

Sunday@9 for Pentecost

Welcome

Leader: 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.

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

Silence is kept.

The Pentecost Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-13)

At the end reader says

Reader: The Lord is here.
All: His Spirit is with us.

Prayer for Personal Renewal

Leader: Be with us, Spirit of God;
All: nothing can separate us from your love.
Leader: Breathe on us, breath of God;
All: fill us with your saving power.
Leader: Speak in us, wisdom of God;

All: bring strength, healing, and peace.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory in the highest
to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people
through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father,
thanks and praise we bring,
singing Hallelujah
to our heavenly king.**

**Jesus Christ is risen,
God the Father's Son
With the Holy Spirit,
You are Lord alone.
Lamb once killed for sinners,
all our guilt to bear
Show us now your mercy,
now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour,
high and only one
seated now and reigning
from your Father's throne.
Lord and God we praise you,
highest heaven adores
in the Father's glory,
all the praise is yours.**

The Collect

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

Silent prayer

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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

Hearing God's Word

New Testament

Hymn

Gospel Reading

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

All: Alleluia.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

**All: 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 Peace

Leader: 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.
cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

All: The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Leader: Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry, who raises the poor, who fills our praise.
All: Blessed be God for ever.

The Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord is here.
All: His Spirit is with us.

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

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

Leader: 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*:

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

Leader: 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Leader: 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 [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.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Leader Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All: 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.

Leader: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All: **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.**

Leader: Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

All: **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.**

The bread and wine are distributed.

After communion

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Commission

Leader: 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 *N*, 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?

All: By the Spirit's power, we will.

Leader: Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All: We will.

Leader: Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

All: We will.

Leader: Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All: We will.

Leader: Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All: We will.

Leader: The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Leader: 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.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
through the power of the Holy Spirit;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Hymn

Leader: Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.