



**Smethwick Old Church**  
Service for Pentecost  
May 31st 2020

Opening Responses

God speaks to us  
**in the riches of creation**

God speaks to us  
**in the stories of Jesus**

God speaks to us  
**in the lives of other people**

God speaks to us  
**in words and ways that we can understand**

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Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by  
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your Holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Prayer of Confession

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit who searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to God,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## We hear God's Forgiveness

God of love and power,  
forgive us and free us from your sins,  
heal and strengthen us through the Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ. **Amen**

## The Gloria

**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

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives...

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.**

## Bible Readings

### **First reading**

### **Second reading**

### **Gospel reading**

*At the beginning the following words are used:*

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Alleluia.**

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according...

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end the following words are used:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

## Affirmation of faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

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 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.

*We offer these words of peace to those who are far off and to those who are near.*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you .

## Hymn

### Closing Responses

God of fire and beauty

**warm us**

God of peace and justice

**disturb us**

God of wind and wonder

**amaze us**

God of Pentecost

**kindle your love in our lives**

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## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**in the name of Christ**

**Amen**

## 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.

## FIRST READING

(Alternative readings)

The reading from Acts must be used as  
either the first or second reading.

Either **Acts 2:1-21**

*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." 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.'"

Or **Numbers 11:24-30**

**PSALM Psalm 104:26-36. 37b**  
(or 104:26-end)

**R** *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great. **R**

There go the ships, and there is that  
Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.  
All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season. **R**

When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled  
with good.

When you hide your face they are  
troubled;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are  
created,  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

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

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have  
my being. **R**

So shall my song please him  
while I rejoice in the Lord.  
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth  
and the wicked be no more.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Alleluia. **R**

## SECOND READING

(Alternative readings)

Either **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to  
the Corinthians.*

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by  
the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties  
of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there

are varieties of services, but the same  
Lord; and there are varieties of activities,  
but it is the same God who activates all  
of them in everyone. To each is given  
the manifestation of the Spirit for the  
common good. To one is given through  
the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and  
to another the utterance of knowledge  
according to the same Spirit, to another  
faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts  
of healing by the one Spirit, to another the  
working of miracles, to another prophecy,  
to another the discernment of spirits,  
to another various kinds of tongues, to  
another the interpretation of tongues. All  
these are activated by one and the same  
Spirit, who allots to each one individually  
just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the  
body is one and has many members, and  
all the members of the body, though  
many, are one body, so it is with Christ.  
For in the one Spirit we were all baptized  
into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or  
free — and we were all made to drink of  
one Spirit.

Or **Acts 2:1-21** (as above)

## GOSPEL (Alternative readings)

Either **John 20:19-23**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.*

It was evening on the first day of the  
week, and the doors of the house where  
the disciples had met were locked for  
fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood  
among them and said, "Peace be with  
you." After he said this, he showed them  
his hands and his side. Then the disciples  
rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus  
said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
When he had said this, he breathed on  
them and said to them, "Receive the Holy  
Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they  
are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of  
any, they are retained."

Or **John 7:37-39**

## POST 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.

