

St John's Glastonbury



The Holy Eucharist

The Feast of Pentecost

A very warm welcome to this service at St John's Glastonbury.

The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter and brings the Easter season to a close. It is a major feast of the Church's year, and today we recall how God's Holy Spirit was given the Jesus' disciples after his ascension, empowering them in the work of the Gospel. We pray that the same Spirit will empower us here today.

Whatever has drawn you here you are very welcome. Please do receive communion if you would like to, but if you would prefer a blessing then cross your arms across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available.

If you have prayer requests, or pastoral needs, or would like to discuss faith then please feel free to email me.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice".

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GATHERING AND WELCOME

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

Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The presiding priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

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.

OPENING HYMN

If it is comfortable to do so, please stand.

Please sit as notices are given.

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.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

*The presiding priest declares the forgiveness of our sins in the words of the
absolution.*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

*The Gloria in Excelsis is sung either by the choir or congregation.
Please stand:*

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 COLLECT

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**

READING

We sit for our first reading.

GRADUAL HYMN

We stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel reading, turning to face the Gospel book as it is brought into the middle of the congregation.

GOSPEL

The choir sing the Gospel acclamation and the congregation respond:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

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

Please be seated.

THE NICENE CREED

We stand to affirm our faith in God:

**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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers conclude:

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

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please exchange a sign of peace with others as you wish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

The presiding priest prays over the gifts in the following words:

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 forever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic preface continues, praising the mighty acts of God, followed by the sung Sanctus and Benedictus:

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.

The prayer continues, recalling the events of the last supper:

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The prayer continues into the doxology, concluding:
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The presiding priest introduces the Lord's Prayer.

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**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presiding priest breaks the consecrated 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.**

The Agnus Dei is sung:

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

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

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

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

If you wish to receive communion or a blessing, then please come to the altar rail, as directed. If you'd like a blessing then please cross your arms as a sign to the priest. Gluten free wafers are available.

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The post communion prayer for the day is led by the presiding priest, and we say the following together:

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.

**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.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.