

PARISH of ALSTON MOOR

Prayer & Praise on the Day of Pentecost



TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome

If you have a query,
please speak to the welcomer on duty,
who will be glad to help you.

Prayer Requests

If you would like us to pray for someone
or something specific during the service,
please speak to the welcomer.

A Word to Children

You are very welcome
at all our services.
We want you to feel comfortable
and able to join in,
and we don't mind a bit of noise!

If you are in the church building

Standing, sitting, kneeling

This booklet suggests where to stand (typically, to praise God), to sit (to receive from God) and to kneel (to ask from God).

But feel free to stand, sit or kneel at any time, as you are most comfortable.

Loop System



This church is equipped with a loop system: please set hearing aids to the “T” position.

Livestreaming

This service will be livestreamed on Zoom and YouTube. If you prefer not to be filmed, please ask the welcomer where to sit.



If you are joining in online

Where to find us

Find us on Zoom (Meeting 357 123 751) or at www.alstonmoor.tiny.us/youtube

You may like to prepare ...

- the Easter candle, or another candle, and something to light it with
- a Bible and hymnbook – or today’s readings and hymns from our website

Microphones

We keep your microphone muted, except when you are joining in the responses or prayers

Livestreaming

The service will be livestreamed on Zoom and YouTube. If you are uncomfortable with being seen online, or on a screen in church, please turn off your camera.

Pentecost

At Pentecost (from the Greek *pentekoste*, 'fiftieth'), on the fiftieth day of Easter God sends his Holy Spirit, to empower his people to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to them: on this day, the Church is born.

The risen Lord is no longer present in the flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

On this day of great celebration, the last day of Eastertide, red – the colour of fire – reminds us of the Holy Spirit descending in tongues like flames.



Gathering in God's Presence

THE WELCOME

We stand as the ministers enter

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

- ◆ We come from diverse lives to meet with God. Let us recognize God's presence among us.

Silence is kept.

- ◆ Whether present in this building, or joining in online

All We are united in the love of Christ.

We light the Paschal Candle in church, and our candles at home, as a sign of Christ's presence among us

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

- ◆ As we wait in silence,
All **fill us with your Spirit.**
- ◆ As we listen to your word,
All **fill us with your Spirit.**
- ◆ As we worship you in majesty,
All **fill us with your Spirit.**
- ◆ As we long for your refreshing,
All **fill us with your Spirit.**
- ◆ As we long for your renewing,
All **fill us with your Spirit.**
- ◆ As we long for your equipping,
All **fill us with your Spirit.**
- ◆ As we long for your empowering,
All **fill us with your Spirit.**



Silence is kept

THE PENTECOST READING ACTS 2.1-21

At the end, the reader says

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

HYMN

THE COLLECT (PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)

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

Silence is kept

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.

All **Amen.**

Listening & Responding to God

READING

We sit as we listen to a reading from the Bible

At the end the reader says

God be in our listening
All and in our understanding.

*A **Psalm** may also be read*

HYMN

We stand

GOSPEL READING

We remain standing

The Gospel is introduced with an acclamation such as

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

All Alleluia

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

◆ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

ACTIVITY

We may have an activity for those who are young, or young at heart – either now or at another point in the service

SERMON OR REFLECTION

We sit



AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Please stand

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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



PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

◆ 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 pour our your Spirit upon all flesh; we try to fence her in.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

◆ You speak through many languages; we block out foreign accents.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

◆ You make one body from all our gifts; we refuse to be connected.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The minister assures us of God's forgiveness, in these or other words

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

All **Amen.**

◆ Blessed is the Lord,
All **for he has heard
the voice of our prayer;**

◆ therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
All **and in our song
will we praise our God.**

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

We sit or kneel

One of these responses, or another, may be used

Either

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

And at the end

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
All **hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

Or

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end

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



Giving Thanks

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

We stand

The minister introduces the Peace with words such as

The Spirit bears fruit
in love, joy, peace, patience,
faithfulness, gentleness and self control;
to each the Spirit is given
for the common good of all. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord
be always with you

All **And also with you. Alleluia.**

◆ Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace with immediate neighbours, for example in sign language, or with a handshake and greeting such as "Peace be with you" or "Christ is risen"

HYMN

The Offertory is taken during this hymn

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We remain standing

The Lord is here

All **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.**

God of wind and flame,
we praise your wild beauty
flying free in the shining air.

Your Spirit nurtured life
in outrageous diversity;
she raised up judges to protect the weak,
made kings dance in ecstasy,
and prophets burn with holy anger.

Through the Spirit, the Word became flesh
and the world was called to hear his voice;
she drove him to the desert,
his first sure step to victory
over death and division.



When he left his followers,
she was poured out on all flesh
and crossed the line
between male and female,
slave and free, Jew and gentile.

She is with us now, bringing Christ near,
filling our worship, guiding us in hope.

Therefore, with all God's rainbow people,
and all who have tasted the Spirit of life,
with the thirsty and the cold,
and all who long to dream again,
we worship your glory
as heaven touches earth:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

So with Jesus we praise you,
with Jesus we pray
for healing for our hurting world,
for locked doors to be flung open,
for your resurrection life to be known,
and for the world to be renewed
by your Holy Spirit
as we proclaim with confidence:

**All Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

As all creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God,
send your Spirit on us
that we may be channels of your peace,
witnesses to your hope,
and dwellers in your joy,
through Jesus Christ,
life-giver, pain-bearer, love-maker.

All Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

We sit or kneel as we pray the Lord's Prayer, in whichever version or language we wish

- ◆ Being made one by the power of the Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

Perhaps

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Or

Our Father in heaven ...

Or

Pater noster, qui es in caelis *Latin*

Or

Ein Tad yn y nefoedd *Welsh*

Or

Ar n-Athair a tha air nèamh *Scots Gaelic*

Or

Notre Père qui es aux cieux *French*

Or

Vater unser im Himmel *German*

Or

Padre nuestro que estás en el *Spanish*

CLOSING PRAYER

All **Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of eternal life:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue
may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

We sit

Notices may be read and Banns of Marriage published



Taking Good News to the World

HYMN

We stand

The Lord is here.

All 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.

THE BLESSING

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters
when the world was created,
breathe into *us* the life she gives.

All Amen.

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin
when the eternal Son came among us,
make *us* joyful in the service of the Lord.

All Amen.

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire
on the day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive
with the love of the risen Christ.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

- ◆ Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

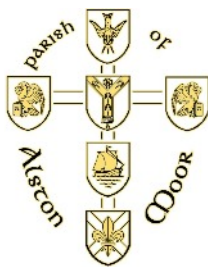


TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you
for worshipping with us today.

We thank God
for your presence in worship,
and we invite you to join us again soon.

Until then, we wish you God speed
and a safe journey.



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