord always be with you

And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

HYMN

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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

Blessed be God forever.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 the fulfilment of your promise

You pour out your spirit on 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 saying:

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.

We thank you, Loving father,
Because when we turned away,
You sent Jesus your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
And shows us the way to live.

On the night before he died,
When darkness had fallen
Jesus took bread
He gave you thanks, broke it,
And shared it with his disciples, saying
“Take, eat, this is my body, given for you”
Do this in remembrance of me.

After the had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
Gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying
“This is my blood, shed for you and for many,
For the forgiveness of sins.”

So, Father, with this bread and this cup,
We celebrated 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Led us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory
Are yours, now and forever.
AMEN.**

THE BREAKING OF 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 GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people,
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord
To the glory of God, the father.**

All who love the lord are welcome to receive communion, if this is not your practice, please bring your order of service with you and we can provide a blessing

For those joining by live-stream:

Spiritual Communion Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promise 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

God grant to the living, grace,

To the departed, rest,

To the church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,

And all humankind,

Peace and concord,

And to us and all his servants, life everlasting,

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

AMEN.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save our Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Born to reign over us,
God save the Queen.**

DISMISSAL

Filled with the Spirit's power,
Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

FINAL HYMN

Thank you for joining us today

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