

Douglas Union with Frankfield
The Day of Pentecost or Whit Sunday
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A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION TO BE USED AT HOME

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*(Where two or more people are gathered for worship the sentences in **bold type** are read by all)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PENITENCE

Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You are the King of glory, O Christ.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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 Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:

By the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Acts 2:1-21

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

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

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

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

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

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

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

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 310 - *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St. John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 20:19-23

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, 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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If 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:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who redeemed us and all the world.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit who gives life to us and all the people of God.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our intercessions today are based on Hymn 299.

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

in the truth that Christ made known.

In your power, Holy Spirit, give us grace to renew our personal commitment to following Jesus and to sharing his love with others.

Though outwardly things change, keep us faithful to you.

Send a special blessing on our Confirmation candidates who were due to confirm their faith this year and on all children and teenagers in the challenges of their young lives, especially on those due for Leaving Certificate.

In the name of Christ, **Lord hear us.**

*Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as Advocate to plead.*

Console us in so many losses in this time of Covid 19. Support us in the loss of our usual contact with those we love and in changes to our usual routines.

Console those suffering the losses of illness and bereavement .

Support those in poverty throughout the world, poverty that makes their lives at this time all the more challenging.

Guide with your wisdom the rulers of our world; their decisions affect so many.

Strengthen all those in health and essential services in their valuable work.

Grant in Christ to all of us the help we need.

In the name of Christ, **Lord hear us.**

*Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live.*

Even as we struggle, may this be a time of renewal in society.

Bless all those who volunteer to help others, and those who know personal cost in abiding by the regulations.

Renew the life of the Church that she may enter fully into the gifts you offer.

Bless Paul our bishop. Guide all bishops, clergy and leaders in their decisions.

Reassure us that, much as we love our buildings, and even as thousands have hallowed them in their design and use, your freedom, O Holy Spirit, can never be confined; your domain is the whole universe and beyond.

In the name of Christ, **Lord hear us.**

*Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the Love of Three in One.*

Possess us with your love flowing out in all we do and to all we meet,
till we come with all your saints to life everlasting.

In the name of Christ, **Lord hear us, make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen**

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 **and also with you.**

HYMN 293 – *Breathe on me, Breath of God.*

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places

it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

according to whose promise the Holy Spirit came to dwell in us,
making us your children,

and giving us power to proclaim the gospel throughout the world:

And so with all your people,

with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious 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!

Blessed are you, Father,

the creator and sustainer of all things;

you made us in your own image,

male and female you created us;

even when we turned away from you,

you never ceased to care for us,

but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,

giving your only begotten Son to become man

and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;

he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice

for the sins of the whole world:

he instituted,

and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,

a perpetual memory of his precious death

until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for 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, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Spiritual Communion

Post Communion Prayer

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.

All say

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the words and works of God: and the blessing....always.

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

HYMN 305 – *O Breath of life, come sweeping through us (verses 1 and 4).*

Thanks to the children who submitted pictures of their churches which are displayed at the end of this service. Their artwork is appreciated.