

# St Mary-at-Finchley

Parish Eucharist

**Pentecost**

8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## **The Gathering**

**Stand** A hymn is sung as the choir, servers and clergy enter

**Processional Hymn** 90 Come down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity

mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
nor can we guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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

**Amen.**

### **The 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!**

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.

## **Responsory**

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 renewing,  
**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.**

## **Prayer for Personal Renewal**

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.**  
Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Let us praise and bless God for ever.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis** *(Poston Mass)*

**Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,**  
**Glory, glory, glory be to thee,**  
**And peace to his people here on earth.**  
**Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,**  
**We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee,**

**We glorify thee, glorificamus, glorify thee, glorificamus,  
We give thee thanks for thy great glory.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens,  
Only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ,  
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us,  
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,  
Receive our prayer,  
Thou who art at the right hand of the Father  
Have mercy on us,  
Solus sanctus, quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
Thou alone art the Lord,  
Thou alone most high, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

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

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.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Readings**

Sit

## **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-21)**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"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.

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

And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 104.26-end**

#### **Bless the Lord O my soul**

There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.  
These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

#### **Bless the Lord O my soul**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.

#### **Bless the Lord O my soul**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works—  
who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

#### **Bless the Lord O my soul**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

#### **Bless the Lord O my soul**

## **A reading from the letter to the Romans (8.14-17)**

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14.8-17).

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater

works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

<sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sit                      Sermon**

Preacher The Rector

**Anointing is offered in the South Aisle**

**Stand              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.**

## **Kneel      Prayers of Intercession**

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

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Or

Lord, hear us.  
**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**

### **Stand    The Peace**

We stand for 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.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

### **The Offertory**

A Hymn is sung as the elements of bread and wine and the gifts of the people are brought to the altar.

### **Offertory Hymn 53** Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light.  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:  
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace-  
no work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.  
Blessed be God for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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:

**Sanctus, sanctus Dominus, sanctus, Deus,  
Holy, holy, holy one, holy Lord  
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory, glory be to thee, glory be,  
O my Lord most high, glory be to thee,  
Sanctus, sanctus Dominus, sanctus, Deus,  
Holy, holy, holy one, holy, holy Lord**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice

made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## ***Kneel*      The Lord's Prayer**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as  
our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who 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.**

## Breaking of Bread

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## **Agnus Dei** (*Poston Mass*)

**Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, grant us all of your peace.  
Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, grant us all of your peace.**

## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Communion.*

*Any member of the congregation is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

During Communion: Stratford: Come Holy Ghost

## ***Kneel*      Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

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.

**Amen.**

**God of truth,  
we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **The Notices**

**Stand** A hymn is sung

## **Post Communion Hymn 184 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost**

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
taught by thee, we covet most  
of thy gifts at Pentecost,  
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,  
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,  
love than death itself more strong;  
therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,  
melting in the light of day;  
love will ever with us stay;  
therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;  
hope be emptied in delight;  
love in heaven will shine more bright;  
therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see  
joining hand in hand agree;  
but the greatest of the three,  
and the best, is love.

From the overshadowing  
of thy gold and silver wing  
shed on us, who to thee sing,  
holy, heavenly love.

## **Blessing of Light**

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.  
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.

Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.  
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;  
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.  
With the new wine of the Spirit  
they proclaim your reign of love.  
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation  
the way of light is made known.  
Source of freedom, giver of life,  
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Commission**

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Finchley, I call upon you to live out what you 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 embrace 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.**

## **The Dismissal**

The Lord be with you

## **And also with you**

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.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

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