# An order for the Holy Eucharist for Pentecost





the parish of

**St George the Martyr** *Shirley* 

## The Gathering

At the entry of the ministers a Gathering Hymn may be sung

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

#### The Greeting

The president greets the people

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.** 

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

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.

#### CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
open our ears to hear you,
open our mouths to praise you,
open our hearts to love you
more and more.

Amen.

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#### The Pentecost Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

#### Prayer for Personal Renewal

Prayer for personal renewal and anointing may be offered here. Oil of Chrism may be used.

Oil may be brought forward, the bearer saying

Oil for the renewal of God's people.

#### The president says

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.

Those who wish to receive this ministry of prayer may come forward. Appropriate hymns and songs may be used. When the prayer is ended the president says

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

#### 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.

Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

#### The Collect

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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### The Readings

At the end of each reading from Holy Scripture

Reader For the word of the Lord

A// Thanks be to God

A Gospel Hymn may be sung

#### <u>Gospel</u>

We turn to face the Gospel party

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

#### At the end of the Gospel reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

We sit to listen to the sermon

#### The Creed

Deacon 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;

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**

Let us pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

We are invited to respond to each petition in these or similar words

Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

(or) Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

At the end of the prayers we say...

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 with these or similar words

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.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a handshake with those around us

#### Preparation of the Table

A Hymn of the Gifts may be sung.

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

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.

All and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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 *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 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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 our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St George, [N] 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

#### The Lord's Prayer

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**

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.

#### Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

(or)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

#### **Giving of Communion**

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia. The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.

#### The prayer of humble access

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

All are welcome at the altar. If for any reason you feel unable to receive the blessed bread and wine at the time of communion, please do still come forward to receive a sign of God's blessing – simply bow your head and keep your hands lowered.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

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.** 

#### The Post-Communion Prayer

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.

When Junior Church meet, the children are invited to give feedback after which this prayer may be said by all.

> Lord Jesus, we thank you for the children and young people of this parish family. Bless and guide all those who encourage them on their journey of faith, today and always. Amen

The notices and any banns of marriage are read.

The Dismissal

#### **Blessing of Light**

The ministers go to the Easter Candle. A minister says

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.

Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit.

#### Commission

When all the candles are lit the president says

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 Shirley, 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 Blessing

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.

Weather permitting, the ministers and people process out of church, or to the back of the church. A Final Hymn may be sung.

The president blesses the people, saying

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

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.

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

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia!

A final hymn may be sung as the choir and clergy leave

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