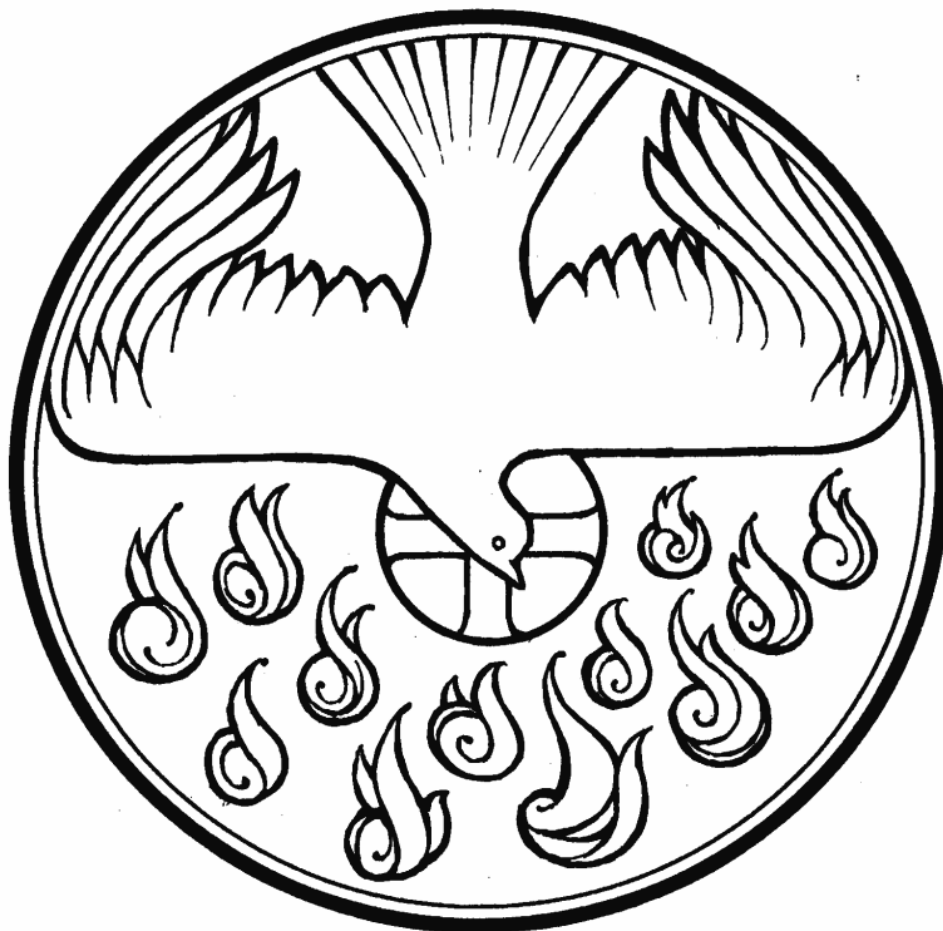


St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road, Croydon

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Pentecost**





We welcome you to St Matthew's Church this morning and pray you are blessed as we worship the Lord together in the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you are with us for the first time please fill in one of our Welcome Cards.  
Thank you.

Please join in the words in **bold print**.

Don't forget to silence your mobile!

Our Celebrant is Revd Linda Fox  
Our Preacher is Revd Simon Foster.

## ¶ **The Gathering**

Please stand

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The fire of God is coming! Sing praises!

**Sing praises to God!**

The wind of God is blowing!

Sing praises!

**Sing praises to God!**

The joy of the Spirit is here!

Sing praises!

**Sing praises to God!**

Sing praises to God all the earth!

Sing praises!

**Sing praises! Sing praises!**

**Sing praises!**

## ♪ **Hymn** ♪

O Breath of Life,  
come sweeping through us,  
revive Your Church  
with life and power;

O Breath of Life,  
come, cleanse, renew us,  
and fit Your Church  
to meet this hour.

O Breath of Love,  
come breathe within us,  
renewing thought  
and will and heart;  
come, Love of Christ,  
afresh to win us,  
revive Your Church in every part!

O Wind of God,  
come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in Your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore, for this we plead.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive, us Lord, the world is waiting,  
equip Thy Church to spread the light.

*Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)*

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Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**and also with you.**

*Silence*

They were all together in one place,  
praying and waiting, praying and waiting,  
praying and waiting.

*Silence*

**Almighty God,  
help us today to be open to  
your Spirit, to hear you word,  
proclaim your glory, and  
celebrate the Good News of  
Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

### **Invitation to confession**

Come, let us return to the Lord and  
say:

We confess to you our selfishness and  
lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure  
in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness  
and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us by the death  
of his Son and strengthen us to live in  
the power of the Spirit all our days.

**Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love him  
well;  
on the earth let all his people  
speak his grace, his wonders**

**tell:**

**Lord, we praise you for your  
glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's king;  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with God in triumph  
seated -**

**for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and  
holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

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## **The Collect**

*A period of silent prayer*

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 Liturgy of the Word**

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word  
of God as it comes to us in the reading  
of Holy Scripture.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Romans 8: 14-17

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.**

## Second Reading

Acts 2: 1 – 21

**Chorus:** *getting louder* listen, listen, listen, listen, listen, listen!

**Voice 1:** It was the day of Pentecost

**Voice 2:** and all the followers of Jesus were in one place

**1:** Suddenly...

**2:** Suddenly... there was the sound of a rushing wind

**Chorus:** *getting louder* woosh, woosh, woosh, woosh, woosh, woosh!

**1:** a violent rushing wind from heaven

**Chorus:** *even louder* woosh, woosh, woosh, woosh!!

**2:** *shouting* and flames of fire appeared on everyone's head

**Chorus:** pshwwh, pshwwh, pshwwh

**1 and 2** together : and everyone began to talk in other languages ---

**Chorus:** mutter, mutter, mutter, mutter

**1:** and everyone

**2:** could understand each other

**Chorus:** Bonjour!!

*pause*

**1:** There were lots of visitors in Jerusalem from all over the known world

**2:** They were amazed at what was happening and rushed up to find out more

**Chorus:** *chanted* There were Parthians, Medeans, Mesopotamians; Judeans Cappadocians, Pontians; Asians, Phrygians; Pamphylans, Egyptians; Libyans, Romans; Cretans, Arabians; and Elamites...

But none from England!

**1:** and everyone could hear their own language being spoken

**2:** it was very confusing...

**1:** so some said they must be drunk

*pause*

**1:** So Peter stepped forward to speak to the crowd

**2:** it's only nine in the morning! He said, we're not drunk

**1:** no – all this is happening just as the prophet Joel said

**2:** he said there will come a day when there will be

**Chorus:** Visions and prophecy

**1:** not just for a few

**Chorus:** but for men and women, sons and daughters, boys and girls

**2:** Even on slaves

**Chorus:** even on slaves!

**1:** and there will be signs of fire and mist and darkness and noise

**2:** for it is the great and glorious day of the Lord

**Chorus:** *loudly* And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to sing*

♪ **Song** ♪

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on us;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on us;  
break us, melt us, mould us, fill us;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on us.

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## **The Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 14.8-17; 25-27*

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.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

<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.

<sup>25</sup>I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not

let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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

*Please be seated*

## **Sermon**

Let us stand to declare our faith in God.

## **The Creed**

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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

Holy Spirit, who teaches us all things, we pray for your wisdom and understanding in every situation that we find difficult – in our world, in our community and in our own lives. Help us to watch and wait and work for peace and healing in your world. Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

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

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*Please stand*

## **The Peace**

God makes peace within us— let us claim it.

God makes peace between us—let us share it.

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

## **♪ Hymn ♪**

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  
illuminating.

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 power of human  
telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His  
dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (d. 1434);  
trans. Richard F. Littledale (1833-1890)*

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the  
splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and  
on earth is yours.  
All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give  
you.**

Blessed be God,  
who feeds the hungry, who raises the  
poor, who fills us with his Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer (B)**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,

your living Word,  
through whom you have created all  
things;  
who was sent by you in your great  
goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took  
flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about  
among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the  
cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising  
to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you  
a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because by the Holy Spirit you lead us  
into all truth, and give us power to  
proclaim your gospel to the nations, and  
to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious  
name, for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of  
all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy  
Spirit, and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to  
us the body and blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ;

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St Matthew and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

**by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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,  
give us your peace.**



## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover  
is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia.**

*Communicant members of any Christian  
Church are invited to receive Holy  
Communion. If you wish to receive a  
blessing please bow your head.*

♪ **Anthem** ♪

♪ **Song** ♪

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.

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Music*

## 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.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with 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.**

## Notices

♪ **Song** ♪

Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the kingdom comes.

Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change  
a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love,  
of justice and of peace.  
The task is mine to do,  
to set it really free.

Oh, help me to obey;  
help me to do your will.

*Nicaragua; words from the oral tradition;  
trans. Jorge Maldonado; music traditional*

## ¶ **Dismissal**

### **The Blessing**

May God's Holy Spirit be in your life  
*place hand on heart*

May God's Holy Spirit be in our world  
*sweep hand out in front*

May God's Holy Spirit be love between  
us lift hands *towards each other*

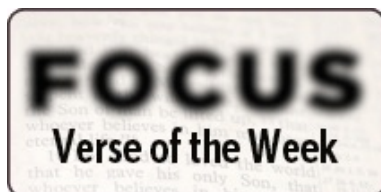
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you and  
all those whom you love and all those  
for whom you pray this Pentecost and  
for evermore.

**Amen.**

With the power that raised Jesus from  
the dead at work within you, go in the  
peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**



Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you the  
truth: it is to your advantage that I go  
away, for if I do not go away, the  
Advocate will not come to you; but if I  
go, I will send him to you.'

*John 16.7.*

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