

**The Harbour Parishes of  
Town Church & St John's Church  
St Peter Port, Guernsey**



**Online Eucharist**  
***Pentecost***  
***31st May 2020***

## **Introduction to Pentecost**

Pentecost (from the Greek pentekoste, 'fiftieth' of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it; and he inaugurates the messianic community of perfect communication.

Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church. It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the medieval West, did it become a new festival season of its own.

After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ's disciples are born again of water and the spirit.

There is some evidence that the ascension was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it was soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke's chronology.

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

**President: The Revd Peter Graysmith**  
**Preacher: The Revd Matthew Barrett**

**Zoom meeting code: 585 835 402**

**Before the service a recording of the Town Church Bells will be played with a recording of Stephen le Prevost playing the Town Church organ**

*Slow movement Trio Sonata no.3 - JS Bach*

## **¶ The Gathering**

**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 illuming.**

**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;  
nor can we guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

## The Greeting

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

*All*

**and also with you**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

*All*

**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*Words of welcome and introduction will be added.*

## The 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.

*All*

As we wait in silence,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All*

As we listen to your word,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we worship you in majesty,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we long for your refreshing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we long for your renewing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we long for your equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*All* As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

## Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father.**  
To him be glory for ever.  
**To him be glory for ever.**  
Alleluia, amen.  
**Alleluia, amen,**  
alleluia, amen,  
**alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.**  
To him be glory for ever.  
**To him be glory for ever.**  
Alleluia, amen.  
**Alleluia, amen,**  
alleluia, amen,  
**alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit.  
**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit.**  
To him be glory for ever.  
**To him be glory for ever.**  
Alleluia, amen.  
**Alleluia, amen,**  
alleluia, amen,  
**alleluia, amen.**

Collected by John Ballantine (born 1945) from  
Anonymous Peruvian

## The Collect

Let us pray

*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.

**Amen.**

*All*



# New Testament Reading

Acts 1.6-14

*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? 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."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**All**

## Hymn

**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.**

David J Evans (born 1957)

## Gospel Reading

*John 20.19-23*

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

*All*

**Alleluia,**

The Lord be with you.

*All*

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

*All*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

The Revd Matthew Barrett

## Affirmation of Faith

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 God the Father.**

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 God the Son.**

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 God the Holy Spirit.**

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 Intercession

*At the end of each bidding the following response is used*

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

*And at the end this ending is used.*

*All* 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,  
**hear our prayer,**  
**and make us one in heart and mind**  
**to serve you with joy for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### 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.

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

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The hymn is sung, the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain*

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain*

*The president says*

Loving God, by your Holy Spirit  
you keep the Church in unity and truth.  
As we break bread together,  
may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love,  
now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*The president takes the bread and the wine*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

*All*

**God's 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**

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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious  
ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith

*All*

**Christ has died  
Christ is Risen  
Christ will come again**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

*All*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*A short silence is kept*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All*

**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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

# Agnus Dei

Mass of St. Thomas - David Thorne

We sing the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken.

[Organ] *mp* Lamb of God, you

*mf* take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

*mf* Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

*mp* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

*God.* *non rall.* *p* 2  
world, Grant us peace.

## Giving of Communion

*All* Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### Receiving even though absent

*The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.*

*Making a Spiritual Communion is particularly fitting for those who cannot receive the sacrament at the great feasts of the Church, and it fulfils the duty of receiving Holy Communion 'regularly, and especially at the festivals of Christmas, Easter and Whitsun or Pentecost' (Canon B 15).*

In other words, when we cannot physically receive the sacrament, we can receive it by faith. Today, through this worship, we express this common faith and we receive God's grace through it

### Music during Communion

I will sing with the Spirit - John Rutter

A recording by members of the Town Church  
Virtual choir and instrumentalists, edited and  
produced by Tim Feak

## Prayer after 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.

*All*

**Amen**

*All*

**Faithful God,**  
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,  
made us members of the body of Christ  
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:  
we thank you that in this Eucharist  
you renew your promises within us,  
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,  
and send us out as disciples of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The notices are given*

## Blessing of Light

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.  
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.  
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.  
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;  
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.  
With the new wine of the Spirit  
they proclaim your reign of love.  
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation  
the way of light is made known.  
Source of freedom, giver of life,  
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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 St. Peter Port,  
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?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

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

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common

and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

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

**We will.**

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

**We will.**

*The Easter candle is extinguished*

## **Final Hymn**

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of our word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,**

**self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)

## **The Blessing**

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 president gives the following blessing*

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you  
to proclaim the word and works of God;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*

**Amen.**

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

*All*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Organ Voluntary**

Sonata Primo tono. - J. Lidon

A recording of Stephen le Prevost on the Town Church Organ

After the voluntary we will move into breakout rooms to chat  
in smaller groups.

We hope you will stay with us to chat with others.

# Services this week:

## **This Evening**

6 pm Prayers for our community (online)

## **Monday - Saturday** (online)

Morning Prayer 8.15 am

Evening Prayer 5.30 pm

Night Prayer - 9.45 pm (not on Friday)

## **Wednesday**

10.30 am Online Coffee Morning

## **Thursday**

10 am Said Holy Communion at St. John's Church  
with reflective music

1.10pm Said Eucharist at Town Church  
with reflective music

## **Next Sunday - Trinity Sunday**

9 am Said Eucharist at Town Church

9.30 am Holy Communion at St. John's Church

11 am Online Eucharist

6.30 pm Evening Prayers  
with reflective music at Town Church

**All services in churches will be for a maximum of 30 people and will be subject to social distancing restrictions.**

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Or

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